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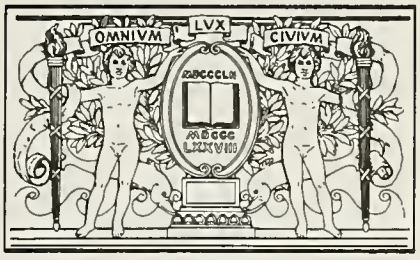

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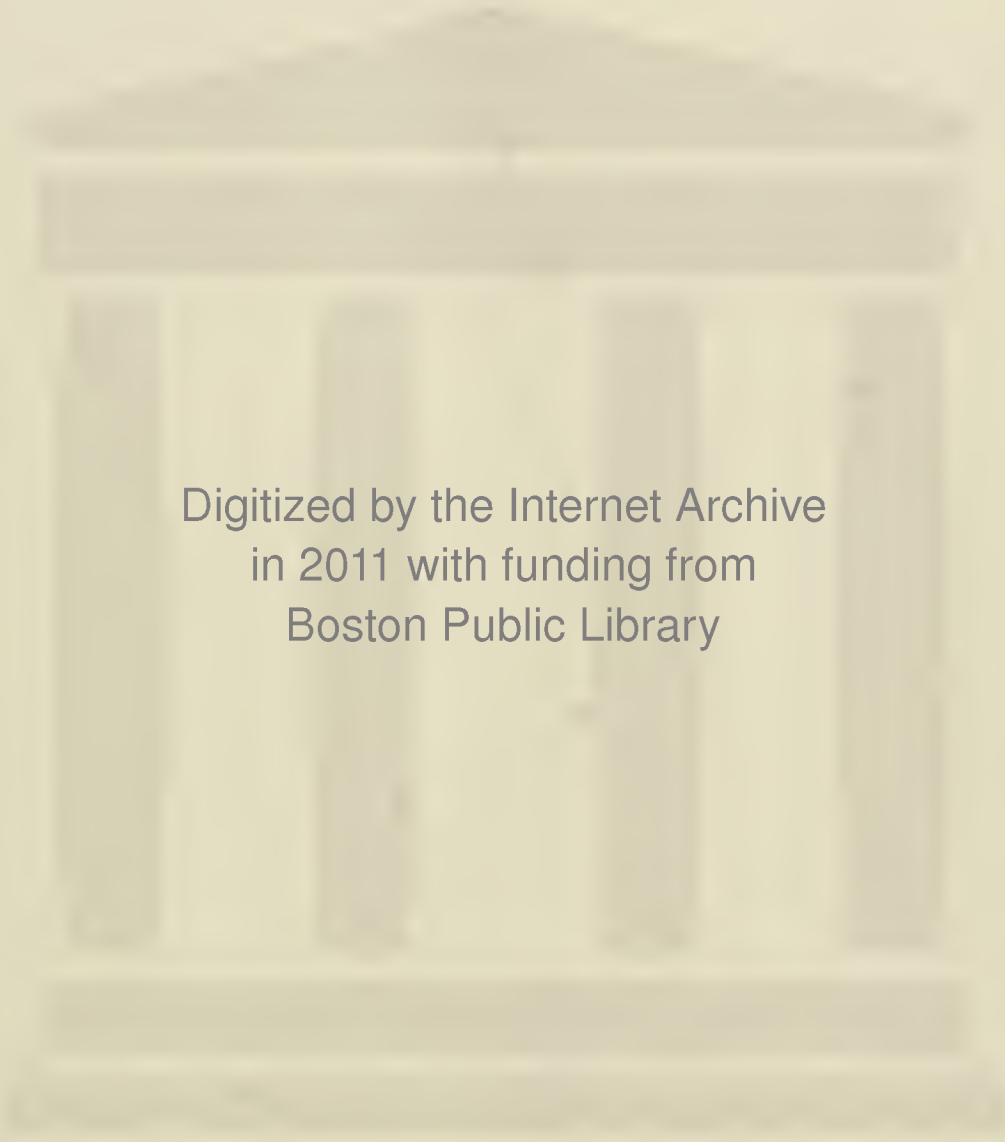

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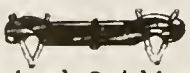

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My Father and My Brother,

EDWARD BANNON PALMER,

Senior and Junior

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FOREWORD

The thousands of PALMER descendants are indebted to the three PALMER Genealogists who are responsible for the greatest contributions to those with this surname, i.e. NOYES FINK PALMER and Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER who were descendants of WALTER PALMER of Stonington, and Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER, a descendant of Lieut. WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth, Massachusetts. The research accomplished by these three will be outlined in this Foreword as a tribute to them and in appreciation of the legacy they left to all of us.

NOYES FINK PALMER was born 30 June 1845 in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, the oldest child of NOYES GRANT PALMER (b 1822 Lenox, Madison Co., N.Y., d 14 Dec 1892, Brooklyn, N.Y.) and his first wife, EMELINE N. FINK, (see pp. 1894-1897 PALMER MSS.). He died 18 April 1912 in Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., two months before his 67th birthday. He descended through NEHEMIAH, son of WALTER PALMER, in two lines (See pp. 138-9 "Palmer Records, 1881-Re-Union"). In addition to his paternal grandmother being HULDAH PALMER^{7} (ELIJAH^{6}, JOSEPH^{5}, Dea.JOSEPH^{4}, Lieut. JOSEPH^{3}, NEHEMIAH^{2}, WALTER^{1}), she married a cousin, STEPHEN W.PALMER^{8} (Dea.STEPHEN^{7}, Capt. JOSEPH^{6}, JOSEPH^{5}, JOSEPH^{4}, Lieut. JOSEPH^{3},NEHEMIAH^{2}). (Family Records of HERBERT J. PALMER, Sun City,Arizona, whose grandfather (ALBERT E. PALMER) was a first cousin of NOYES FINK PALMER; NOYES GRANT was a younger brother of SYLVANUS PALMER and they were two of eight sons born to HULDAH (PALMER) and STEPHEN W. PALMER.) The PALMER MSS. No. 1888-1890 reveal the history of the two STEPHEN PALMERS.

The research commenced by NOYES FINK PALMER in 1860 continued at least through 1910; the compiler has a copy of a letter signed by him dated 1 Nov 1909 to a member of her family (TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER of Irving Park, Chicago - See page 336 herein) explaining that he would need to know the name of the place where a particular PALMER resided or was born to trace them in his indices. He explained his "Index System is by PLACES (City or Town)."

It was from the thousands of research records of NOYES that invitations were sent out to the First Palmer Family Re-Union held in August 1881 in Stonington,Connecticut.. Thereafter he had published the story of that affair, the speeches, names of those attending, etc. in a book entitled "PALMER FAMILY RECORDS - 1881 Re-UNION" Volume 1; in 1882 a similar book was published chronicling the second re-union, Volume 2.

Over many years NOYES distributed circulars inviting PALMERS everywhere (not confined just to descendants of WALTER PALMER) to send him their histories and pedigrees. In one he explained his intention was to publish "as Volume No. 2 "Palmer Genealogical Record of Over 10,000 Descendants." In 1901 another circular he distributed announced the publication of Volume No. 3 "Palmer Biographical and Historical Records" explaining the "design of this is to <u>insert more data than would be appropriate in the Genealogical volume</u>. ... send copies of obituaries, biographical or other sketches, old wills, etc. Also send photographs of old homesteads and individuals..."

Another announcement issued by NOYES FINK PALMER was headed "GROUPS OF PALMER FAMILIES From WALTER PALMER of Charlestown and Rehoboth, Mass., Stonington, Conn." with this explanatory paragraph at the beginning:

> "The data of the genealogy of the PALMER families published in this book has been derived from records gathered during nearly forty years of work by NOYES F. PALMER, of 150 Snediker Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. They have been gone over by one of the most competent Genealogists in the country, and, in nearly every instance, his original records have been confirmed as correct. When found in any particular to be incorrect, they have been corrected by the compiler, and the correct information has been added to the lines now in the hands of the gentleman named, and it is the desire of the publisher that any information desired on PALMER, or on lines collateral with PALMER, be obtained from the gentleman above referred to."

Above the name and address of the compiler, NOYES F. PALMER, he has explained "This genealogical compilation relates more in detail to the first five generations of the descendants of WALTER PALMER of Stonington... and has been 'privately printed'." The statement concluded "a limited number can be procured from me at $5.25 per volume." To date the compiler has not located a copy of this original volume by NOYES nor has she learned of anyone else who ever saw a copy.

However, there is the "Palmer Groups" published privately 1901-1905 by Miss EMILY WILDER LEAVITT "Gathered and Arranged For MR. LOWELL MASON PALMER of New York" with no reference on the title page to NOYES FINK PALMER; one-half of this book deals with the MELVIN FAMILY. The PREFACE commences with a paragraph quoted verbatim from the above quotation, referring to the research work of NOYES. However, the compiler LEAVITT continues:

> "The compiler's (LEAVITT) work consisted of personal studies of county, town, church and cemetery records throughout New England, when wills and deeds were selected that best related and established the families.... After that, MR. NOYES F. PALMER kindly allowed recourse to his bulky, <u>scientific index</u> of vital statistics to verify the arrangement and dates...."

From the Sixth Generation through the Tenth the LEAVITT book pertains almost exclusively to the descendants down from WALTER's son, JONAS (JONAH) and through the latter's son, SAMUEL. Therefore, the questions still exist: (1) What happened to the book NOYES published "<u>GROUPS</u> OF <u>PALMER</u> FAMILIES" and (2) What became of all his research records, indices, etc.? This compiler has endeavored to learn the answer to the second question without success; it appeared that if his research records could be studied, something of great value might be learned about our emigrant, WALTER PALMER; however, it does appear that as of the 1881 Re-Union even NOYES PALMER knew nothing certain about that emigrant's homeland in England.

The following were contacted via correspondence seeking information about the NOYES PALMER research mss., indices, etc. all with negative results:

1. D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.
2. New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.
3. New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York
4. Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, New York
5. New York City Public Library, New York City.
6. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
7. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
8. Probate Department, Kings County, Surrogate Court.

NOYES PALMER died intestate and on 21 May 1912 his widow, CLARA and son, ALBERT, were appointed co-administrators; a group of five pages were sent to the compiler (cost $40.00) which the clerk explained constituted the entire file! Nothing was indicated about his personal papers or the disposition thereof. His "personal property was valued at less than $3,000. and real estate valued at about $11,000." He was survived by his second wife, a son and three daughters.

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The history of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER is set out on pp. 481-485 of this volume; he died suddenly and unexpectedly at age 69 in 1927 when the bulk of his twenty-seven years of research on the PALMERS had not yet been published although since at least 1915 that had been his announced intention. His research commencing in 1900 also overlapped some ten years of work being done by NOYES FINK PALMER. However, by 1915 BYRON associated with a New York City Attorney, HORACE WILBUR PALMER, who resided in New Jersey; the latter was not a WALTER PALMER descendant. For some ten or fifteen years they collaborated on their project -- compiling histories and genealogies of descendants of all the 32 PALMER emigrants to this country! Neither one of them lived long enough to see the fruition of their goal -- publishing perhaps some ten or fifteen volumes to be entitled "PALMER FAMILIES IN AMERICA." BYRON's original expansion of his research to include descendants of other than the WALTER PALMER family prevented his publication of the results of his search into WALTER's family;these numbered some 1300 pages and are filed in three volumes and are mostly all handwritten. (These are in the possession of the compiler of this volume; the work is not indexed but is arranged chronologically and, therefore, can be referred to when one knows the time period involved.)

BYRON's original intention according to circulars he had distributed (which were very similar to those mailed out by NOYES) was a book on his own WALTER PALMER ancestor, in the fourth generation,"JOHN PALMER (son of GERSHOM, JR. and SARAH FENNER) OF KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT." However, his research efforts remain a rich legacy to all of us which was due to the efforts of his Associate, HORACE PALMER, and the latter's wife, NELLIE (MORSE) PALMER, who carried on with the project, (see pages 483-485 herein). BYRON's Uncle OLIVER HAZARD PALMER,named his son BYRON (WILBUR) PALMER; the latter's only son, JOHN BOYNTON PALMER, of Webster, N.Y., has countless memories of his "Uncle BYRON" (SMITH PALMER) which he has told to the compiler on his annual treks to So. California.

HORACE WILBUR PALMER was b 16 Aug 1878 in Coxsackie, New York, oldest child of HORACE R. PALMER and MARGARETTA BROWN PALMER; he m NELLIE E. MORSE 26 Dec 1914 in New York City (b 19 May 1889, Plum, Penn., dau of NATHANIEL and CYNTHIA (SHARP) MORSE of Aurora, N.Y.); they had no children. HORACE died very suddenly 10 Nov 1953, thus bringing to an unexpected halt his thirty-eight years of research into the PALMER families, a time span that exceeded that of his Associate, DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER, but not as long as the fifty years devoted to this cause by their predecessor, NOYES FINK PALMER.

However, much progress had been made by HORACE since the death in 1927 of his Associate. In his New York City law office, he employed two secretaries as typists who devoted all their time to transcribing the handwritten notes of both BYRON and HORACE, according to HORACE's widow, in correspondence and a personal visit with the compiler. In 1966 the widow had published volume one of the series "PALMER FAMILIES IN AMERICA" being the descendants of the emigrant Lieut. WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth, Mass. and Newton, N.Y. which was her husband's line and consists of almost 900 pages. Copies of this volume were donated by NELLIE PALMER to most of the leading libraries in this country although it has been out of print now for several years. She died in the fall of 1977 and her executors have placed the original of the typed copies of all this research in the Connecticut State Library at Hartford as well as the four-drawer file cabinet which contains all the supporting documents, i.e. copies of wills, deeds, land records, etc.

Reference to the above mentioned Volume One will provide the reader with the history of HORACE WILBUR PALMER and also the INTRODUCTION which he had prepared in 1953 contemplating the publication of all these volumes; that INTRODUCTION also furnishes the reader a more detailed history of HORACE's research, his associating with Dr. BYRON PALMER, names of others who assisted in their work and the scope of their project, as well as the names of the more than 35 emigrant PALMER families.

In the late 1960's NELLIE PALMER distributed the three carbon copies of some 10,000 pages of manuscripts typed by her husband's secretaries, as follows:

(1) Genealogical Department, Los Angeles City Library.
(2) New York City Public Library.
(3) New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.
(4) Microfilm copies are in the N. Y. State Library at Albany and the L.D.S. Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NELLIE PALMER advised this compiler that the mss. pertaining to WALTER PALMER number about 2,000 pages and was the largest segment of the entire collection. In the Los Angeles City Library, the mss. are bound in hard covers, and total about 13 or 14 volumes; WALTER's encompasses two volumes.

D.P.B.

PREFACE

In March 1970 Mrs. NELLIE (HORACE) PALMER wrote the compiler a lengthy letter about her husband's research project and the disposition she had made of it. She explained:

> "Both DR. BYRON PALMER and my husband expected to live to publish their records. So no attempt has been made to find anyone to do the WALTER OF STONINGTON line. I do not know of anyone who would be interested and have the means to publish. It is an enormous task to find a publisher, to meet the conditions he requires, proof read and handle the books. Perhaps you could find someone sufficiently interested. Publishing a family genealogy has to be 'a labor of love'. There can be only a small return of the cost because of the high cost of printing today. ... There are 2100 pages of manuscript about WALTER so they would fill a very large book or perhaps two volumes. It would need a dedicated genealogist to take over the publication. ...
>
> "Mr. RICHARD PALMER of New Hampshire came here with his own photostat machine and made copies of the records of his line, that of 'WILLIAM PALMER of Plymouth and Duxbury, Massachusetts' (which is the title of his 230-page book published in 1973 as Volume 111 of 'Palmer Families in America')."

In 1966 NELLIE PALMER published the 890-page Volume 1 in memory of her husband which was entitled "LT. WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth, Mass. and His Descendants of Greenwich, Conn." (This emigrant reached New England by 1639; WALTER PALMER arrived in 1628/29; but the WILLIAM PALMER who arrived in 1621 on the ship "Fortune" is the ancestor of RICHARD PALMER of New Hampshire, above.)

The compiler continued correspondence with NELLIE PALMER until her death in 1977 and had a lengthy personal visit with her in Hightstown, New Jersey, the summer of 1975, when she again expressed her great desire that someone sometime would publish the WALTER PALMER story, and again suggested that the writer undertake this task.

The compiler's interest in her Palmer ancestry encompasses the past sixty years; her great-aunt CECELIA PALMER HOWE in Michigan wrote furnishing information about some of the family history in an effort to qualify the compiler for D.A.R. membership; that would have been through the Revolutionary War soldier, JOHN J. SCHREDER, formerly a Hessian (See page 839 herein, JOHAN SCHRODER). Research done by the compiler the past fifteen years reveals that in addition to the German Hessian, the Palmer descendants would be able to join the D.A.R. or S.A.R. or Sons of the Revolution through Captain FENNER PALMER, his oldest son, Ensign JOHN PALMER, a younger son, NATHANIEL PALMER (he is not, however, yet listed in the DAR Patriot Index, as are the other two), PHINEAS LAMB and ELIAKIM GARFIELD if their descent traces down through any of those; (DAR Patriot Index for Capt. FENNER and his son, Ensign JOHN see page 513; for PHINEAS see page 398; for ELIAKIM see page 260; and for the Hessian, see page 614).

After ten years of concentrated research in libraries in this country and in England and Holland (The Hague had only one reference to the non-conformists who settled there during the period 1608-1628), it became obvious to the compiler that a more realistic approach would be to tell the Walter Palmer Story confining the third and subsequent generations to her own lines. This study would include everything learned about WALTER PALMER and his twelve children, including naming his forty-eight grandchildren and the approximately 280 great-grandchildren.

In early years family genealogies have not given too much attention to the women who married into the family; however, in recent years this policy has completely changed and more and more genealogies include at least some of the allied (or collateral) families which was also one of the ambitions of the compiler. In addition the desire was to expand her volume to include the history of the family. The comments of NOYES FINK PALMER in this regard are interesting; see first page of FOREWORD, wherein he too planned a third volume to include biographical and historical records, explaining "the design of this volume three is to insert more data than would be appropriate in the genealogical volume..."

Readers in this country might be interested to know that in England they usually name their research organizations "Family History Societies" -- not Genealogical Societies which is the practice in this country. In her lectures given throughout Southern California since 1979, the professional genealogist, Miss DAPHNE HILLS of Wimborne, Dorsetshire has stressed this difference and urges her audience to include more than just the vital statistics and names and a brief paragraph. This interest in the history of each family is also being stressed now by speakers associated with the L.D.S. Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City and the idea has expanded in recent years to include courses in Oral History in some universities.

As the compiler uncovered more and more of the histories of her female lines, the greater the excitement over genealogical research became. Unfortunately, time did not permit the inclusion of several which were incomplete when this volume went to press. But her determination to seek out as many as possible was given an impetus when she received the 1977 publication by RICHARD S. MORGAN entitled "The MORGAN-PALMER CHRONICLES" wherein he explained on page 5:

> "As our biological inheritance, each of us receives two sets of instructions, one from our father and one from our mother, ... Thus, each of us is a combination of combinations of the instructions present in our parents, in their parents (our grandparents), in their parents (our great-grandparents) and so on, back to the dawn of humanity. If we wonder how we ourselves came about, we must look at our ancestors, ..."

Thus this volume achieves the compiler's goal--to record the history of her family, including the women in every generation possible, and to partially bring to fruition the many years of work of her two predecessors, Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and his Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER.

D.P.B.

INTRODUCTION

This volume includes in Chapter One the history of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and Chapter Two includes the history of each of his twelve children; in this one are named the forty-eight grandchildren of the emigrant and some two hundred and eighty great-grandchildren.

In Chapter Three there is a history of all ten children of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER (11th child of the emigrant) and the listing of more than fifty of their grandchildren. At this point the volume concentrates on the descendants of Deacon GERSHOM.

Chapter Four continues only with the three children of Dea. GERSHOM's oldest son, GERSHOM, JR. who married SARAH FENNER:

GERSHOM PALMER (3rd), JOHN PALMER and ANN PALMER,

only one of whom (JOHN) left issue. Chapter Five contains the histories of three of the children of JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER:

Captain FENNER PALMER, JOHN PALMER, JR. and ANN PALMER TOWNSEND.

Chapter Six involves the histories of four sons of Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER:

JOHN PALMER (2nd), NATHANIEL, PETER WARD and FENNER (JR.)

All subsequent chapters will be the histories of the descendants of these four brothers down to and including 1985 with some in the 15th generation, except the line of JOHN PALMER (2nd), Ensign, which will end in Chapter Eight. The line for Ensign JOHN PALMER was not researched by the compiler but the manuscripts prepared by Messrs. BYRON and HORACE PALMER are copied into this volume:

See page 193, Chapter 6; pp. 219-223, Chapter 7;
and pages 289-300, Chapter 8 which concludes the line
down from Ensign JOHN PALMER (2nd).

Only a few of the 2,000 pages of typescript manuscripts prepared by HORACE WILBUR PALMER on the descendants of WALTER PALMER are included herein; his research has little information beyond 1940. However, these manuscripts (see fourth page of FOREWORD) contain a vast reservoir of heretofore unpublished data regarding numerous descendants of WALTER PALMER.

In those instances where the write-up herein consists partly or wholly of the research done by either DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER or HORACE WILBUR PALMER, it has been so indicated with a reference to "Palmer MSS." followed by the page number of the typed transcript (some 2,000 pages in two volumes). In other instances where material was obtained from the handwritten "Palmer MSS." of DR. BYRON alone, this is also indicated (some 1300 pages in three volumes, in the possession of the compiler.)

D.P.B.

ABBREVIATIONS

b	born
ba	baptized (Index only)
bapt	baptized (text of book)
bur	buried
bef	before
capt.	captain
ca	circa (about)
ch	children
Co.	(County in a State)
Co.	(Company, i.e. Mass. Bay)
D.A.R.	Daughters of the American Revolution
Dea.	Deacon
d	died
dau	daughter
d. y.	died young
div.	divorced
Eng.	England
Gen'l.	Genealogy
Gov.	Governor
Jr.	Junior
m	married
MSS	manuscripts
mo.	month
months	Mar, Apr, Dec, etc.
NA	National Archives
N.E.	New England
NEHGR	New England Historical and Genealogical Register
NYGBR	New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
NYC	New York City
No.	number

"Palmer MSS." = typescript of Horace and Byron Palmer Manuscripts

"Palmer MSS."-handwritten - Dr. Byron Palmer's research work.

p.	page
pp.	pages
PG	"Palmer Groups" b Leavitt
P.C.C.	Prerogatory Court of Canterbury
PRO	Public Record Office
prob	probably
pub	published
pvt	private
RW	Revolutionary War
Sr.	Senior
Supra	Refers back to previous citation
TAG	The American Genealogist
TR	Town Records
unk	unknown
unm	unmarried
VR	Vital Records
Vol	volume
yrs	years

SYMBOLS USED:

+ - indicates the history of that surname will be found in Allied Families

≠ - indicates the history of that individual is included.

* - A footnote is added. Footnotes are seldom used. In lieu thereof, the source or authority is included in the body of the text.

Names of States:

The older, more traditional abbreviations are used, i.e.

Calif.- California
Colo. - Colorado
Mass. - Massachusetts
Penn. - Pennsylvania

This tends to provide smoother, easier reading.

NAMES:

All names of individuals are in ALL CAPS in the text; in the index, only the surname is in ALL CAPS.

NUMBERING SYSTEM:

The numbers 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. indicate the family members about whom a write-up will appear, i.e.

1. WALTER PALMER
2. GRACE PALMER
3. JOHN PALMER, etc.

The numerals: (1), (2), (3), are for the children of the particular subject of that write-up; the grandchildren of the subject will be numbered:

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ii
iii

and the great-grandchildren:

a.
b.
c.
d.

MAP OF ENGLAND AND WALES

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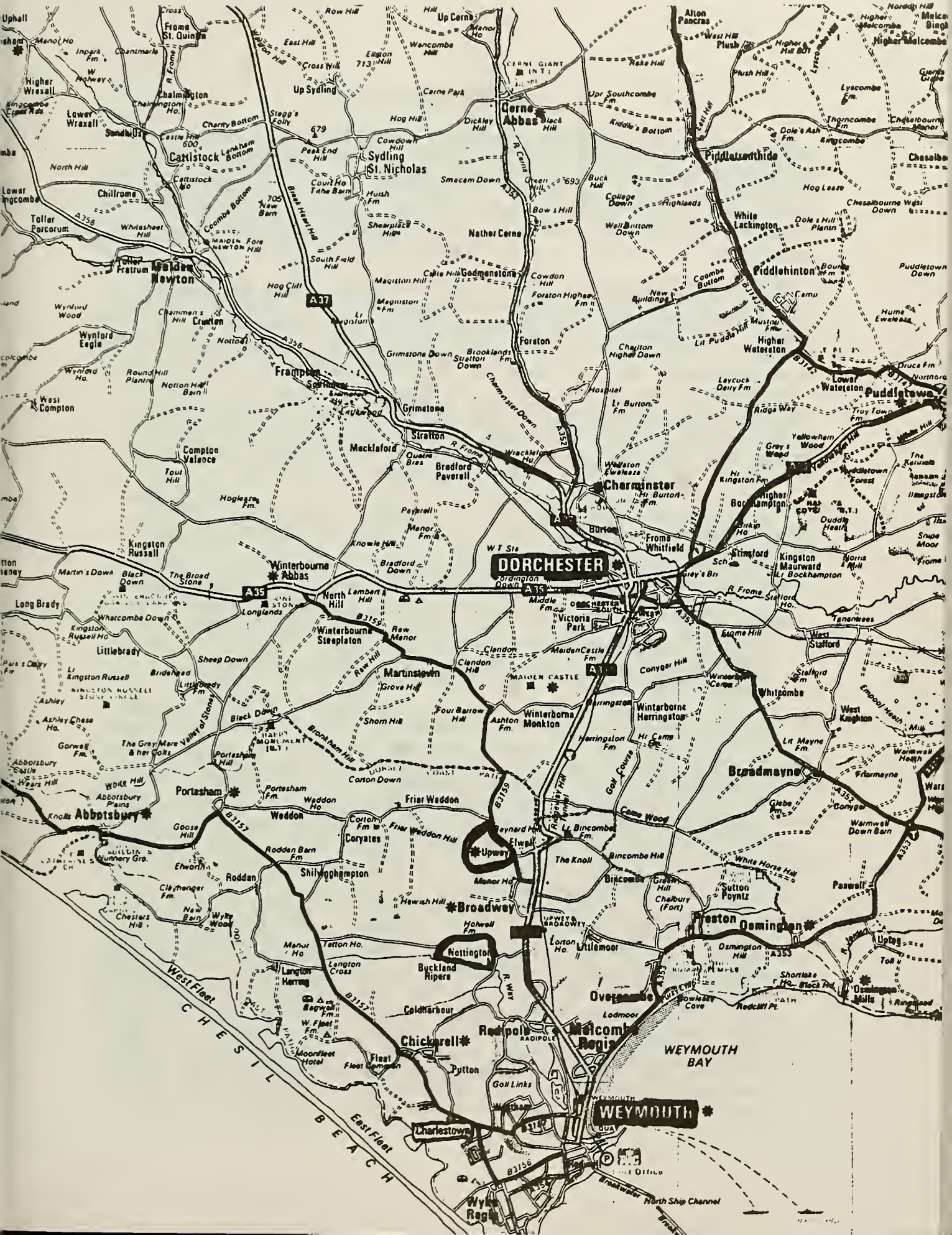
DORSET
SHAFTESBUR
Kington Magna
West Stour
A 30
East Stour
Duncliffe Hill
Stour Provost
Fifehead Magdalen
Todber
Sandford Orcas
Pointington
Oborne
Trent
Nether Compton
Over Compton
Sherborne Castle
SHERBORNE
Purse Caundle
Haydon
STALBRIDGE
Marnhull
Margaret Marsh
East Orchard
West Orchard
Hinton St. Mary
A 350
Melbury Abbas
Compton Abbas
Fontmell Magna
Sutton Waldron
YETMINSTER
A 30
Stourton Caundle
North Wootton
River Lidden
STURMINSTER NEWTON
Iwerne Minster
Bradford Abbas
Folke
Bishops Caundle
Lydlinch
A 357
River Divelish
Child Okeford
Iwerne Courtney
Clifton Maybank
Thornford
Lillington
Long Burton
A 3030
Holwell
Beer Hackett
Yetminster
Kings Stag
BLACKMOOR VALE
Fifehead Neville
Okeford Fitzpaine
Shillingstone
Hod Hill
Stourpaine
Leigh
Chetnole
A 37
Halstock
Melbury Osmond
Melbury Bubb
Hermitage
Wootton Glanville
Pulham
Belchalwell
Haselbury Bryan
Ibberton
Durweston
A 350
Turnworth
BLANDFORD FORUM
Perrott
Winyards Gap
West Chelborough
Corscombe
Lyon's Gate
Mappowder
Bulbarrow 902'
Buckland Newton
Winterborne Houghton
Winterborne Stickland
Charlton Marshall
Hillfield
Batcombe Hill
Minterne Magna
Batcombe
Evershot
Dorsetshire Gap
Hilton
Milton Abbey
Winterborne Clenston
Spetisbury
Rampisham
Up Cerne
Alton Pancras
Melcombe Horse
Milton Abbas
A 356
EAMINSTER
Frome St. Quintin
CERNE ABBAS
Cerne Giant
Cerne Abbey House
Wraxall
Cattistock
Sydling St. Nicholas
Piddletrenthide
Cheselbourne
Winterborne Whitchurch
Almer
Mapperton
Hooke
Chilfrome
A 354
Zelston
Melplash
Toller Porcorum
MAIDEN NEWTON
Nether Cerne
Dewlish
Winterborne Kingston
Anderson
Toller Fratrum
Frome Vauchurch
Godmanstone
Piddlehinton
Milborne St. Andrew
A 31
Powerstock
Eggardon Hill
Wynford Eagle
Frampton
Athelhampton
Tolpuddle
Bere Regis
Bloxworth
Morden
Compton Abbas
Puddletown
Loders
Askerswell
Compton Valence
Stratton
Bradford Peverell
A 37
Charminster
Affpuddle
Turners Puddle
A 35
Kingston Russell
DORCHESTER
Tincleton
River Frome
Shipton Gorge
A 35
Winterborne Abbas
Stinsford
Woodsford
Woolbridge Manor
Litton Cheney
Long Bredy
Winterborne Steepleton
Bovington
Burton Bradstock
River Bride
Little Bredy
Maiden Castle
Maumbury Rings
Moreton
WAREHAM
Puncknowle
Winterborne St. Martin
Whitcombe
A 352
Swyre
Winterborne Monkton
Winterborne Came
West Knighton
Abbotsbury Castle
Wears Hill
Hardy Monument
Broadmayne
Wool
Bindon Abbey
Portesham
A 354
White Horse Hill
A 352
Warmwell
Owermoigne
East Holme
St. Catherine's Chape
Abbotsbury
Swannery
Upwey
Bincombe
Chalbury Camp
Poxwell
Watercombe
Winfrith Newburgh
Coombe Keynes
Broadwey
A 353
RESTRICTED AREA
Langton Herring
Chaldon Herring
West Fleet
Preston
Osmington
Chaldon Down
East Lulworth
Chickerell
West Lulworth
Purbeck Hills
Chesil Beach
Radipole Lake
Tyneham
WEYMOUTH
Osmington Mills
Ringstead Bay
Durdle Door
Man o' War Cove
Lulworth Cove
Bat's Head
Worbarrow Bay
Brandy Bay
Kimmer
East Fleet
WEYMOUTH BAY
Redcliff Point
Bowleaze Cove
Wyke Regis
PORTLAND HARBOUR
LYME BAY
Fortuneswell
Easton
Church Ope Cove
Southwell
PORTLAND
Freshwater Bay
Pulpit Rock
Shambles Lightship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WEYMOUTH
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Piddletrenthide
Piddlehinton
Puddletown
Maiden Newton
Frampton
Grimstone
Stratton
Cerne Giant
Cerne Abbas
Chesilbourne
Chesilbourne West Down
Hog Leaze
Lower Waterston
Higher Waterston
White Lackington
Dole's Hill Plantn
Dole's Ash Fm.
Lyscombe
Lyscombe Fm.
Thorncombe Fm.
Higher Melcombe
Higher Melcombe Fm.
Alton Pancras
West Hill Plush
Plush Hill
Higher Hill 801
Rake Hill
Upr Southcombe Fm.
Knoll's Bottom
East Hill
Dicksey Hill
Black Hill
Cerne Park
Hog Hill
Stagg's Folly
679
Cowdown Hill
Peak End Hill
Green Hill
693
Buck Hill
College Down
Highlands
Bow's Hill
Well Bottom Down
Smacam Down
Nather Cerne
Sheerplace Hills
Hursh Fm
Court Ho
Tithe Barn
Cattistock
Lantham Bottom
Camstock Ho
Chilfrome
Toller Porcorum
Whitesheet Hill
Coombe Bottom
Maiden Newton
Fore Hill
Toller Fratrum
South Field Hill
Hog Cliff Hill
Magiston Hill
Magiston Fm
Lr Magiston
Godmanstone
Cattle Hill
Cowdon Hill
Forston Higher Fm
Forston
Chalton Higher Down
Brooklands Fm
Stratton Down
Grimstone Down
Chesilbourne Down
Hospital
Lr Burton Fm
Ridge Way
Truy Town Fm
Yellowham Hill
Yellowham Wood
Grey's Wood
Hr Kingston Fm
Higher Bockhampton
Lr Bockhampton
Duddle Heath
Hat Covert
Burton
Burton Fm
Frome Whitfield
Stinsford
Kingston Maurward
Norris Hill
Snuge Moor
Tincleton
Tincleton Down
Wynford Eagle
Wynford Ho.
Wynford Wood
Round Hill Plantn
Notton
Notton Hall Barn
Chanmen's Hill
Crantock
Compton Valence
West Compton
Mackiaford
Queens Bros
Bradford Peverell
Wraxhall Ho.
Higher Wraxall
Lower Wraxall
Chalmington
Chalmington Ho.
Frome
R. Frome
Inpark Fm
Chanmarle
W. Holway
Manor Ho
Uphall
Cross
Row Hill
Hill
Wencombe Hill
Elston 713
Cross Hill
Up Sydling
Wolfeton Hill
Brant Heart Hill
New Barn
705
Longham Bottom
Castle Hill 600
Sandy Cr.
Higher Wraxall
Kingcombe Fm
Kingcombe Rds
Hogsleare Fm.
Tout Hill
Kingston Russell
Martin's Down
Black Down
The Broad Stone
Winterbourne Abbas
Bradford Down
Knowle Hill
Peverell
Manor Fm
Longlands
Lambert's Hill
North Hill
Whitcombe Down
Kingston Russell Ho
Littlebrady
Littlebrady Fm
Lr Kingston Russell
Sheep Down
Bridehead
Ashley
Ashley Chase Ha.
Gorwell Fm.
The Grey Mare & her Colts
Abbotsbury Castle
Hooks Hill
White Hill
Abbotsbury Plains
Abbotsbury
Knolls
Goose Hill
Hunnery Gro.
Ilchester Stone Circle
Ilchester Monument (Lt)
Portesham
Portesham Hill
Portesham Fm.
Waddon Ho
Waddon
Friar Waddon
Friar Waddon Hill
Corton Fm
Corvates
Corton Down
Dorset Coast Path
Rodden Barn Fm
Rodden
Ellworth
Clayhanger Fm.
Chesters Hill
New Barn
Wyke Wood
Shilvinghampton
Winterbourne Steepleton
Row Manor
Row Hill
Martinstown
Grove Hill
Clandon
Clandon Hill
Maiden Castle Fm
Maiden Castle
Four Barrow Hill
Shorn Hill
Winterborne Monkton
Ashton Fm.
Winterborne Herringston
Herringston
Herringston Fm
Hr Came
Came Down
Conygar Hill
Victoria Park
Middle Fm
Dorchester South
Dorchester West
W T Sta
Bridport
Came Hill
Maiden Castle Fm
Tenantrees
West Stafford
Stafford Fm
Stafford Ho.
Whitcombe
Whitcombe Cross
Emmood Heath
West Knighton
Lr Meyne Fm
Meyne Fm
Broadmayne
Friarmayne
Glebe Fm.
Warmwell Heath
Warmwell Down Barn
Came Wood
Golf Course
Lr Bincombe Fm.
Bincombe
Bincombe Hill
Bincombe Green Hill
The Knoll
White Horse Hill
Chalbury (Fort)
Sutton Poyntz
Poxwell
Weston
Osmington
Osmington Hill
Osmington Mills
Shortlake Ho.
Stock Hd.
Upton
Toll
Redcliff Pt.
Bowleaze Cove
Lodmoor
Overcombe
Radipole
Melcombe Regis
Weymouth Bay
Weymouth
Golf Links
Pytton
Fleet
Fleet Common
Moonfleet Hotel
Chickerell
Coldharbour
Buckland Ripers
Nottington
Lorton Ho.
Littlemoor
Holwell Fm
Broadwey
Hewish Hill
Manor Ho
Elwell
Upwey
Langton Herring
Langton Cross
Torton Ho.
Manor Ho
Wyke Regis
Charlestown
Ferry Office
Freshwater
North Ship Channel
B3157
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DORSETSHIRE

This delightful Wessex country shire (or county) on the south coast of England is on the English Channel and is surrounded by the counties of Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire and Hampshire. It is probably best known for being the home of the novelist and poet, Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), and it was he who gave the name "Wessex" to his native shire in his novels; and the vales, moors, heaths, chalk hills and pastures he loved so well are all figured in his stories.

Thomas Hardy was born in the village of Higher Bockhampton and in later years his home was at Max Gate on the outskirts of Dorchester, the county seat of Dorset. At Dorchester a splendid County Museum is open to the public and includes the Thomas Hardy Gallery, an Archaeological Gallery, and other rooms reflecting the natural history and geology of the area. The Archaeological exhibit commences with the Stone Age and continues up through the Roman Period. New excavations are uncovering ancient signs of early occupation by the Romans, including roads, camps, temples and villas, and one of the two known aqueducts in Roman Britain, and a Roman amphitheatre.

This fabulous English shire is famous for several reasons which the American descendants of our Dorsetshire emigrant may not realize:

Maiden Castle - the extensive proportions of this largest earthwork in Europe, indicate it must have been the tribal centre of a very wide area; more than two miles around the perimeter, its series of steep ramparts rise to over eighty feet; it was first occupied around 2000 B.C. and was captured by Vespasian in A.D.43 and continued in use until the end of the Roman Period some three hundred years later.

First Trade Union Meeting - The village of Tolpuddle in 1834 was the spot where six farm labourers met to propose the formation of a trade union. They were arrested, charged as a 'secret society' and sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia; following a nationwide outcry, they were pardoned two years later.

First Boy Scout Camp - Set in Poole Harbour, Brownsea Island was probably named after Bruno, who owned the island during the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066). Here in 1907 Lord Baden Powell held a camp for twenty boys; this venture proved to be the birth of the Boy Scout movement.

A few miles northeast of Yetminster is the last home of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sherborne Castle; a Norman castle was there in the 12th Century, destroyed during the Cromwell period. Sir Walter became a favorite of Queen Elizabeth in 1579, built Sherborne Castle across the river from the old Norman castle ruins but following "his fall the Sherborne Estate passed first to Henry, Prince of Wales," and a few others before the Digby family. The first of that family to own Sherborne Castle was Sir John Digby, First Earl of Bristol, and the Digby Family continues to own the castle and estate and is responsible for the fabulous additions and renovations made to the castle as well as to the furnishings and art collections inside.

INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER ONE

The homeland in England of WALTER PALMER has been of interest to most of his descendants for over one hundred years and prior to the 1930's most references listed Nottinghamshire without any explanation or reason therefor. At the end of this Introduction will be found a list of the four different places in England which have been given: London, Sussex, Dorsetshire and Nottinghamshire.

CHARLES EDWARD BANKS is credited with finding sufficient proof to convince him that the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, was from the Parish of Yetminster in Dorsetshire, and was a husbandman (farmer) and/or dairy farmer. The September 1978 issue of "The Connecticut Nutmegger" writes of Colonel Banks and his accomplishments:

> "In tracing the pedigrees of the settlers who arrived in New England by 1650 the task appears to be simplified by being limited to 5,000 family heads and their spouses. Col. BANKS and his English collaborator (identified as A. T. BUTLER, Windsor Herald, College of Arms, London) worked for many years on the origin of some 3,600 named settlers arriving during those years. The effort resulted in a certain, probable or tentative, identification for 2,885 of them from English records. (In his book) the English counties of origin are arranged alphabetically with the name of the emigrant, the English parish name, the name of the ship where known, the new town and the reference data...
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> "The important MSS material found in the library of Col. BANKS at the time of his death in 1931 has been distributed as follows:
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> "Library of Congress, Washington: 44 titles in 56 volumes;
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> "Bangor Public Library, Bangor, Maine, MSS. involving Maine settlers; and the
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> "New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston: Assorted MSS."

Over the past fifteen years the compiler has been in correspondence with numerous Walter Palmer descendants who were endeavoring to find more information about his homeland, his parents, first wife, siblings, if any, and his English ancestry. Many varied avenues were explored by these researchers in this country and in England including several visits to England by several of us. The combined results of their search regarding the claim that WALTER PALMER was entitled to the Sussex PALMERS' Coat of Arms is fully set out in the Addendum of this volume. This Introduction will encompass the past fifteen years' efforts of these descendants to learn more about their emigrant ancestor and the conclusion reached is the acceptance of Yetminster Parish in Dorsetshire as his place of birth and this in turn indicates he was but a "husbandman" (farmer) there and/or dairy farmer; further that the lack of any written proof is due to two things: (1) many of the Yetminster Parish records of that period do not exist; and (2) the fact that WALTER was an early non-conformist, perhaps as early as 1607, resulted in no records being kept of his marriage, the birth of his five children, and the death of his first wife.

Next we come to the placing of WALTER PALMER's homeland in the parish of Yetminster, Dorsetshire, probably originally by CHARLES EDWARD BANKS in his several books published in the 1930's. There were several eminent and capable genealogists who earlier compiled passenger lists of these emigrants, including JAMES SAVAGE, JOHN CAMDEN HOTTEN and SAMUEL G. DRAKE. An explanation of CHARLES BANKS' search for passenger records follows:

"The compiler of the lists which follow in this volume ('Planters of the Commonwealth') during a residence of nearly five years in England has examined personally the originals of all the lists heretofore printed by DRAKE, SAVAGE and HOTTEN and subjected them to analytical study with a view of presenting them in an intelligible form. These three compilers transcribed and published these passenger lists 'verbatim et literatim,' which, of course, has its value, but as originally recorded they appear to be copies made without reference to connecting family groups. Children are separated from their parents in numerous cases, wives and husbands officially divided, while their kinsmen and servants are similarly dislocated. ... (These dislocations have been restored (in this volume) as far as possible to an orderly arrangement.) They will now appear all together in reconstructed order, and the same plan has been followed in other like instances wherever they occur. ...

"Outside of these lists to be found in England, occasional names of emigrants are to be picked out of the great variety of documents in the Public Records Office in the Chancery Division, and in the almost untouched records of the High Court of Admiralty. From both these sources I have obtained some valuable material which will be indicated in the reference to sources. ... the author spent four years in England in researches relating to the ancestry and homes of these emigrants, and this feature of the work, never before undertaken on so large a scale, gives it a distinctive character. ..."

BANKS' "Planters" pp.63-4 explains "WALTER PALMER sailed in March 1629 for Salem with six ships, 350 passengers, most of them bound for Salem or Charlestown;"page 64 includes SIMON HOYT (of Upwey, Dorsetshire.

BANKS' "Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650" lists (page 37): WALTER PALMER from parish of Yetminster, County of Dorset as a passenger bound for Charlestown, Mass. - source: "BANKS. Mss."

Not all researchers have accepted BANKS' placement of WALTER at Yetminster Parish; in April 1954 NEHGR Vol. CV111 (pp. 105-108) was published an address by Professor GEORGE M. DUTCHER, LL.D. (of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.) given at the formal dedication of the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown in 1951. In speaking of the first settlers in New England, including several PALMER emigrants, he included "WALTER PALMER of unknown origin who was living in Charlestown, Mass., but finally settled in Stonington, Connecticut."

The "Palmer MSS." (see item No.11 on page xvi), however, accept BANKS' placement of WALTER PALMER at Yetminster Parish. More recently in 1977 Dr. RALPH J. CRANDALL (now Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston) follows the same trend listing WALTER PALMER "as a husbandman from Yetminster Parish, Dorsetshire." This appears in

a lengthy article which appeared in several issues of NEHGR (Jan., Apr., and July 1977) entitled: "From Emigrants to Rulers, The Charlestown Oligarchy in the Great Migration." Dr. CRANDALL's co-author of that article was RALPH J. COFFMAN (then Northeastern University Library Director, Burlington, Massachusetts). "They were preparing a study of first-generation oligarchies and their ideological differences" (page 18,Jan issue). Dr. CRANDALL, a native of Mystic, Conn., holds a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from the University of Southern California and became affiliated with the Society in 1974 as Associate Editor of their Quarterly, the "Register". Since 1982 he has been Director of that organization. He has written several special studies of Charlestown, Mass., and must be considered as one of our most eminent genealogists and historians of today.

In their article, Messrs. COFFMAN and CRANDALL refer to our WALTER PALMER and include his name in a list of 30 Charlestown pioneers who comprised the "oligarchy in 1638". Their comments about WALTER's occupation are noteworthy; in describing the new settlers of Charlestown they explained "... some were merchants or artisans from county towns, i.e. JOSEPH HILLS, a woolen draper from Malden (see page 748 herein) and ABRAHAM PALMER, a merchant from Canterbury. Others were rural farmers like RALPH SPRAGUE of Upway, WALTER PALMER of Yetminster, and ....."

Other names in that list of thirty were RALPH and RICHARD SPRAGUE, ABRAHAM PALMER and EZEKIEL RICHARDSON (see page 834 herein). The list of Charlestown pioneers (page 209) includes the three SPRAGUE brothers, whose English homeland was the village of Upway also in Dorsetshire; and (page 126) the name of another "yeoman" from Upway: SIMON HOYT. In this list of 273 first citizens of Charlestown, only one is from Nottinghamshire, Squire GEORGE GOODMAN bound for Fairfield. The list (page 132) gives WALTER PALMER's occupation as "husbandman," with his birth and death dates as 1585-1662, arrival in Salem in 1628. (Maps of Dorsetshire which include the village from whence the SPRAGUE brothers emigrated spell it UPWEY although in this country it was often spelled UPWAY. See NEHGR Vol. 134, pp. 194-198 (July 1980) article by Ruth SPRAGUE Dowty entitled "Some SPRAGUE Records in .... Dorchester, Dorset".) Thus as recently as 1977, the authors of this comprehensive article about the "first rulers of Charlestown" found nothing apparently to differ from CHARLES BANKS' placing of WALTER PALMER as a farmer of Yetminster Parish.

Everyone is familiar with the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620 and the famous leader WILLIAM BREWSTER who came from the village of Scrooby, in Nottinghamshire. Many of that group had fled in 1608 to Leyden, Holland to escape persecution and from there eventually journeyed to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. It seems possible that through the years the "tradition" came about that WALTER PALMER was from Nottinghamshire inasmuch as he too had fled persecution as a non-conformist. However, the compiler suggests there may be a more accurate reason for this misleading tradition and that it is more likely WALTER had removed from Yetminster Parish, awaiting travel to Salem, Massachusetts, and settled temporarily at a tiny hamlet called Nottington located near Upwey, both of which are located mid-way between the Weymouth Harbor

and Dorchester, the county seat of Dorsetshire; Yetminster on the other hand is north of Dorchester a distance. The subject of Nottington will be expanded later in this chapter.

In an article by G. ANDREWS MORIARTY, M.A., LL.B. published in TAG Vol. 1, pp. 100-101, the distinction between the first arrivals (of the Pilgrims in 1620) and the later arrival of the Puritans (1628-1640) is explained:

> "The Plymouth Colony men were for the most part humble folk, husbandmen and artisans from around Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire... (but) it must be constantly kept in mind that between 1625 and 1640 the Puritan party was not merely a party of the middle classes, but was that of a majority of the country gentry, and of a very powerful section of the nobility."

Originally this was a talk read before the Society of Genealogists in London in 1925 (Vol. 1 "The Genealogists' Magazine") and the following is pertinent to our Walter Palmer research:

> "It is curious that the emigration between 1628-1640 from the North of England was comparatively slight ... with a few exceptions, there was little or no emigration from the Northern Counties."

The great bulk of non-conformists who fled England for the New World during the years 1628-1640 were from either the southeast part of England (called East Anglia) or from the Wessex Counties (in the southwest); few were from Yorkshire or Nottinghamshire; perhaps only about thirty from the latter county. The Wessex counties sent over four hundred and East Anglia (Essex, Kent, Norfolk, and Suffolk) sent almost seven hundred and from London, Middlesex and Hertfordshire almost five hundred and fifty just during the years 1628-1630 (p.14 "Planters").

Consequently it is curious today to find an explanation of WALTER PALMER coming from Nottinghamshire; he settled with the group of non-conformists from the Wessex Counties in 1630 at a spot they named Charlestown after the Charles River (prior to the founding of Boston).

At the end of this chapter will be found a brief outline of some of the intensive search conducted by several individuals to uncover something about the English ancestry of our emigrant progenitor.

Following up on the research of CHARLES BANKS, Mrs. CARMEN MISSILDINE (about 1974) then of Des Moines, Iowa, now of Pensacola, Florida, checked at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to learn from the notes of Col. BANKS his source or authority for having placed our WALTER PALMER at the Parish of Yetminster. The reference was a film housed at the Bodleian Library, Oxford University, England, identified as: "Rawbusson MSS. No. 17904" which when transcribed also had the title: "Gough MS. Dorset 15 - Upbury Manor Roll." (Mrs. MISSILDINE's research originally commenced with her first visit to London in 1967.)

Simultaneously the compiler wrote the College of Arms in London employing them to make a search in their files of the notes of A. T. BUTLER,

Parish Church of Chetnole (and also at Leigh) administered by Vicar of Yetminster, Dorsetshire.

UPBURY MANOR FARM
Village of
Yetminster,
Dorsetshire

who had been the English assistant of Colonel BANKS in the 1930's; their search merely uncovered that the BUTLER notes referred back to "the BANKS MSS."

During another visit to England in 1974 CARMEN MISSILDINE visited the Bodleian Library and obtained a film of the BANKS reference which was in Old English and Latin and it was necessary to employ someone experienced in such languages to decipher the contents of the film. This was done by Miss DAPHNE HILLS, professional genealogist, who resides in Wimborne, Dorsetshire; following is a copy of her transcription of the portion of that film which contained the name "WALTER PALMER:"

GOUGH MS. DORSET 15 UPBURY MANOR ROLL

1567 Roll Book begins (FITZJAMES is Lord of the UPBURY MANOR).
1588 WALTER PALMER essoined (excused).
1590 WALTER PALMER essoined.
1591 Land of JOHN SHERRY granted to WALTER PALMER by Deed.
1593 WALTER PALMER essoined.
1594 Except of JOHN WARREN to WALTER PALMER.
1595 WALTER PALMER mentioned in the Homage (freeholder)
1597 WALTER PALMER free tenant.
1597/98 WALTER PALMER excused and free tenant.
1599 WALTER PALMER free tenant.
1599 WALTER PALMER excused and free tenant.
1600 WALTER PALMER free tenant.
1601 WALTER FREE TENANT appeared.
1601 WALTER PALMER excused and free tenant.
1602 WALTER PALMER excused "land formerly WALTER PALMER's."
1602 WALTER PALMER customary tenant made default.
1605 WALTER PALMER mentioned twice in connection with cutting trees.
1606 WALTER PALMER mentioned twice in connection with cutting trees.
1609 WALTER PALMER excused.
1611 WALTER PALMER - cutting down trees.
1612 WALTER PALMER - cutting down trees (April)
1612 WALTER PALMER made default (Nov.)
1612 WALTER PALMER yielded up both excepts. (Dec.):
WALTER PALMER came into Court and gave up all his right, title and interest.)
1613 No further mention of a WALTER PALMER.
1627 End of this Upbury Manor Roll.

This film of GOUGH MS Dorset 15 was also used by Professor R. MACHIN of the University of Bristol in 1976 and his "extra-mural class" in compiling their publication "Probate Inventories and Manorial Excepts of Chetnole, Leigh and Yetminster" (see page 895 herein). Except No. 20 in their publication dated 14 Oct 1594 is headed "JOHN WARREN OF CHETNOLE TO WALTER PALMER" and reads as follows:

"The whole hawle howse the North ende of the Barne with the occupac'on of the flower wth the Tenante + the Cowhouse adioyninge to the North ende of the Barne and the Occupac'on of the Bakhowse wth the tenante the whole Orchard, the whole Backsyde, + the Meade haye free Comynge and goinge in the Barton wth the tenants (plus 7 closes)."

The "Manorial Excepts" contained one dated 10 Oct 1611 which more clearly explains dividing (or excepting) certain rooms in a house between the EXCEPTOR and the TENANT (No. 30):

> "The hall and kitchen and the Entry to be used in Common between the EXCEPTOR + the TENANT. The Chamber within the hall and the loft over the same Chamber to be wholly to the EXCEPTOR; half (of) the Stable, half the barn, half the milkhouse and half the over barton on this side the garden, and half the garden and the over Orchard wholly to the EXCEPTOR together with all the apple trees growing in the garden. The hemp land backside wholly to the EXCEPTOR (plus two closes totalling 5 acres)."

Page 28 of the MACHIN volume also explains: "Two farmers' wives in the Extra-mural class have described how when they were married to the eldest son of a local farmer, the newlyweds were given a room in the farmhouse to which more rooms were added as grandchildren arrived and grew up. Similarly, their role in running the farm has expanded as time passed. Without the marriage registers we cannot be sure that this was also true in the late 16th and early 17th centuries but the sharing of kitchens in the EXCEPTS implies that the incoming TENANT headed his own family under his parents' roof. The extended family, partly sharing and partly dividing one house and farmyard was probably a regular feature of the 16th Century family life-cycle in Yetminster as it is today. And (apparently) 16th Century Yetminster was unique."

This procedure has been succinctly pointed out in a letter to the compiler in 1979 by RUTH SPRAGUE DOWTY (see page iii) who has spent many years studying the SPRAGUE family of Upwey and Fordington, their life there in Dorsetshire, their emigration and settlement in Charlestown at the same time the WALTER PALMER family emigrated. Her article appeared in NEHGR (Vol. 134, pp. 194-198, July 1980). Mrs. DOWTY felt Yetminster must have been selected by R. MACHIN and his class for study for a special reason; some unusual system, she explained, as she knew "they were not typical" and the somewhat unusual system of EXCEPTS doubtless was the reason, i.e.,"EXCEPTING certain rooms and areas when turning over a nominal lease to younger family members (or others). ... Most 'leases for lives' nominally turn over the entire property to the person or persons named. But there seems to have been no restrictions usually as to who or how many people actually occupied the leaseholds. So it was 'all in the family' if certain portions (or all) were occupied by other than the leaseholder. But the 'Customs of the Manor' around Yetminster were to formalize and record specific arrangements. That's what made their 'EXCEPTS' worthy of a study apparently..." by R. MACHIN and his collaborators.

It is of interest to note here that just as the WALTER PALMER and THOMAS MINOR coats of arms have been refuted by the College of Arms (see page 901 and page 58 herein) the SPRAGUE family received the same response: "A 21 May 1969 report from J.P.BROOKE-LITTLE, Esq., Richmond Herald of Arms, College of Arms, London, to the Rev. BUDD L. SPRAGUE, shows no hereditary arms of record for EDWARD SPRAGUE and his lineal descendants," (p.197 NEHGR above). EDWARD's three sons, RALPH, RICHARD and WILLIAM were the three emigrants to reach Massachusetts 1628.

For the benefit of anyone in the future who may wish to continue searching for more proof (rather than the "circumstancial evidence" herein presented) that WALTER PALMER was a Dorsetshire man who had been born in the parish of Yetminster, the compiler is eager to record herein the various results of research heretofore obtained. A letter dated 27 July 1978 to the compiler from Professor R. MACHIN of Dorchester, Dorsetshire, contained the following regarding his attempt to assist in the search for our WALTER PALMER:

> "Yesterday when in the Wiltshire County Record Office at Trowbridge, I scanned the indices of the Yetminster Peculiar Court and the Dean's Court (which inhibited the Yetminster Peculiar). We already knew that there wasn't an inventory for WALTER PALMER but as far as I could see, there isn't a Will either, which is odd because the family seem to have been around in Yetminster throughout the 17thC. I did notice several PALMERS in Sherborne and elsewhere in north Dorset who may be branches of the family.
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> "Whilst doing the 'Yetminster Inventories and Excepts,' we maintained a surnames index to collate other scraps of information. For what it is worth, I transcribe the Palmer page:-
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> "1525 Lay Subsidy: JOHN PALMER assessed on £2 and RICHARD PALMER on £9.
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> 1553 HUTCHIN's 'History of Dorset': Caswell Farm (Ryme Instrinseca) granted to Sir THOMAS PALMER who was attainted. (i.e. "deprivation of rights (including those of heirs) consequent on conviction of treason or felony.")
>
> 1594 Except No. 20: JOHN WARREN OF CHETNOLE to WALTER PALMER.
>
> 1605 UPBURY COURT ROLL: WALTER PALMER cut trees on his tenement and on the excepted tenement of JOHN WARREN.
>
> 1614 Yetminster survey (DIGBY MS. DCRO) HENRY PALMER held a two-acre freehold. ("Freehold: Originally land held on non-servile tenure, either for life or in Fee Simple or Fee Tail. Freeholders enjoyed security of tenure in perpetuity under the Common Law.")
>
> 1635 Ship Money Assessment (in Yetminster parish chest): HUMPHREY PALMER of Leigh assessed at £7 and WILLIAM PALMER of Chetnole at £18.
>
> 1641/2 Lay Subsidy: HUMPHREY PALMER of Leigh was a copyholder. ("By the end of the 13th Century land was no longer the only indication of a person's wealth, so a new tax, called Lay Subsidy, was levied on movables.") A "copyhold" was a form of tenure for land held of a Lord of a Manor in return, originally, for agricultural services.
>
> 1662 Hearth Tax: HUMPHREY PALMER of Leigh had one chimney. (Tax levied upon each hearth or stove in the house of two shillings per annum, payable by the occupier.)

In another letter from Professor Machin dated 16 Sept 1985 in which he granted permission to copy verbatim into this volume certain pages from his "Probate Inventories, etc." (page 895), he qualifies the "finding" of Col. BANKS regarding our WALTER PALMER: "It's still not proven that your WALTER PALMER came from Yetminster--only a probability." He also explained that "the late 16th Century parish registers for Yet-

minster disappeared sometime early this century... So there's no way of checking his baptism (in parish records)."

If indeed our WALTER PALMER was a copyhold tenant at the Upbury Manor (near the Yetminster Parish Village church) Farm, the reader may be interested in the following explanation in the Machin letter of 1985:

> "The 'homage' of the manorial court were all those persons required to attend meetings of the court by manorial customary law. This included copyhold tenants as well as freeholders; indeed, it was more important for the copyholders to attend than the freeholders -- since one of the principal activities of the court was the transfer of copyhold estates."

With reference to the second item under date of 1553 (previous page)-- in 1973 at the L.D.S. Library in Salt Lake City the compiler came across the 1873 edition of JOHN HUTCHINS' "History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset" (3rd edition by WILLIAM SHIPP and JAMES WHITWORTH HODSON) Volume IV, page 449 which contained the following under the heading "Prebend of Yetminster" - "Hamlets and Farms in this Parish: 'Carswell'-Chetnoll; Leigh; etc., a farm lying about a mile and a half southwest from Yetminster which anciently belonged to the Abbey of Milton, 6 Edward VI (1553) lands here belonging to Milton Abbey were granted to Sir THOMAS PALMER, afterwards attainted;" this was the only reference found in all these years of research indicating that Sir THOMAS PALMER (of Kent and Sussex) owned land in Dorsetshire. At that time still searching on the basis that WALTER may have been a son of that family, it seemed possible he may have been given such land, being a younger son who would not inherit the title or estates in Kent or Sussex. However, continued research along that line proved fruitless, and nothing else surfaced to warrant continuation of that line of research; in addition the conclusion reached by the College of Arms (see Addendum herein) seemed to eliminate any possibility that the emigrant WALTER PALMER could have been related to the "Palmers of Kent and Sussex."

In March 1976 at the behest of Mrs. DELIA GARDNER of Prescott, Arizona, her niece initiated contact with Miss PAMELA STEWART, Archivist, Salisbury Diocesan Record Office, The Close, Salisbury, county of Wiltshire, England; the niece was spending a year in that area of England as a student. A typewritten summary of the Archivist's findings from the Bishop's Transcripts pertaining to Yetminster included some references to a WALTER PALMER but it would appear there is no way at this late date that any connection between him and our emigrant could be established. (Bishop's Transcripts were commenced in 1598; annually the vicar of each parish was required to make a copy of all parish entries for the previous year and give them to the Bishop, thus providing a second copy of such records which in some instances have prevailed when the local parish records have not.) Searching from 1579 the following were the few instances wherein a name similar to WALTER PALMER was noted in these Bishop's Transcripts:

"19 Nov 1581 - Bapt. of JOHAN, dau of WILLIAM PALM' (Palmer)
1594/95 - Bapt of _____ dau of WALTER PAULM'.
16 Feb 1598/99 Bapt of SUSANNA, dau of WALTER PALMER of Chetnole.
18 July 1603 bapt of FRANCISCA, dau of WALTER PALMER.

"23 July 1604 - bur. of wife of WALTER PALMER (no name given).
22 Oct 1616 - bur of AGNES, the wife of WALTER PALMER.
22 Oct 1622 - bur of WILLIAM PALMER of Chetnoll.

The Archivist explained that the records for many years are missing: that most of them are in poor condition, with bits missing or completely illegible. For the years 1579-1627 she found no other references to a WALTER PALMER but with so many transcripts missing and the parish records lost, it is impossible to find a record of marriage, baptisms and burials of our WALTER PALMER's family.

The Archivist at Salisbury also searched the Dean's Presentments for that area (made to the dean from the church wardens of the various parishes which came under his jurisdiction and which included all the prebends). The Archivist explained the Dean would usually visit the prebends about every three years; she searched the Presentments from 1582 to 1628 and found a few references to a WALTER PALMER:

> 7 July 1592 - "We doe presente that WATER PALMER hathe committed adultereye with AGNES TORANC' - servant unto JOHNE WARRYN". (Our WALTER PALMER most historians agree was born between 1580 and 1585.)
> 1607 - Chetnoll Chapel "The names of those dwelling within the precincts of the Chappell of Chetnoll in the parishe of Yetminster do unjustly with hold from me (i.e., the vicar) their severall porcions (portions) of that annuall stipend of 26s.8d. dew (due) unto me from the sayd inhabitantes..." and the list of those named included WALTER PALMER.
> "I have also looked in two Chapter Lease Books, 1563-1609 and 1608-1636. These record two leases of Yetminster Prima prebend but not to anyone called PALMER.
> "And I looked through the indexes of Wills proved in the Court of the Peculiar of Yetminster and of the Peculiar of the Dean of Salisbury for the appropriate dates but found no PALMERS of Yetminster, although there were PALMERS in Lyme Regis and in Sherborne (Dorsetshire). The Wills are in the County Record Office at Trowbridge, but I have a copy of the indexes."

The foregoing reference to the Wills filed in the County Record Office at Trowbridge were also checked out on our behalf by Professor R. MACHIN (previously mentioned herein) with negative results.

Since 1978 research, upon request, has been done by Miss DAPHNE HILLS who resides in Wimborne, about twenty miles distant from the county seat of Dorset. The name PALMER was very prominent in that county and even the name WALTER was occasionally noted. This research included the "DORSET TUDOR MUSTER ROLLS" and during the years 1539-1569 there were at least twenty surnamed PALMER included from that area, but none with the first name of WALTER that early. Some references have indicated there was a WALTER PALMER as an adult prior to the birth of our WALTER PALMER around 1580-1585; whether or not he may have been the father of the emigrant we will doubtless never know. It was also noted in this list that the surname has various spellings: PALLEMER, PALMOR, PALMER and others noted in different records.

The DORSET LAY SUBSIDY ROLL OF 1332 (Vol. 4, Dorset Record Society) page 36 had some with first name of WALTERO and one noted was De ROBERTO le PALMER and all names were preceded by "De".

Correspondence was initiated in 1976 with the Rev. C. WIDDECOMBE, then Vicar of Yetminster Parish who explained "If your WALTER or his parents were not Anglicans, he might not have been baptised and so there might not be any record...." In June 1978 when the compiler spent five days in Dorsetshire and one of those days visiting the villages of Yetminster, Chetnole and Leigh, she also talked with the Rev. WIDDECOMBE and at his suggestion and direction followed that up with a visit to Mrs. ANN PARTRIDGE's home across from the parish church in Yetminster; she is the county historian and devoted a couple hours to discussing the matter of searching for early parishioners from Yetminster Parish.

The search for WALTER PALMER in parish registers was not confined to Yetminster but included numerous other parishes in Dorsetshire. At the Society of Genealogists in London there will be found a handwritten set of 30 volumes of Dorset Registers prepared in the 1930's each volume with an index; the index in each of these thirty volumes was checked without finding a WALTER PALMER in the lists before 1630, except burial Dec 1571 WALTER PALMER in Sturminster Marshall, near Wimborne. It was interesting to note the first name WALTER was popular throughout the 16th Century in Dorset and as early as 1535 a member of the SPRAGE (SPRAGUE) family was given that name. The Registers for Sturminster Marshall contained numerous individuals surnamed PALMER dating from 1571. The Sherborne Registers from 1582 to 1630 had many named PAUMER, PAWMER, PAULMER but not one WALTER.

The leading Anglican Church in Dorchester is Holy Trinity and the baptismal and burial registers for the period 1562 to 1630 were studied wherein it was noted numerous entries were for those surnamed PALMER but none with the first name of WALTER.

BOYD's Marriage Indices 1538-1600 listed several surnamed PALMER during the period 1573-1594 including two with the first name of WALTER:

1573 PALMAR, WALTER married MGT.(MARGARET?) PARK
1594 PALMER, WALTER married DY (DOROTHY?) ROBINSON at Westbourne, Sussex County.

The seven volumes of PHILLIMORE's Dorset Parish Registers were noted to contain numerous individuals with the surname of PALMER but not one with the first name of WALTER; this was checked for marriages during the period 1577-1626. In one entry the surname was spelled PAULMER.

At the Society of Genealogists in London the Index to Wills "Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury" for Dorsetshire had several surnamed PALMER but none with first name of WALTER.

In the Devonshire area the Transcripts (at Somerset Record Office) revealed some sixty surnamed PALMER during the period 1539-1613, including the following christenings and burials:

23 Feb 1541 WALTER, son of RICHARD PALMER - christened
1 June 1566 THOMAS, son of WALTER PALMER - christened
8 June 1567 WALTER, son of HUGH PALMER - christened
2 Nov 1572 JOHN, son of WALTER PALMER - christened
23 Jul 1575 JOHN, son of WALTER PALMER - christened
3 Jun 1593 WALTER PALMER buried
7 Apr 1623 WALTER, son of HUGH PALMER buried

The Chichester Wills (County of Sussex) were checked by the compiler during her visit there in 1978 and several with the pertinent surname were noted but nothing which could be identified definitely with our emigrant; one named WALTER PALMER was noted, died at Westbourne 1607. The index covers 45 volumes of Chichester Wills but so many years are missing.

Research in Nottinghamshire has not been neglected either; both Mrs. CARMINE MISSILDINE and ELMER HALL PALMER (the latter of East Greenwich, Rhode Island) have spent time searching there without success. The PHILLIMORE RECORDS for the period WALTER PALMER allegedly lived there (1585-1628) were searched unsuccessfully. At the Society of Genealogists in London, the Nottinghamshire Parish Registers were very sketchy and for the period pertinent to WALTER contained nothing relevant. ELMER PALMER spent many days in Nottingham prior to 1979 at the library and copied all the index files of cross reference of PALMERs in their records; there were several with the pertinent surname but not one single first name of WALTER! Both these researchers agreed it could take weeks for one to do a complete and thorough research project in that area; however, with the first name of WALTER being so uncommon up north, it would not appear worthwhile to devote any more time to such a search. That first name as we have seen was popular in the Wessex Counties, although not as common as first names of JOHN, WILLIAM, ROBERT, RICHARD and THOMAS.

CONCLUSION

Following the compiler's lengthy visit to England in 1978, and all the research done by her and others the past fifteen years, it does appear that the placing of WALTER PALMER at Yetminster, Dorsetshire by CHARLES EDWARD BANKS cannot be refuted and is more likely to be true than any other spot in England. It does appear also that our emigrant ancestor may have taken certain steps before leaving England to be certain there was no record of him and his children left behind which was not unusual for these non-conformists who were practically fleeing to New England to save their lives.

The compiler spent a day in the office of the County Archivist in Dorchester in 1978 and with the assistance of the genealogist, Miss DAPHNE HILLS, we examined the papers, records and letters pertinent to our search; this included the "letter file" wherein is maintained the correspondence the Archivist received from time to time on subjects pertaining to Dorsetshire. One brief letter pertained to the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, written by a lady in North Wales who was writing on behalf of her American cousins. She inquired about information pertaining to "the WALTER PALMER, of Nottingham, Dorsetshire," and the reply to her explained

there was no Nottingham in her county but there was a Nottington. This hamlet does not appear on any maps of England and/or Dorset found in this country; however, on large county maps purchased in London, this small hamlet is listed, located a few miles south of the village of Upwey from where the SPRAGUE and HOYT families departed for America! It is a short distance from the Weymouth Harbor. The village of Upwey is only four miles northwest from the Weymouth Harbor and Nottington is about half way in between so the distances concerned here are very slight.

Research was immediately undertaken to learn something about Nottington and whether or not it was in existence in the period when WALTER PALMER resided there (1600-1628). HUTCHINS' "History of Dorset" (supra) (Vol. 2 1863) page 487-489 records the following:

"NOTTINGTON - a small hamlet about a mile south from Broadway; 39 ELIZ. (1597) lands in Nottington, West Nottington ... and Broadway were held by ROBERT FRAMPTON, esq. ... In 1866 this estate belonged to JOHN GALE of Nottington. In this hamlet is a medicinal spring." Thus we know it was a very ancient spot and known by that name when WALTER resided in Dorsetshire.

A short distance west of Weymouth (the Harbor) is a village named Charlestown and here again inquiry was made of the local historian, Miss MAUREEN WEINSTOCK, to learn whether that village also existed in the early 16th Century. Her research uncovered the information that Charlestown was much more recent than the years when WALTER probably resided in Nottington, thus eliminating the suggestion the Charlestown in Massachusetts had been named for that village in the homeland of so many who first settled there. However, she verified our information that the hamlet of Nottington was in existence prior to 1600. Charlestown in Mass. was named for the Charles River near where some 300 settlers made their first community and not from the village in Dorsetshire and the river had been so named for the then Prince Charles, later King Charles the First, who was eventually beheaded, ("Chronicles of the First Planters 1623-1636" by ALEXANDER YOUNG.)

The next question then was the possibility that WALTER and his children may have sojourned in that Nottington for some time before their sailing from Weymouth Harbor, a short distance to the south? The compiler's hypothesis is here presented that this is what may have taken place and that perhaps many years later the place of WALTER's last residence in England had been written either by himself or one of his children or by their spouses and in time when all of them were deceased someone of a younger generation had deciphered the handwriting Nottington as Nottingham. Comparing early English handwriting of these two names, it does seem possible the "ton" and "ham" were sufficiently similar that "ham" was assumed to be correct; this coupled with the knowledge of those then living that the Pilgrims had fled England from Nottingham much like their emigrant ancestor had done eight or nine years later, and doubtless no one then living here had ever heard of a hamlet called Nottington.

An additional hypothesis is suggested which would be in line with Colonel BANKS' naming Yetminster Parish as WALTER's homeland:

Isn't it possible our emigrant WALTER PALMER may have inherited from his father the copyhold interest in the UPBURY FARM which is adjacent to the village church in the Parish of Yetminster? HUTCHINS' "History of Dorset" explains the status of the manors in that village (Vol.4,p.446):

> "Yetminster is a very large parish containing 4,321 acres... 16 miles from Dorchester... There are also in this parish three manors which denominate three Prebends in the cathedral of Sarum: (1) Yetminster and Grimston; (2) Yetminster Prima or UPBURY; and (3) Yetminster Secunda (also Yetminster Inferior)."

It is the UPBURY MANOR of interest to WALTER PALMER's descendants; it was located "within the hundred of Yetminster," and from ancient MS. numerous "peculiar customs" were invoked, including the appointment by the Lord of the Manor of a steward to hold manorial courts twice a year at least, one on a Tuesday about the middle of March and the other about "Michaelmas" i.e., "feast of St. Michael, the Archangel, celebrated on 29 Sept which is a quarter-day on which rents and rates became due."

The Upbury Manor Roll (page v) has numerous references to a tenant copyholder named WALTER PALMER dating from 1588 which was too early for our emigrant but could have been his father who "surrendered the same to the son":

> "... any tennant may assigne, or surrender his tenement to his child, or to any other person whome he listeth, at any court before the homage..." (page 446 above).

The study prepared under the supervision of Professor R. MACHIN in 1976 explains (pp. 26-28) the tenure which was the custom particularly in Dorsetshire:

> "Although tenure in Yetminster was customary, it was in practice virtually freehold and the tenants ran the manorial court as if it were their own. A tenant could transfer his holding to anyone else, in or out of court before witnesses, paying a heriot to the Lord. The new tenant paid the Lord a reasonable fine (assessed by the homage), gave a gallon of ale and a loaf of bread to the homage and two shillings to the Steward ... and there was never any other writing within the Manor saving Copies of EXCEPTS. ... The Party that doth make such Surrender shall no more be called A TENANT but an EXCEPTOR and shall enjoy such EXCEPT by a written Copy of Excepts during his Life without doing Suite etc., service or paying any Rent and he to whose use the surrender was made shall be THE TENANT. ... The EXCEPT was a very flexible form of inheritance..."

The MACHIN survey revealed that almost 69% of all transfers outlined above in Dorsetshire during the years 1568-1627 were confined within the family relationship and that 51% were from "father to son." The span of a farmer's life (averaging 35 years) devoted to his tenure is outlined in detail in the MACHIN book; although somewhat lengthy, it may very well be the custom or system under which the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and his father before him had lived and worked and therefore is hereinafter set out:

The "cycle of inheritance was based, like the 3-life copyhold, upon a SEVEN YEAR module. SEVEN years after inheriting, a farmer made arrangements for his heir to succeed him and after another FOURTEEN years the heir came into his inheritance. But it is clear that at Yetminster a farmer was involved in the tenure of the family farm for more than 21 years. The FIRST 14 years of his working life was AS TENANT to an EXCEPTOR; for the next 7 years he was TENANT of the entire farm; then for another 14 years he was EXCEPTOR to the new TENANT. In this way he spent the whole of his working life (average 35 years) involved in the running of the family farm. The family life-cycle was in 3 stages:

"For the first period of 14 years an heir learnt the craft of farming from his father and was partially dependant with his own land, a share in the farm buildings and usually his own quarters in the farmhouse.

"In the second period of about 7 years he ran the entire holding himself whilst in the prime of life.

"In the third period of about 14 years, as his strength failed and his son reached manhood, he EXCEPTED in favour of his son -- teaching him all that he had learnt about the family holding, allowing him to make his own mistakes on his 'tenant' land and gradually withdrawing into partial retirement as the young man proved his worth as an independant farmer.

"... the Yetminster customary tenants ran the manor almost as if it were their own. ... Yetminster today is still a community of small freehold farmers and although EXCEPTING is no longer remembered, the practice remains. ..."

Without knowing for certain the birthdate of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, it is difficult to apply the 3-cycle of either 21 or 35 years to him and his father, not knowing at just what period the emigrant may have first inherited the tenure from his father. Although the year 1585 has usually been cited as the year of his birth, there have been some indications it was earlier.

The MACHIN list of EXCEPTS (No. 20) has the date 14 Oct 1594 for one WALTER PALMER from JOHN WARREN; yet the UPBURY MANOR ROLL has an entry as early as 1588 when one WALTER PALMER was excused for non-attendance at the Manorial Court and finally in 1612 "WALTER PALMER yielded up both EXCEPTS - December he came into Court and gave up all his right, title and interest." The Manor Roll was ended in 1627 but after 1612 the transcriber found no further mention of WALTER PALMER. Perhaps future research may disclose that he and his wife and at least dau, GRACE, removed from Yetminster to Nottington, where they remained until they emigrated 1628/1629 sailing from the Weymouth Harbor about two miles distant; by which time the wife had died and there were three sons and a young daughter added to the family.

The MACHIN book includes a study of some 140 probate inventories which all seem to be limited to personal property (including wearing apparel) and livestock, i.e. "yearling bullocks, plow steeres, colts, swine, horses, piggs, melch cowes, hoggs, mares, sheepe, etc." and "Debts Oweinge to the late deceased at the tyme of his decease." The total value is necessarily low since the decedent owned no land to be

passed along to his heirs; the total of many was listed as less than fifty pounds. Some of those whose inventories totalled over 100 pounds included "moneys due" which raised the value of the estate. Thus these reveal that after a lifetime (perhaps 30 to 35 years) of hard work on the farm, the deceased had little to show for all his labors. The incentive for these farmers to emigrate to the New World where they would own their own land is obvious and although WALTER PALMER was 44 or 45 years of age, with three young sons, he joined the ever-growing group of the non-conformists in the Wessex countries who felt the uncertain future in America could be no worse than the life he and his parents had already lived in England. Compared to the Dorsetshire men whose estates were studied and listed in the MACHIN book, those who emigrated would be considered wealthy when they died over here; almost all of them owned considerable land and had estates inventoried from 200 to over 1,000 pounds. It has been mentioned in some instances that WALTER's accumulation of land amounted to some 1200 acres!

The distance between Nottington and Upwey being about two miles at which latter village the large SPRAGUE family resided, and also the emigrant SIMON HOYT, there would seem to be no doubt but that all of them were acquainted before their departure at Weymouth Harbor; all settled first at Charlestown, Massachusetts, where they lived for some years. The SPRAGUE genealogist, RUTH DOWTY, shares the compiler's theory about this acquaintanceship prior to their emigration; this is also strengthened by the record which reveals that it was RALPH SPRAGUE (not his so-called brother, ABRAHAM PALMER) who went on the bond for WALTER PALMER when he was being tried for the AUSTIN BRATCHER murder (see page 13 herein).

WALTER PALMER's HOMELAND IN ENGLAND AND HIS OCCUPATION

The following are some of the published references in this country to the English homeland of our WALTER PALMER:

(1) "History of Stonington" (p. 507) - 1900 by RICHARD WHEELER: "WALTER PALMER was born in London, England, as early as 1585..."

(2) "Palmer Records" Vol.No.1 (Aug 10-11, 1881 Palmer Family Re-Union at Stonington) acknowledges that "we do not know from whence WALTER PALMER came ..." However:

(3) A copy of the Invitation to that Re-Union reveals their belief that WALTER PALMER was from Nottinghamshire, England, which is so stated in two different places.

(4) "Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families 1620-1700" by Frank R. Holmes (1964) has this: "WALTER PALMER, brother of ABRAHAM, came from Nottinghamshire, England..."

(5) "Genealogical Dictionary of New England" by James Savage, page x, "WALTER PALMER, also from Nottinghamshire ..."

(6) "Palmer Groups" by Miss Emily Leavitt (page 1) explains that "There are various traditions pertaining to WALTER PALMER's English home, chiefly pointing to a village in Nottinghamshire.."

(7) "Forefathers and Families of ... Settlers in Western Pennsylvania" by William B. Duff, page 323: "Both London and Nottinghamshire have been called WALTER PALMER's English home..."

(8) "Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut" Vol. 1, pp. 133-134 (1911) by William Richard Cutter, A.M., et al., asserts: "WALTER PALMER, the immigrant, was born according to tradition, in the county of Nottingham, England."

(9) "The Stanton Genealogy" (p. 20): "Thomas Stanton and his family moved to Wequetequock Cove $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Stonington. This was in 1658. The first settler upon the shores of that Cove was William Chesebrough in 1649. The next was WALTER PALMER who came to Salem, Mass. from Nottinghamshire, England, in 1629..."

(10) During the years 1910-1915 Dr. Byron Smith Palmer of Palmyra, N.Y. mailed out hundreds of circulars inviting Palmers everywhere to send him their family histories for the book he planned to publish entitled "John Palmer of Killingworth, Connecticut." (JOHN was a son of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and SARAH FENNER.) In the leaflet BYRON listed "WALTER PALMER as from Nottinghamshire."

(11) However, following BYRON's death in 1927, his Associate, Horace Wilbur Palmer of New York City, had all their research reduced to typescript; (referred to throughout this volume as "Palmer MSS.") This was completed before Horace's death in 1954. It contains this explanation of WALTER's homeland: "It has been previously said he came from Nottingham, England, but this statement is not based on any references and appears to be only an assumption. In 'Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to N.E.' by Charles Banks (pub 1937), it is stated that WALTER PALMER was from Yetminster Parish, County Dorset, and we are, therefore, taking this as authority for the birthplace of WALTER PALMER in England."

(12) "Colonial Families of the USA" edited by George Norbury MacKenzie, LL.B., Vol. 3, p. 377, we read: "WALTER PALMER, the immigrant ancestor, came from Nottinghamshire, England..."

(13) At the 1881 Palmer Family Re-Union in Stonington, in his address Judge RICHARD WHEELER explained "How and when WALTER PALMER came (to America) is not certainly known. ..."

(14) Over fifty years ago Family Record Sheets were filed with the LDS (Mormon) Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City by some WALTER PALMER descendants and these listed different birth places for him, i.e. (a) born 1585 Parham, Somerset, England, died 10 Nov 1661/62; (b) born London, England; (c) born Nottinghamshire, England. These may have strengthened the "tradition" that WALTER was a member of the "Ancient Family of the Palmers of Sussex" whose coat of arms was assumed in this country by some of WALTER's descendants. (See Addendum herein re Coat of Arms.)

(15) The title page of a small book published 1887 by one WALTER PALMER (born 1841) and his sister, LYDIA C. (PALMER) DORRANCE (b 1841) reads: "GENEALOGY OF THAT BRANCH OF THE PALMERS EMANATING FROM THE MARRIAGE OF GERSHOM PALMER, Son of WALTER PALMER, of Nottinghamshire, England, and ANN DENISON, A.D. 1667" included the birthplace believed in the 1880's to have been Nottinghamshire.

(16) During the 1950's HARRY FERRIS JOHNSTON, Genealogist, issued periodically various pedigrees of numerous early settlers, including WALTER PALMER, "from Nottinghamshire 1629." These were distributed under the heading "YOUR ANCESTORS."

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RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS DURING YEARS 1967-1983 TO ESTABLISH PROOF OF HOMELAND OF WALTER PALMER:

(1) Mrs. CARMEN MISSILDINE, D.A.R. member (formerly of Des Moines, Iowa) now of Pensacola, Florida, made several trips to England, the first in 1967; she visited Angmering and Parham in Sussex; Yetminster, Dorsetshire and visited with the then Vicar WIDDECOMBE; at Salisbury checked the Diocesan Records; researched at Society of Genealogists, London nine days including the BOYD's MARRIAGE RECORDS and PHILLIMORE RECORDS for Nottinghamshire and elsewhere; visited Upwey and Fordington, home of another of her ancestors, a SPRAGUE family member; visited the parish churches at those two villages and also at Puddletown, all in Dorsetshire; visited the Bodleian Library where she obtained copy of film re UPBURY MANOR ROLL, Dorset, (see pp. iv and v herein), a reference she had obtained at the Library of Congress among the papers of CHARLES EDWARD BANKS, pursuant to the suggestion of ANTHONY J. CAMP, Director of Research at the Society of Genealogists, London, dated 6 Feb 1970: "I see that according to the BANKS Manuscripts at Washington that WALTER PALMER came from Yetminster (Dorsetshire) and I wonder if you have looked to see what reason he gives for this identification." Mrs. MISSILDINE is also a Charter Member of The THOMAS MINOR SOCIETY.

(2) Mrs. RUTH SPRAGUE DOWTY of Long Beach, California, direct descendant of the SPRAGUE family of Upwey and Fordington, Dorsetshire, has visited England and made several trips to New England doing research in the major libraries in both places. Her five-page article entitled

"SOME SPRAGUE RECORDS IN ... DORCHESTER, DORSET" appeared July 1980 in NEHGR Vol. 134, pp. 194-198 (See p. iii herein). For several years she was collaborating with the compiler and the other SPRAGUE descendant, Mrs. CARMEN MISSILDINE, via correspondence and one all-day visit in 1978. She has made a thorough and comprehensive study of her ancestors living in Dorsetshire and the SPRAGUE emigrants who settled Charlestown, Mass. and has shared the results of her research with the WALTER PALMER descendants.

(3) Mrs. DELIA GARDNER of Prescott, Arizona, who has researched the WALTER PALMER ancestry for many years, also employed her niece (who spent a year studying in southwest England) to visit the Salisbury Archivist and have the Bishop's Transcripts there searched for any mention of a WALTER PALMER (see pp. viii and ix herein).

(4) Dr. ERWIN PALMER of Oswego, New York, for over ten years has been researching WALTER PALMER in this country and has made one trip to England when contact was made there with one of the "Heralds" at the College of Arms; some time later he employed that "Herald" to initiate a search for the ancestor, WALTER PALMER, said to have been of Nottinghamshire but may have been of Dorsetshire. The "Herald" reported he was unable to find anything at all about WALTER PALMER.

(5) ELMER HALL PALMER of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, has undertaken an up-date of "PALMER GROUPS" (1900) and has collected many volumes of pedigrees from numerous WALTER PALMER descendants to be included. He has also visited England and made a two-weeks' search there in Nottinghamshire (See page xi herein).

(6) HERBERT J. PALMER of Sun City, Arizona,also one of WALTER's descendants,traveled to England to visit the spots allegedly associated with that ancestor, has also been researching in this country, and is more closely related to the "first Palmer Genealogist, NOYES FINK PALMER," than anyone yet encountered by the compiler. HERBERT's grandfather was ALBERT E. PALMER (son of SYLVANUS PALMER (b 1817)) who, in turn was a first cousin of NOYES FINK PALMER (son of NOYES GRANT PALMER (b 1822).) NOYES GRANT and SYLVANUS PALMER were two of eight sons born to STEPHEN W. PALMER and HULDAH (PALMER) PALMER. (See pp. 138-139 "PALMER RECORDS OF 1881 RE-UNION.") In an effort to locate the vast genealogical collection left by NOYES F. PALMER, HERBERT has been collaborating with relatives in Michigan but thus far no clue has been found as to the disposition made following NOYES' death of his some forty years of research. He feels NOYES' research indicated our WALTER PALMER was a descendant of the THOMAS PALMER who was buried in 1409 in the old church in Snodland, County of Kent, about which very little has surfaced. However, in 1982 HERBERT advised the compiler that a search of all the collection of old papers in the family home in Michigan produced nothing pertinent to our search for the homeland of WALTER PALMER. He explained, "I have become convinced that NOYES didn't ever find where in England WALTER was born or from whence he left for the United States. Even at the time of the (1881) Re-Union in Stonington they were still using Nottinghamshire as his English homeland."

CHAPTER ONE

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1. WALTER PALMER was born in England, probably in the parish of Yetminster in Dorsetshire about 1585 during the reign of Elizabeth I (1558-1603). Life in a Dorsetshire village during the period he lived there has been described in a separate article found in the Addendum to this book. Although published records in America have listed four different homelands in England for WALTER (London, Nottinghamshire, Dorsetshire and Sussex), the Introduction to Chapter One explains the acceptance by the compiler of Dorsetshire and sets out a resume of many years of research by numerous descendants of WALTER in an effort to identify his birthplace. Also in the Addendum will be found a chapter refuting the long-standing, controversial tradition that WALTER PALMER was born of a noble, landed gentry family and was thus entitled to their coat of arms.

It would appear that the conclusion is inescapable that WALTER was merely a farmer of the land who also was an experienced dairyman and today the area from whence he came is still one of the leading areas in England for dairy farms. In addition WALTER was a non-conformist and his parents may also have been early adherents of this revolutionary religious movement which would explain the absence of any baptismal records for him, for his siblings if he had any, and for his five children born in England. Following the establishment of the Church of England by Henry VIII (1509-1547)and the separation from the Church of Rome, actually the religious struggle in England had only just begun; so many felt the church should also simultaneously abandon all the pagentry, "pomp and circumstance," of the Roman Church and this great number included over two thousand ministers in the English church ("Nonconformist's Memorial" originally written by EDMUND CALAMY, D.D., and subsequently "Abridged, Corrected, and Methodized, with many additional Anecdotes" by SAMUEL PALMER and publisted 1803 in London).

However, the Church of England retained all these symbols and sought to prevent, through the monarchy, the breaking away of those desiring a simpler, less ostentatious church organization. From the time WALTER was a teenager and for the next forty years the non-conformist movement in England gave the established church much cause for concern. Just when he became convinced of the need to "purify" the church and joined this ever-growing band of activists is not known but the numerous references to him in this country leave no doubt about his feelings, beliefs and intentions regarding religion.

Following in the footsteps of her older half-sister, MARY, and younger half-brother, EDWARD, both of whom reigned prior to ELIZABETH, she "retained many of the old Popish rites, and she determined that all her subjects should conform" to the old ceremonies in which she had been educated. (There are numerous published accounts of the persecutions of these non-conformists which continued through many decades, under successive rulers. See "Symmes Memorial" by JOHN ADAMS VINTON (1873)

for a more complete history of these atrocities which led to the emigration of the SYMMES family, some of whom had been ordained in the Church of England and one became a minister in the church in Charlestown, Mass. in 1634; WALTER PALMER, his second wife and several of his children were also members of the Charlestown church.)

The severity of the English Church through the monarchy continued with ELIZABETH's successor, King JAMES I (1603-1625), who vowed: "I will make them conform or I will harry them out of the land!" This "harrying" was continued by CHARLES I (1625-1649) and was responsible for the emigration of thousands commencing with the Pilgrims in 1620, many of them having previously fled to Holland from the Nottinghamshire area. ("Chronicles of Old Salem" by Frances Robotti,p.12, and "Yesterday's Massachusetts" by Ivan Sandrof (Series No. 7) p. 13, published by E.A.Seemann Publishers, Inc.,Miami, Florida.)

The prospect at age forty-three of owning his own land and being free to worship outside the Church of England without the constant threats of persecution were certainly sufficient inducements to cause WALTER and dozens of his neighbors in Dorsetshire to emigrate to America.

Years of researching in Dorsetshire has failed to reveal a record of WALTER's first marriage or the death of his wife; their five children were apparently never baptized in the English church although it has been presumed that the first child, GRACE, was born in 1608, the same year her husband (THOMAS MINOR of Chew Magna, Somersetshire) was born. It is not known for whom she was named GRACE although it is significant that that was the first name of one GRACE BURT who married ABRAHAM PALMER, often declared to be a brother to WALTER without proof of the relationship. References in America usually referred to ABRAHAM as "a merchant from London" or as being from Canterbury in the county of Kent. It is also of interest to note that in research in England the name "GRACE" was not found a common name for females during this period. However, it was a first name in the SPRAGUE family of Upwey, Dorsetshire, for a female born in 1591 and another one born in 1623. Several members of the SPRAGUE family emigrated to Massachusetts soon after the WALTER PALMER family. It seems likely that the PALMER family resided temporarily at the hamlet of Nottington awaiting their departure to the New World and that hamlet is located in close proximity to the village of Upwey which does seem to indicate these two families were acquainted with each other prior to their departure from Dorsetshire.

The Archivist of the Salisbury Diocesan Record Office made a search of the Dean's Transcripts, the earliest date being 1579. An earlier church register of St. Andrew's Church, Yetminster, beginning with 1558 did exist but has been lost. However, the Archivist could find no transcripts for Yetminster Parish for the period 1582-1594; if WALTER PALMER had been born during the period 1580-1585 as is alleged, in Yetminster, and if his parents were not non-conformists, his birth would have appeared in the records. Unfortunately the parish registers for Yetminster have not survived for the pertinent period. The Transcripts for a later period, 1606-1627 are extant and were searched without finding a record of the children of WALTER PALMER, his marriage to his first wife, or her death; at least no record that can be positively identified as his first wife when we are

unable to identify her name or her parents. Two entries furnished by the Salisbury Archivist though were interesting:

1604 July 23 - Burial of wife of WALTER PALMER (no name).
1616 Oct. 22 - Burial of AGNES the wife of WALTER PALMER.

Another Dorsetshire emigrant family from Upwey (Upway) was that of SIMON HOYT who m 1612 DEBORAH STOWERS, dau of WALTER; inasmuch as this family also settled first in Charlestown, Massachusetts, by 1628/29, the question arises: Did WALTER PALMER know this family also before he reached Charlestown?

Several ships made the journey from England to America following the arrival in 1620 of the Pilgrims before the great migrations of 1629 and 1630 which included WALTER PALMER, ABRAHAM PALMER, the SPRAGUE and HOYT families and THOMAS MINOR. The 1st New England PALMER was WILLIAM, "nailer of Stepney, London" who sailed as early as 1621 in the ship "Fortune" but he was preceded by another so surnamed (THOMAS) who settled in Virginia; the "Fortune" transported a few from Leyden, Holland, who had been there many years as refugees from the Nottinghamshire area. WILLIAM's wife, FRANCES, and son, WILLIAM, JR., arrived in 1623 aboard the "Anne" and like those arriving in 1621, all settled at Plymouth.

Numerous publications have been issued over many years by many different authors setting forth the passenger lists of those who emigrated and there are discrepancies as to dates and names of passengers which is unavoidable considering the vastness of the subject matter and the wide expanse of time covered by the lists. The compiler has almost always referred in this volume to the published books (about 1930) of CHARLES EDWARD BANKS although the books of HOTTEN, SAVAGE, POPE, FARMER,TEPPER and BOYER have also been checked for passenger arrivals.

BANKS' "Planters of the Commonwealth" (1620-1640) pub. 1930 explains that during the months of March-May 1629 six ships "sailed from Gravesend for Salem and brought 350 passengers... but it is not possible to assign them to individual vessels." In addition to these passengers these ships carried sixty (some references have one hundred) cattle and horses and holds bulging with supplies (Ivan Sandrof's "Yesterday's Mass." p. 13). Inasmuch as some of these ships' passengers would include several from Dorsetshire, it seems more likely that certain ships would make stops at Weymouth Harbor to facilitate the boarding of the passengers from that county and also the cattle. In this group were the following ships and the following passengers of special interest to Walter Palmer descendants: (pp. 60-65)

1. "Mayflower" (not the Pilgrim ship) sailed Mar 1629 from Gravesend with 35 passengers, many from Leyden, Holland; arrived Plymouth 15 May 1629.
2. "Four Sisters" sailed 5 Apr 1629 from Gravesend.
3. "Lyon's Whelp" sailed 25 Apr 1629 from Gravesend with "above forty planters... including six fishermen from Dorchester" including the SPRAGUE family of seven and THOMAS MINOR of Chew Magna, Somersetshire,all bound for Charlestown; arrived mid-July at Salem.

4. "George Bonaventure" sailed 4 May 1629 from Gravesend; arrived Salem in July with 52 planters.
5. "Talbot" sailed 4 May 1629 from Isle of Wight, but "she started from Gravesend" and arrived 29 July at Salem with about 100 planters and "some servants."
6. "Lyon" sailed May 1629 from Bristol, arrived Aug at Plymouth.

Although BANKS admits it is not possible to assign all passengers to a specific vessel, his list bound for Charlestown included: SIMON HOYT, WALTER PALMER and NICHOLAS STOWERS (the latter a brother of DEBORAH STOWERS who had married SIMON HOYT at Upway Dec 1612; see previous page).

As an example of the inconsistencies found in the various passenger lists, it is to be noted BANKS' page 59 ("Planters") has the "Abigail" sailing in 1628 from the Dorsetshire harbor of Weymouth on 20 June, arriving Salem 6 Sept with several from that county including JOHN ENDICOTT (ENDECOTT) and his wife, ANNA ENDICOTT. In his write-up about SIMON HOYT ("Families of Old Fairfield" in Volume One, page 293, by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, we read: "... the SPRAGUES, accompanied the HOYTS, all from Upway, with Gov. ENDICOTT to New England on the 'Abigail,' sailed from Weymouth 20 June 1628, arriving Salem 6 September." Thus the latter book has the SPRAGUE family arriving in 1628 instead of in 1629; some published records in this country have also given 1628 as the date WALTER PALMER arrived in Salem although BANKS gives his date as 1629. It does seem significant that in BANKS' listing of the 350 passengers the Dorsetshire group included WALTER PALMER, SIMON HOYT and the SPRAGUE family, the latter two from Upwey, and it seems unlikely that they would not have all been acquainted with each other prior to their sailing. No passenger record has been found for WALTER PALMER's wife.

Another very significant item is the lack of any record in any passenger lists of the five children of WALTER PALMER; from the time of the Mayflower children were included in lists of passengers. In some instances even their ages were included as with the SPRAGUE family sailing 25 Apr 1629 aboard the "Lyon's Whelp" the parents were listed as RALPH and Mrs. JOANNA SPRAGUE with children JOHN, age four, JONATHAN age three and RICHARD SPRAGUE age one year. So it has had to be assumed that the five children of WALTER PALMER accompanied him when he emigrated to America.

The above listed ship "Talbot" had amongst its 100 passengers the Rev. FRANCIS HIGGINSON of Leicester, England, his wife, ANNE and nine other members of the family all with the same surname. Rev. HIGGINSON's legacy is a diary or journal that he wrote detailing day by day accounts of the voyage from the day they sailed first from Gravesend noting particularly the many stops along the way through the English Channel. Almost two weeks passed just making the voyage from Gravesend, around the White Cliffs of Dover, through the channel, beyond the Isle of Wight and finally to pass Land's End, the most westerly point of England at the tip of Cornwall.

The HIGGINSON Journal furnishes interesting and factual accounts of what all these planters on the six ships had to endure on the tedious journey to a new life. Some passengers on some ships were ill with seasickness, small pox and scurvy; all had to brave the elements which included fearful gales, fog, rain in torrents, ice-bergs and heavy storms. It is surprising now to realize that so many survived those voyages.

The ten years following the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620 saw numerous different groups emigrating to America, the key ones probably being the "Dorchester Company of Adventurers" in 1623; ROGER CONANT and his group in 1623; the Lincolnshire Puritans in 1627; JOHN ENDICOTT (a Devon man but usually thought of as a Dorsetshire man) and his group in 1628; the MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY in 1629, consisting of the six ships of which WALTER PALMER was a passenger; and in 1630 the "WINTHROP Fleet" of eleven vessels; most historians seem to agree WALTER PALMER's group came in 1629--not 1628; this included G.ANDREWS MORIARITY, M.A., LL.B., whose article "THE ENGLISH BACKGROUND OF THE NEW ENGLAND SETTLEMENTS" was read before the Society of Genealogists in London in 1925.

During the fifteen-year period 1628-1643 the number of men, women and children passing from England to New England was estimated to be around 21,200 or thereabouts (page 12, BANKS' "Planters"). BANKS explains that Dorsetshire and its adjoining counties of Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire provided large quantities of passengers which was also true of the counties east of London, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent; fewer emigrants came from the north. The latter group to the east of London were in close proximity to the point of so many departures, Gravesend. Most sailings have indicated Gravesend as point of departure although numerous instances occurred when the point was stated to be any of the harbors along the channel, Portsmouth, Southampton, Yarmouth (on the Isle of Wight), Plymouth, and Weymouth from which latter point it seems certain the group from Upwey-Nottington-Yetminster in Dorsetshire would have embarked. The schedule of days from Gravesend to Lands End for the"Higginson journey" aboard the "Talbot" was about twelve days.

It is interesting to note what the historian Samuel Morison explains in his "Builders of the Bay Colony" (p. 24) about Dorsetshire:

> "Dorchester lies in a valley between the North and the South Downs, on an old Roman cross-roads which leads three ways to the sea. ... Southward from Dorchester it is only eight miles over a gap in the South Downs to Weymouth Bay" and the harbor adjoins that bay.

Thus we can visualize our emigrant ancestor, WALTER PALMER, and his five children that year 1629 journeying from nearby Nottington, and the Sprague family of three brothers, one wife and three small children, covering the same ground from nearby Upwey along with SIMON HOYT also of Upwey, and altogether departing for the New World in the flotilla of six ships bound for Salem, Massachusetts that spring and summer.

ABRAHAM PALMER was not in that group but had a financial interest in the charter which had been obtained; he purchased shares in the common stock and as a result would receive fifty acres for himself and fifty acres for his wife, GRACE, who accompanied him in 1630 to Salem, "while persons other than adventurers who brought families at their own expense into the Colony should receive fifty acres for the Master of the family and such additional allotments as, 'according to their charge and quality,' might be provided through special agreement with the Company or by the magistrates in the Colony." Thus it would appear WALTER PALMER would receive considerably more than fifty acres inasmuch as he had five members of his family with him. ("American Colonies in the Seventeenth

Century" by Herbert L. Osgood, Ph.D., Professor of History in Columbia University; volume one.)

At the First Re-Union of the PALMERS in Stonington in August 1881 the historical address given by Judge RICHARD A. WHEELER of that city included the following (p. 63 "Palmer Records-First Re-union"):

> "How and when he came is not certainly known (referring to WALTER PALMER). It had been supposed by some that he was one of the DORCHESTER COMPANY .... which came over in 1624. ... Others have thought that WALTER might have been connected with a still earlier Patent ... in 1623. It is not probable that WALTER PALMER was associated with any of the grantees under these (earlier) Patents."

In the summer of 1623 the Dorchester Company sent out a company of fishermen and planters from the Dorchestershire area in the ship "Fellowship" which sailed from Weymouth; about one hundred and twenty persons "of substance, including merchants, clergymen, members of Parliament, and country gentry" formed this company of Adventurers, to be a permanent colony in New England; those included were "identified with the puritan party in church and state" in England. In spite of the fine prospects, excellent planning, participation of so many the fishing enterprise at Cape Ann was a failure.

In 1628 another enterprise was launched known as The NEW ENGLAND COMPANY FOR A PLANTATION IN MASSACHUSETTS BAY in which JOHN ENDECOTT (ENDICOTT) would be a prime mover although the Rev. JOHN WHITE also helped to bring to fulfillment, although he never emigrated. On 20 June 1628 the "Abigail" sailed from Weymouth with a group of Dorsetshire people under the Governorship of Captain JOHN ENDICOTT, arriving at Salem, Massachusetts 6 Sept 1628. Some sources list WALTER PALMER as a member of that group although BANKS' list includes him with the 1629 group which sailed in six ships in the spring of that year.

At the Public Record Office in Kew, Surrey, England, in June 1978 the compiler was able to study what appeared to be a very old, handwritten copy of the Patent granted to JOHN ENDICOTT, thirty pages in length, Reference Code No. 902, which commenced:

> "JAMES, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, KING OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND FRANCE AND IRELAND, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH"

and under date of 1628/29 was the preface "A Patent Granted for Establishing and Governing the Company of the Massachusetts Bay Company,"issued to the Following names:

Sir HENRY ROSWELL	JOHN MURPHY
Sir JOHN YOUNG (YONGE)	JOHN ENDICOTT
Kn.THOMAS SOUSHCOTT	SIMON WHISCOMBE

their heirs and assigns and then followed a description of all that land included in this Patent; done by the "Council at Plymouth, County of Devon, for planning, ruling, ordering and governing of New England in America." This Patent contained instructions and rules and policy under which the

people were to be governed, disciplined, punished, etc. and often the words "Christian faith" were mentioned. The document provided that "All officers, both civil and military, empowered by the Company shall have power to correct, punish, pardon and rule the people according to laws there established. The Governor and Company (are) empowered to encounter, fight and destroy all adversarys both by sea and land that threaten." The Patent included the following additional names:

RICHARD SALTONSTALL	SAMUEL _____(?)
NATHANIEL WRIGHT	GEORGE HARWOOD
JOHN BROWN	RICHARD BELLINGHAM
JOHN HUMPHREY(HUMFRY)	SAMUEL VASSAL
ISAAC JOHNSON	SAMUEL BROWNE
THOMAS HUTCHINS	GEORGE HARROD
WILLIAM RUSSELL (?)	GEORGE BANCROFT
WILLIAM PINCHON	JOHN ENDICOTT
RICHARD PERRY	

(The foregoing quotations about these two companies to New England which correspond with the document the compiler saw at the PRO at Kew, England, are from "Builders of the Bay Colony" by Samuel Eliot Morison, pp. 20-50. See also: "History of Salem, Massachusetts," 1626-1637 by Sidney Perley, Volume One (pub 1924) pp. 89-90.)

The SALTONSTALL name has been prominent in the United States ever since in the New England area; he was a nephew and heir of the then Lord Mayor of London "who was Master of the Worshipful Company of Skinners (what we should call the hide and leather men)," page 34.

According to the Morison account of history, under date of 4 March 1629 a Charter was obtained "for the same area, ... and the same avowed purpose of colonization and Indian conversion" under the name of the Govenor and Company of THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY IN NEW ENGLAND which Charter consolidated the position of the New England Company by making it a corporation." Thus that spring some 350 colonists (which included WALTER PALMER) set sail for New England giving the "New England Company fresh blood, more money and a royal Charter as THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY," (p. 36). Also included in this group were Rev. FRANCIS HIGGINSON and his large family; RALPH, WILLIAM and RICHARD SPRAGUE from Upway, Dorsetshire, and the wife and three small sons of RALPH and THOMAS MINOR and SIMON HOYT.

The year following an even larger contingent of ships and twice as many passengers set sail for New England in a group known as "The WINTHROP Fleet" which included ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER and WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH (from Boston, Lincolnshire) who would become a close personal friend of WALTER PALMER and the two of them would go down in history as co-founders (with others) of Charlestown/Boston, and Rehoboth, Massachusetts and of Stonington, Connecticut. Accompanying WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH were his wife, ANNE and three small sons, PETER, SAMUEL and NATHANIEL and another female, SARAH, who was either his mother or his daughter (sources vary on this). Another passenger with the WINTHROP FLEET worth remembering was one "AUGUSTINE BRATCHER, bound for Charlestown," (Banks' "Planters" page 67).

An explanation about the planters at Charlestown subsequently founding Boston is set out in the "Genealogy of William Chesebrough" by Ann Chesebrough Wildey (1903), page 8. The church was organized first at Charlestown 30 July 1630 with the Rev. JOHN WILSON as teacher but it "was transferred within three months to the south side of the Charles River which the majority preferred on the score of healthiness, as the place for a permanent settlement," which they named Boston. The names of WILLIAM and ANNA CHESEBROUGH appear as numbers 44 and 45 on the roll of the original members of First Church of Boston. They had been members of St. Botolph's Anglican Church in Boston, Lincolnshire before emigrating. Eventually the Rev. JOHN COTTON, their former minister there emigrated and succeeded Rev. WILSON as teacher in the First Church of Boston and the latter became the pastor. (There are at least a dozen variations in the spelling of the name CHESEBROUGH but herein it will be spelled the same as in that family's genealogy except when being quoted from other material.)

After the two-year period in which Charlestown and Boston were united in one church, the former community organized its First Church in 1632 and on 14 Oct of that year ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER and THOMAS MINOR transferred from the Boston Church to the Charlestown Church. On 1 June 1633 WALTER and REBECCA and his daughter, GRACE, also joined the church at Charlestown where their first five children were baptized during the years 1634-1642.

During the years 1637-1638 many of those who settled at Boston, including WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, were in need of more acreage for pastures than they could obtain within the limits of Boston and they removed their residences a few miles southward near to a promontory called Mount Wollaston which they soon renamed Braintree. However, numerous other planters, such as WALTER PALMER, remained in Charlestown for many years, and his oldest son, JOHN, remained there permanently even after his father had removed to Rehoboth.

The intermarriages of members of the PALMER and CHESEBROUGH families were many and continued through several decades; perhaps the first one was that of WALTER's twelfth and youngest child, REBECCA, (named for her mother) who was married to ELISHA CHESEBROUGH "by WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, Commissioner," ("Chesebrough Genealogy" page 475). In the first decades in New England marriage was considered a civil matter--not a religious one and usually was not performed in the church. REBECCA was born in Rehoboth, baptized 1 July 1647 (prob. Rehoboth) and married at Stonington on 20 April 1665; her first husband, ELISHA, had been baptized in the Boston Church 4 June 1637; he died 1 Sept 1670 a few years after their marriage; they had only one child, ELISHA CHESEBROUGH, JR. born 3 Dec 1668.

Before we finally leave The Winthrop Fleet and its hundreds of passengers, it is of interest to note what history reveals for some families in that group--that of THOMAS LAMB emigrating from Stowe Langtoft, County of Suffolk, England; accompanied by his wife, ELIZABETH, and three sons, THOMAS, JR., JOHN and SAMUEL, they settled at Roxbury (Banks' "The Winthrop Fleet," page 79 and his "Planters," page 76).

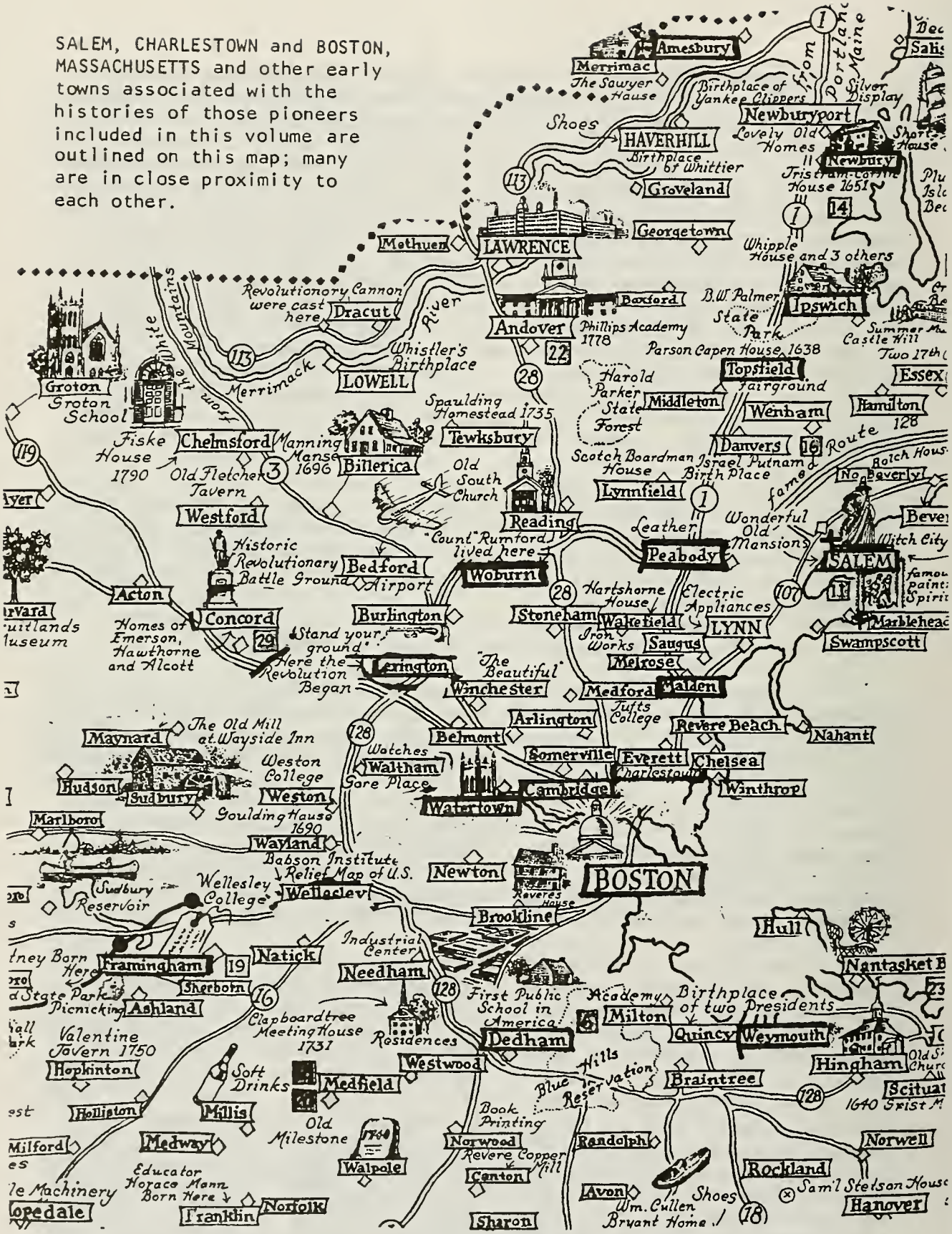
THOMAS and ELIZABETH had more children and following ELIZABETH's death in Roxbury in 1639, he married (2nd) 1640 DOROTHY HARBITTLE (HARBOTTLE) by whom he had three more sons and one daughter, the last child being ABIEL born June 1646 six months after THOMAS' death. A direct descendant of ABIEL LAMB+(SR.) was the Revolutionary War soldier, PHINEAS LAMB who married ANNA+GARFIELD (same family as that of the late President JAMES A. GARFIELD); that couple removed to the village of Wells in Rutland County, Vermont which adjoined the town of Granville in Washington County, N.Y. Here the two daughters of PHINEAS and ANNA LAMB, DOLLIE and NANCY met and were courted by the two PALMER brothers of Granville, NATHAN and JOHN C., sons of RW soldier, NATHANIEL (who was the son of RW soldier, Captain FENNER PALMER), direct descendants of WALTER PALMER. In 1803 DOLLY and NATHAN were married and eventually settled in the village of Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. and in 1810 NANCY and JOHN were married and followed the other couple to Walworth. Numerous descendants of those two couples are scattered throughout the United States today and the lineages of many of them are set forth in this volume. (See D.A.R. Patriot Index, pages 398, 513.)

One other couple who arrived in America with that Winthrop Fleet is of special interest to numerous descendants of WALTER PALMER, down in the same line of descent as those in the above LAMB and GARFIELD families. NATHANIEL and ANNA+BOWMAN are listed (page 67) by Banks as destined for Watertown, Massachusetts, arriving in 1630. We are indebted to the Lexington Historical Society for more information about that couple in their volume II of "History of the Town of Lexington" (1913)pp. 43-45.

NATHANIEL+BOWMAN was b England 1608, died 1662; settled at Watertown where seven children were born to his wife, ANNA, about whom nothing is known--not even her maiden surname. Their oldest child, FRANCIS married 1661 MARTHA+SHERMAN, dau of Captain JOHN and MARTHA (PALMER)SHERMAN also of Watertown. (MARTHA PALMER was the only dau of another Watertown pioneer, WILLIAM+PALMER (no relation to WALTER PALMER) from Great Ormsby, County of Norfolk, England.) The granddaughter of FRANCIS and MARTHA BOWMAN,named MARY, born 1693 married SAMUEL GARFIELD of Watertown about 1714; their eighth child was ELIAKIM born 1732 who was the father of the ANNA GARFIELD (bapt 1762) who married PHINEAS LAMB (above), whose two daughters, DOLLY and NANCY married the two PALMER brothers.

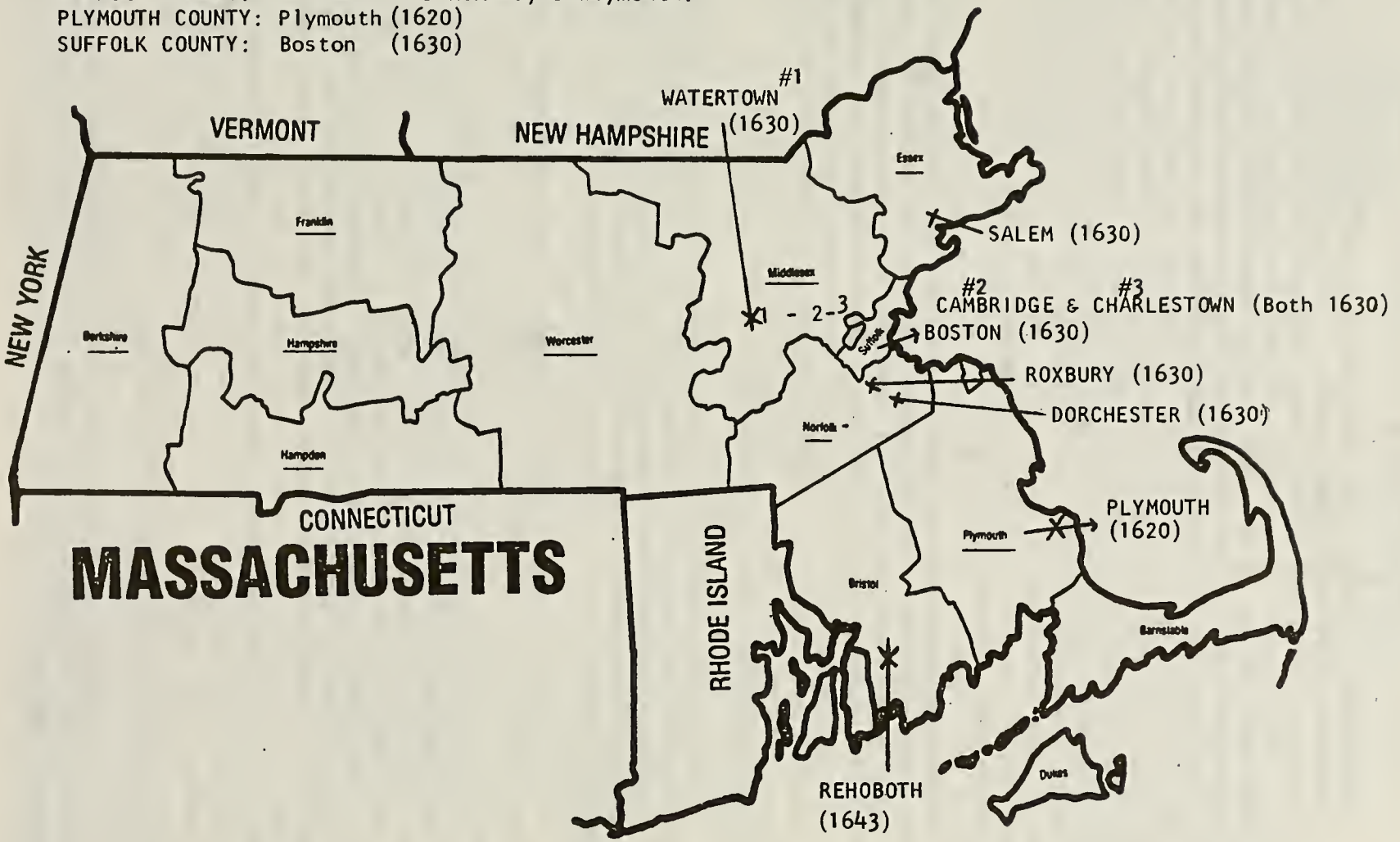
Another early Charlestown family having descendants who married into the WALTER PALMER family was that of the RICHARDSON family. EZEKIELL and his wife, SUSANNA, arrived 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet. By 1635 SAMUEL and THOMAS+RICHARDSON, younger brothers, arrived "bound for Charlestown" (Banks' passenger list). It is the latter one who is of special interest to the readers of this volume. THOMAS was made a freeman 2 May 1638 at Charlestown; and 18 Feb 1637/38 was admitted to First Church there. These three RICHARDSON brothers were part of the original group sent from Charlestown to form a town and organize a church at what became Woburn ca 1642. Through THOMAS' youngest child, NATHANIEL,(b 1650/51) there followed intermarriage with the GREEN(E) family of Malden, Mass., and a dau, ELIZABETH RICHARDSON,(b 1718) married JONATHAN LAMB, JR., whose ninth child was the RW soldier, PHINEAS LAMB (above) who married 1783 ANNA GARFIELD. (Family write-ups on all these lineal lines are contained in this volume.)

SALEM, CHARLESTOWN and BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS and other early towns associated with the histories of those pioneers included in this volume are outlined on this map; many are in close proximity to each other.



From this Map the Reader is able to note the earliest towns founded in Massachusetts (in addition to Salem, Charlestown and Boston): Cambridge (1630); Dedham (1636); Lynn (1637); Malden (1649); Newbury (1635); Topsfield (1648); Watertown (1630) and Weymouth (1635).

FIRST MASSACHUSETTS TOWNS; DATES ORGANIZED IN PARENTHESIS:
BRISTOL COUNTY: REHOBOTH (co-founded by WALTER PALMER) (Established 1643)
ESSEX COUNTY: Salem (1630)
MIDDLESEX CO.: Cambridge, Charlestown, Watertown (all in 1630)
NORFOLK COUNTY: Dorchester & Roxbury & Weymouth.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY: Plymouth (1620)
SUFFOLK COUNTY: Boston (1630)



WALTER PALMER IN MASSACHUSETTS

Salem (previously called Naumkeag) was the Massachusetts port of arrival of many of the New England planters. The coastal area there had been explored as early as 1614 by Captain JOHN SMITH for a group of London merchants. The Pilgrims had landed at Plymouth but the greatest migrations during 1628-1630 reached Salem first. It was Captain SMITH who had named the former after Plymouth, the Devonshire port, from which the Pilgrims sailed, (Samuel E. Morison's "Oxford History of The American People" p.56, pub. 1965). Captain SMITH, having made a discovery of some parts of the New England coast "till he came up into the river between Mishawum (later renamed Charlestown) and Shawmutt (renamed Boston) ... returned to England ... presented a map of Massachusetts Bay to King James I and the Prince (afterwards to be King Charles the First) upon inquiry and perusal of the aforesaid river, appointed it to be called the Charles River," ("Chronicles of the First Planters of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, 1623-1636" by Alexander Young, published 1846).

The designation of new names in lieu of their Indian names often followed the pattern of selecting the new one from the homeland in England where the planters had lived, such as Plymouth; occasionally names of individuals were given, such as Baltimore, Charles for the river named for the English King's son, Pennsylvania, etc. Salem was the Hebrew word for "peaceful" and the biblical word"Rehoboth"(Genesis 26:22) was eventually given to a new community founded 1643 by WALTER PALMER and others, the name being chosen by the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN, also a co-founder.

Historians differ on just how long WALTER PALMER and those who arrived as he did in the spring and summer of 1629 remained at Salem; some insist they remained there through the first winter; others contend they soon moved on to found their own separate community which they named Charlestown after the river along which they settled.

A study of current maps of the county of Dorset reveals a village near and to the west of Weymouth named Charlestown; it is in close proximity to Nottington and Upwey where many of these Dorsetshire planters had lived prior to emigrating. However, research done in that county by a local historian, MAUREEN WEINSTOCK, has revealed that Charlestown is a much newer community and did not exist in the 1600's when the families of HOYTS, PALMERS and SPRAGUES resided nearby in Nottington and Upwey. On the other hand Miss WEINSTOCK's research has disclosed references to the hamlet of Nottington as early as "39 Elizabeth" (1597) and as far back as 1199 when it was written Novington; in the 19th century it became a mineral spa.

It is difficult for us (Americans) today to understand why those who were fleeing from an England ruled by such a king as Charles the First would agree to the naming of their new town Charles even though they took that name from the river; Governor JOHN ENDICOTT who had been appointed to serve over the whole Colony confirmed the name.

The second Plantation settled along the Charles River in 1629 had as its first inhabitants the following (p. 375-377 of the Young "Chronicles" above):

SIMON HOYTE	RICHARD SPRAGUE, merchant
JOHN MEECH	WILLIAM SPRAGUE
ABRAHAM PALMER, merchant	JOHN STICKLINE (STICKLAND)
WALTER PALMER	NICHOLAS STOWERS, herdsman
RALPH SPRAGUE, farmer	THOMAS WALFORD

THOMAS WALFORD, a smith, was the first to live in this community; one MR. GRAVES also arrived who had charge of some of the servants of the Company of Patentees and a Mr. BRIGHT was minister to the Company's servants.

The historian Alexander Young explains that "by the consent of Mr. JOHN ENDICOTT, governor of the whole colony, these people travelled the woods above twelve miles westward to a place lying on the north side of the river, full of Indians" thus leaving the settlement of Salem and striking out for themselves.

We know that the three SPRAGUES were brothers and that NICHOLAS STOWERS' sister had become the wife of SIMON HOYTE. However, the relationship of the two PALMER planters has remained in dispute and two references hint that ABRAHAM was related to one JOHN PALMER, a mercer of London rather than that he was a brother of WALTER: (1) "The Mass. Bay Co. and Its Predecessors" by Frances Rose-Troup, p. 150; and (2) an article as recently as 1977 in the NEHGR (Jan and Apr) page 10 entitled "From Emigrants to Rulers;" the Troup book was published 1930.

Mr. GRAVES was chosen to "model and lay out the form of the town, with streets about the Hill" as approved by the Governor;" each inhabitant was to have a two-acre lot to plant upon; WALTER PALMER, RALPH SPRAGUE and the others began to build their houses and to prepare fencing for their lots which was afterwards set up almost in a semi-circular form on the south and southeast side of the field laid out to them; "WALTER PALMER and one or two more shortly after began to build in a straight line upon their two-acre lots on the east side of the Town Hill, and set up a slight fence in common that ran up to THOMAS WALFORD's fence and this was the beginning of the East Field," (pp. 376-7 Young's history of the Planters).

Mr. GRAVES and the servants then built the "great house" the first year which served as a public meeting house and as a place of worship, until 1636 when a new church was built and the "great house" was afterwards used as a tavern. Due to the uncertainty of relations with the Indians "it was unanimously concluded by the inhabitants of this town that a small fort should be made on the top of the Town Hill, with palisadoes and flankers made out which was performed at the direction of Mr. GRAVES (assisted) by all hands of men, women and children, who wrought at digging and building till the work was done." They built cottages and tents around the Town Hill, and wigwams and at first their meeting-place was under the trees, (p. 375).

Numerous historians have furnished us with their accounts of life in Massachusetts in the 1600's, and it is difficult to sift through all that has been written and is still being written about our ancestors during the first two decades in New England; naturally there are variations in these histories. However, one of the more interesting recitals was prepared by G. Andrews Moriarty, M.A., LL.B. and read before the Society of

Genealogists in London in 1925 and some of his comments are set forth below from "The Genealogists' Magazine" volume one (London); his article was entitled "The English Background of the New England Settlements":

> "The Plymouth Colony men were for the most part humble folk, husbandmen and artisans from around Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire; ... Nevertheless, their leaders were men of some importance, thus BREWSTER was a Cambridge man .... MYLES STANDISH, the military leader of the Colony, was a member of the ancient Lancashire house of Standish of Ormskirk... while BRADFORD, the historian of the Plymouth settlement, belonged to a family of prosperous yeomen at Austinfield, near Scrooby....
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> "Of all the early English settlements by far the most important and powerful was that of the MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY..... it must be constantly kept in mind that between 1625 and 1640 the Puritan party was not merely a party of the middle classes, but was that of a majority of the country gentry, and of a very powerful section of the nobility, and it is of great significance that the Colony that was destined to assure the permanence of the English race in North America was settled between the years 1628 and 1641 ... from the beginning, the settlement of Massachusetts was undertaken by men of substance and influence, backed by some exceedingly influential noblemen and gentlemen, among whom the Earls of Lincoln and Warwick and Lords Say and Brooke were very prominent. The result of this was that when the great exodus to Massachusetts took place in the period 1629-1630, there were many persons of importance among the leaders and their wealth assured the rapid growth and success of the new undertaking.
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> "Their leaders were members of the Puritan country gentry, with well-to-do merchants from the larger towns, and clergymen of the English Church who had been silenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury, while the bulk of the rank and file of these Colonists were prosperous and well-to-do yeomen and tradesmen with their apprentices and servants--of the lower classes there was practically no representation.
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> "... The Great Emigrations (of 1628-1630) were not as individuals but were <u>composed of groups of persons coming from the same neighbourhood who remained together</u> when they first settled in Massachusetts.
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> "Next to the counties in East Anglia, the Wessex counties of <u>Dorset, Somerset and Devon contributed the next largest quota</u> under the leadership of their clergymen.
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> "Roxbury was settled by the people from Essex and Hertfordshire under the leadership of the Rev. JOHN ELIOT who had been vicar of Nasing. ... It is curious that the emigration from the North was comparatively slight...."

The above reference to Roxbury, Massachusetts, is of special importance to all WALTER PALMER descendants as it may be the only clue we have as to the homeland of his second wife, REBECCA SHORT, who was one of the first members of Rev. ELIOT's church there on her arrival in America in 1632. The vivid explanation given of groups of neighbors emigrating en masse also strengthens the compiler's theory that our WALTER PALMER was acquainted with the Dorsetshire neighbors, the HOYT

and SPRAGUE families of Upwey; all may even have been acquainted with the emigrant who joined them from Chew Magna, Somerset--THOMAS MINOR.

From one family history ("Saturday's Children-History of the Babcock Family" by C. Berton Babcock) we read one version of an early episode in the life of WALTER PALMER the year after his arrival. In the month of September 1630 "he struck a man at CRADOCK's Plantation, AUSTIN BRATCHER, who subsequently died. Mr. PALMER was found guilty of manslaughter, 29 Sept 1630 by a coroner's jury; he was released on a bond of eighty pounds; he appeared at the Court of Assistants (on 19 October) in Boston. On 9 Nov the Jury found 'WALTER PALMER not guilty of Manslaughter whereof hee stoode indicted' & soe the Courte acquits him." (See "Records of Gov.and Co.of Mass. Bay," Vol.I, 1628-1641 by Nathaniel B.Shurtleff (1853), page 77.) The simple statement that WALTER was "charged in Sept 1630 with killing AUSTIN BRATCHER" has appeared in numerous published records in this country but few enlighten the reader any further. During the year 1629-1630 it must be realized many changes had taken place in Charlestown; the Winthrop Fleet (eleven vessels and some 700 passengers) had arrived and many other ships; some settled in the Salem-Charlestown area and soon many of those in Charlestown crossed the river and started a new community which they named Boston. Thus the Court of Assistants organized to oversee such events as this one was in Boston which had been organized in 1630.

Few published books inform us of the details of this killing of which WALTER was accused; the court record reveals that the two men who were on WALTER PALMER's bond of eighty pounds were "STRICKLAND and RALPH SPRAGUE," (being the JOHN STICKLINE or STICKLAND, of the first settlers in Charlestown). The name STICKLAND was that of numerous Dorsetshire families in 1628-1630. Why did not ABRAHAM PALMER appear on WALTER's bond if he were his brother? ABRAHAM had a financial interest in the Company, was a "merchant of London" and undoubtedly had more wealth than most of those who settled in Charlestown in 1629-1630; he had invested fifty pounds in the Company the previous year.

The opinion has been volunteered that WALTER had inflicted a court-ordered whipping to BRATCHER from which the latter's death resulted. However, WALTER had not yet become the Constable; RALPH SPRAGUE was chosen Constable at Charlestown at the 19 October 1630 court, the same General Court at which WALTER was bound over until the next court. The incident involving BRATCHER did not take place <u>in</u> Charlestown, but "out in the country" at CRADOCK's Plantation. What was WALTER doing out there on CRADOCK's Plantation? He was, however, a "town officer."

There were two types of "plantations" -- those owned by one or two wealthy individuals and those encompassing the entire group, such as the original "Plimouth Plantation". MATTHEW CRADDOCK (whose Will he signed 9 Nov 1640 in England as MATHEW CRADOCK) was a very wealthy man; his pedigree (NEHGR 1855, Vol.9, pp.122-125) traced back to one JOHN CRADOCK living in 1446 at Stafford, England; MATHEW CRADOCK's Will was entered and recorded 12 Feb 1662; his father, also named MATHEW, had been born 1563 and married DOROTHY GREENWAY of Dorsetshire. The first wife of Captain JOHN ENDECOTT, ANNA GOWER, whom he married while living in London, had been a cousin of MATTHEW CRADOCK (JR.) "and a lady of an

influential family," ("History of Salem" by Perley, supra, p. 90). "Provision was made in the scheme for private plantations, and MATTHEW CRADOCK, the Governor of the Company (in England) was a large investor in one of these, ("American Colonies in the 17th Century" by Osgood, p. 135). "Reference is frequently made to the despatch of servants, supplies, cattle, material for ship-building and fishing on CRADOCK's account. On some vessels he sent nearly as much as went on the Company's account. ... the Company also had its Plantations which were cultivated by servants and managed by the Governor under instructions from England." CRADOCK was also a member of the English Parliament from the City of London in 1640. SAMUEL SHARPE of Trinity Lane, London, also a merchant, acted as agent in New England for CRADOCK and also for the New England Company ("Mass.Bay Co. by Rose-Troup" pp. 35,153).

On 18 March 1629 MATTHEW CRADOCK had been sworn before a Master in Chancery to execute the office of Governor of the newly formed MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY although he never emigrated to America. (When it became necessary and expedient to have a local man elected as Governor in New England, JOHN ENDECOTT was chosen.) He owned the "Ambrose" and the "Jewel", two of the ships in the WINTHROP FLEET, (NEHGR Vol. 8, p.25 (1854).

The eleven selectmen first chosen were ("Memorial History of Boston" edited by Justin Winsor, Vol. 1, page 389):

INCREASE NOWELL	THOMAS BEECHER	EZEKIEL RICHARDSON
WALTER PALMER	RALPH SPRAGUE	WILLIAM BRACKENBURY
ABRAHAM PALMER	THOMAS LYNDE	ROBERT MOULTON
EDWARD CONVERSE	JOHN MOUSALL	

Two members of the jury which acquitted WALTER PALMER were JOHN BALCH and CHRISTOPHER CONANT, and learning something of their family backgrounds seems to corroborate G. A. Moriarty's description of these settlers of 1629-1630 (supra) as being mainly from the country gentry. "A History of the BALCHE Family"was published in the July 1855 NEHGR, pp. 233-235, compiled by WILLIAM F. BALCH of New York. This was a very illustrious family in England dating from 1066; one JOHN BALCHE was Sheriff of the County of Somerset in 1392; the men in the family held numerous prominent positions through the centuries. According to Banks' "Planters" page 58, the "Zouch Phenix" sailed from Weymouth, Dorsetshire in 1624 and included among its passengers were: JOHN BALCH, Mrs. AGNES BALCH, and (children) BENJAMIN BALCH and JOHN BALCH (JR.). The father had been born 1579, son of GEORGE born 1536. The family historian (page 234) writes of his ancestor:

> "In 1630, JOHN BALCH of Salem was admitted a freeman by the Court; ... he was also appointed a Juryman. I find under this date (in Felt's 'Annals of Salem') that on a Jury of twelve who cleared WALTER PALMER, charged with the death of AUSTIN BRATCHER, was JOHN BALCH of this town."

As early as 1623 CHRISTOPHER CONANT of Saint Lawrence, Jewry, London, a grocer, arrived aboard the "Anne" about 10 July at Plymouth, there being about sixty passengers and all settled at Plymouth Plantation. The same year on an unnamed vessel ROGER CONANT and his wife, arrived and joined the Plymouth settlers, (Banks "Planters" pp.53,55). In Henry Whittemore's "Genealogical Guide to the Early Settlers of America" we read about CHRISTOPHER CONANT's jury service: "... he was on the first

jury for criminal trial here (Salem), impanneled for the case of WALTER PALMER for manslaughter, Nov 1630; he (CHRISTOPHER CONANT) having been in 1623 at Plymouth, next at Nantasket, thence removed to Cape Ann ... and removed to Naumkeag about 1627," where the previous year ROGER CONANT and his friends from Cape Ann had settled and ROGER built the first house on a spot now on Essex Street nearly opposite the Town Market and the town was renamed Salem.

CHRISTOPHER CONANT was the son of RICHARD and AGNES CONANT, born "in the hundred of E. Budleigh in Devonshire and baptized in the parish church there 9 Apr 1593." In 1623 on his arrival at Plymouth he had received a share in the division of land but when he did not share in the division of cattle he apparently removed from Plymouth. According to George F. Willison's "Saints and Strangers" (1945), however, CHRISTOPHER was not born until about 1596 and was a younger (not an older) brother to ROGER (1592-1679), described as a "London salter, pious, sober and prudent gentleman," (page 448).

Following verbatim account of the death of Bratcher, the jury and the trial are quoted from "Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England" (Vol. I) 1628-1641 by Nathaniel Shurtleff (supra) pages 77-84:

Septemb^{r} 28th, 1630

A Jury impanneld to inquire concerning the Death of AUSTEN BRATCHER:--

RICHARD BROWNE	JOHN JOHNSON
WILLIAM ASPYNWALL	EDWARD CONVERSE
ABRAHAM PALM^{r}	RALFE (RALPH) SPRAGE
NICH: (NICHOLAS) STOWER	GILES SEXTON
PETER PALFRY	ABRAHAM PRATT
ROGER WILLIAMS	FRANCIS SMYTH
WILLIAM BUNELL	GEORGE DYAR
NICH: Vpsall	

AUSTEN BRATCHER, dyeing lately att Mr CRADOCKs plantacon, was vewed before his buryall by dyv^{rs} psons, viz:--

(A list of six names appears, noting three others were "absent".)

The Juryes Verdict:--

Wee finde that the strookes giuen by WALTER PALMER were occationally the meanes of the death of AUSTEN BRATCHER, & soe to be manslaught^{r}./

WALTER PALMER hath bound himselfe in 40 (lbs.) & RALFE SPRAGE & JOHN STICKLETT hath bound themselues in 20 (lbs.) a peece, for WALTER PALMERs psonall appearance att the nexte Courte, to be holden at Boston the 19th of Octob^{r}.

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A Gen'll Court, holden att Boston the 19th of Octob^{r}, 1630.

Present,	The Goufn^{r},	Capt ENDICOTT,
	Deputy Goufn^{r},	Mr NOWELL,
	Sr RICH: SALTONSTALL,	Mr PINCHON,
	Mr LUDLOWE	Mr BRADSTREETE./

RALFE SPRAGE is chosen Constable of Charlton (Charlestown); JOHN JOHNSON of Rocksbury; & JOHN PAGE for Waterton, for the space of one whole yeare.....

WALTER PALMER made his psonall appearance this day, & stands bound, hee & his suerties, till the nexte Court./

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A Court of Assistants, holden att Boston, Nouemb^{r} 9th 1630 (Same individuals as named on previous page who held Court 19th of October 1630 except a Mr.CODDINGTON instead of Mr. NOWELL.)

At this Court session numerous matters were taken up and disposed of, including the trial of WALTER PALMER and one other item of interest:

It is ordered, that RICH: DIFFY, serv^{t} to Sr RICHARD SALTON-STALL, shalbe whipped for his misdemean^{r} towards his maister./

A Jury impannell for the Tryall of WALTER PALMER, concerning the Death of AUSTIN BRATCHER:

Mr EDMOND LOCKWOOD,	RICH: MORRIS,
WILLm ROCKEWELL,	WILLm BALSTON,
CHRISTOPHER CONANT,	WILLm CHEESBROUGH,
WILLm PHELPES,	JOHN PAGE,
WILLm GALLARD,	JOHN BALSHE,
JOHN HOSKINS,	LAURENCE LEACH./

The jury findes WALTER PALMER not guilty of manslaughter, whereof hee stoode indicted, & soe the Court acquitts him./

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One other interesting item appeared before the Court on 8 March 1630/1:-

It was ordered, that THO: FOXE, serv^{r} to Mr CRADOCKE, shalbe whipped for vttering mallitious & scandilous speeches, whereby hee sought to traduce the Court, as if they hadd taken some bribe in the busines concerneing WALTER PALMER./

(These dates are under the Old Calendar and therefore the month of November was the ninth month of the year 1630 and March would commence the year 1631.)

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In 1634 and 1635 many additional acres of land were granted by the Court to the then Governor, JOHN WINTHROP, Esq., and to Mr. MATTHEW CRADOCK of London, the latter "to enjoy to him and his heirs forever." CRADOCK's land was within the present town of Malden, opposite WINTHROP's farm. Sir RICHARD SALTONSTLL, knt. and Mr. ISAAC JOHNSON, Esqer. both had given 100 pounds for which they were to receive 800 acres; others who contributed 50 pounds (including ABRAHAM PALMER) would receive 400 acres; some received only 300 acres for having donated 25 pounds.

Before leaving Salem and Charlestown and continuing with WALTER PALMER's history, it is interesting to note what happened to the original Charter under which his group and those immediately following continued to act, (NEHGR Jan. 1854, p. 26):

"The original CHARTER, with the broad seal appendant, which was brought over by Governor WINTHROP (in 1630) is carefully preserved in a glass case in the office of the Secretary of State, at the State House in Boston. It is distinctly and beautifully engrossed on parchment, and has on it the head of the sovereign by whom it was granted, CHARLES I. That it is the original and not a copy is proved by the fact that on it is the ... certificate of Governor MATHEW CRADOCK, he having taken his oath of office before Sir CHARLES CAESAR, Master in Chancery."

A list of thirty-six names are listed on page 59 of an 1894 publication entitled "The Ancient Line Feilde of Charlestown"which included WALTER PALMER, RALPH SPRAGUE, ZACHARIAH SYMMES and NICHOLAS STOWERS, and the date 4 July 1629 is considered the time when Charlestown was founded. Many of those who emigrated in 1630 joined the community there, including ABRAHAM PALMER and his wife, GRACE, passengers with the Winthrop Fleet. Both ABRAHAM and WALTER PALMER became very prominent in Charlestown, holding public office and seem to be among the first group of men who took the Oath of Freemen on 18 May 1631 which original list included the following ("Records of Mass.," Vol. 1, p.366) in this order:

Mr ROGER CONANT	JOHN BALCHE
RALFE (Ralph) SPRAGE	SIMON HOYTT
RICH: (Richard) SPRAGE	Walt (WALTER) PALMER
ABRAHAM PALMER	Mr RICH: SALTONSTALL
NICH: (Nicholas) STOWER	EZEKIELL RICHARDSON
	Wm CHEESEBROUGH

Those taking the Oath of Freemen on 4 March 1633 included THOMAS MINOR. On 13 March 1638/39 the list of those taking the oath included JOHN and WILLIAM PALMER, believed to be the two oldest sons of WALTER, who would have been of legal age by then, a requirement to take the oath. Becoming a "freeman" had nothing to do with those coming to America as indentured servants who eventually obtained their freedom after having worked a certain (usually seven) number of years. In New England in the early days a freeman was a man who held the right of franchise; admittance as an "inhabitant" (and voter) was a privilege not lightly obtained -- only those being admitted who could contribute something of value to the community. To become a freeman, a man had to be not only a proprietor but must also be a member of the church in good standing; some times property requirements were also required. The granting of this status of "freeman" was done by the General Court of Massachusetts. ("Ancestry of Blake and Glidden" by Edith B.Sumner.)

To most of these early settlers their religion and their church were paramount in their lives, and their great desire for religious freedom had been the primary reason for the emigration of thousands. Each of the first groups had one or two ministers accompanying them and no time was lost in forming a church organization even though in the beginning they might have to "meet under the trees" until a building could be completed. This pattern followed in Salem, Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury and all of the first settlements in New England, although even then there were often differences of opinion.

Although some references have indicated WALTER may have been a brother to the WILLIAM PALMER who arrived in 1621 (as well as to ABRAHAM) no proof of either of these suppositions has been produced in this country.

Before proceeding with our history of WALTER PALMER, it seems necessary to dispose of ABRAHAM PALMER first inasmuch as he has been continually referred to as "possibly or probably a brother of WALTER," and yet no real shred of evidence has yet surfaced which would lead to this conclusion. ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER apparently resided first in Boston which town had just been formed the year of their arrival and they were members of the First Church there, being members No. 68 and 69 in 1630. However, for unknown reasons they removed across the Charles River and took up residence in Charlestown where they joined that church organization, ("History of Charlestown, Mass." by Richard Frothingham, Jr., pub. 1845, page 68). The Charlestown Church was the fourth (Congregational) church in New England; the first having been at Plymouth, the second at Salem, the third in Dorchester; doubtless the fifth was the one in Boston. However, at one period in the earliest years Charlestown and Boston were united in one church for a period of about two years. His book has the following notation regarding the transfer (dismissal) from the Boston Church on 14 Oct 1632: ABRA. and GRACE PALMER; and THOS. MINOR. Their minister had been the Rev. THOMAS JONES.

After 1630 new inhabitants were admitted to the town of Charlestown by a vote of the people, and by 1634 it was ordered "that none be permitted to sit down and dwell in this town without the consent of the town first obtained." By the first of 1637 the discipline was even more strict when it was ordered "that no freeman should entertain any in their houses, but to give notice thereof at the next town meeting and none that are not free should entertain any without the consent of three of the selectmen"... Obviously though there would have been no hesitancy to the admittance of ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER nor was there in 1637 for MR. JOHN HARVARD inasmuch as "if a person applied for admission who, it was thought would be a valuable acquisition, there was no hesitancy." The title "Rev." was not always used by the English clergy, although they were usually addressed as "Mr." (Frothingham p. 54).

Rev. JOHN HARVARD was ill and "dying at the age of thirty" and became the "earliest benefactor" of the college founded at New Towne (later Cambridge) adjacent to Charlestown and Boston; he left the college half of his fortune and a library of 400 volumes; he died 14 Sept 1638. The Mass. Bay Colony in 1636 with a grant of four hundred pounds had founded the college which was named after its earliest benefactor, (Morison's "Oxford History of the American People" pp. 71-72).

All published records in this country have merely given the first name of ABRAHAM PALMER's wife, GRACE; however, in the late 1970's while searching for a clue as to BANKS' authority for placing WALTER PALMER at Yetminster Parish in Dorsetshire (more fully explained in the Introduction to this Chapter), one descendant of WALTER's followed through at the Library of Congress (Archives section) where some of BANKS' manuscripts are deposited. A notation found there referred her to the Bodleian Library at Oxford University where a film was made of a small book which has been detailed in the Introduction. When transcribed one of the items which appeared was the

record of the marriage of one ABRAHAM PALMER of Canterbury, Kent, to GRACE BERT (BIRT, BYRT, BURT) of Ipswich, single; the license to marry was dated 17 August 1622, Ipswich Probate Court. (From this it might appear that ABRAHAM PALMER had been born at least by 1600; however, most references have inferred he was older than his"brother" WALTER.)

ABRAHAM PALMER's name appears numerous times in published records in this country, usually in connection with the settlement of Charlestown and Boston. He was first mentioned as being one of 14 who signed the Instructions to JOHN ENDICOTT on 30 May 1628, advancing fifty pounds for that adventure. He was associated with ELIAS STILEMAN as one who was to administer the oath to JOHN ENDICOTT. Once in Massachusetts he engaged in selling land, timber, housings and accommodations through the 1630's and 1640's and also engaged in trade at Barbados.

ABRAHAM was a very influential citizen, well educated and held numerous responsible positions, including that of town clerk, selectman, deputy from Charlestown to the First General Court held in 1634 and five times thereafter; he was a sergeant in the Pequot War.* His duty as selectman in 1638 was to record the landed possessions of the inhabitants of Charlestown. He became the owner of perhaps hundreds of acres of land in the area but there is no record of any children born to his wife,GRACE. He died about 1651/1652 while on a trip to Barbados. Efforts to locate there a record of probating his estate have failed; likewise, no Will was found for him in London; brief records only in this country indicate the following:

"Administration to widow 23 (7) (Sept.) 1653 (Reg.VII, 338).
Widow, GRACE, sells ANN FROTHINGHAM, house 1656."

The widow, GRACE PALMER, died in December 1660, and the records here reveal that "Her Administration to T. LATHROP 2 (2) 1661", (POPE page 341).

Apparently ABRAHAM PALMER had made several trips to Barbados as there is a record of one he made in 1652 "in the 'Mayflower of Boston' in which his share of the adventure was 3/5ths and that of EDWARD BURT 2/5ths to be accounted for in London." Considering the surname of his partner in this adventure, it seems likely the partner may have been his brother-in-law. Unless at some future time, some researcher is able to spend time and effort as well as money searching the probate records in Boston and checking out the estate files for ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER, it does not appear likely additional information about them will surface. Consequently, it may never be known who were their designated beneficiaries and whether or not either may have mentioned in a Will whether or not either had any siblings. It is interesting to note that WALTER PALMER did not die until November of 1661, surviving both ABRAHAM and GRACE PALMER. A study of the early land records of Charlestown might also prove interesting to ascertain what became of all the hundreds of acres of land once owned by ABRAHAM PALMER.

*(In 1634 the Pequot Indians killed the first white victims leading to the Pequot War of 1637 centered in the Connecticut towns of Groton,Mystic, New London, Saybrook, Fairfield and Wethersfield. An extremely fierce tribe of Indians, they waged war against other Indian tribes, and they were greatly feared. The Pequots considered all Connecticut land to be theirs alone.)

The first church gathered here (Charlestown) 30 July 1630 (p.68 Frothingham's history, supra) and the year following the Rev. JOHN ELLIOT arrived 2 Nov, having departed London 23 Aug aboard the "Lyon" with some sixty passengers including JOHN WINTHROP, JR., Mrs. MARGARET WINTHROP (wife of the Govenor) and two other WINTHROPS, all bound for Boston or Roxbury. At the latter place the Rev. ELLIOT organized his church group, many coming from his home county of Essex to join with him.

In 1632 one of the largest groups bound for Roxbury departed London 9 March and arrived 5 June in America aboard the "William & Francis,"with 60 including two ministers: the Rev. THOMAS WELD of Terling, Essex County, and the Rev. WILLIAM PERKINS of London. The names of many of these sixty are listed in Banks' "Planters" though not nearly all sixty; so many were from the county of Essex and so many had indicated their destination to be Roxbury that it might appear one of these passengers was REBECCA SHORT, soon to become a member of the Roxbury Church (although her name is not included in the Banks' list) and soon to become the wife of WALTER PALMER.

Several references to WALTER's wife, REBECCA, have appeared in published records in America, merely indicating she came to America as "a maide servant" but the records of the Rev. JOHN ELLIOT of Roxbury First Church explain: "REBECKAH SHORT, a maide servant, she came in the yeare 1632 and was married to WALTER PALMER a godly man of Charlestown Church." However, a further explanation appears (p. 186)in the "Ancestry of Blake and Glidden" (supra) which appears more plausible:

> "On 1 June 1633 WALTER, his daughter GRACE, and his future wife, REBECCA SHORT, joined Charlestown First Church, REBECCA transferring from the Roxbury Church. ... She may have been one of the young people whose parents died on the voyage to America and who were put in the care of some family here -- 'bound out' until they were of age. Unlike the Southern states, New England would accept no women of uncertain origin, and the fact that REBECCA was immediately admitted a member of the Roxbury Church and became the wife of an important man shows that she was not an ordinary maid servant."

Most references give the date of WALTER and REBECCA's marriage as 1 June 1633, and their first child, HANNAH, was born in Charlestown on 15 June 1634. HANNAH and her next four brothers were all baptized in First Church, Charlestown. Her oldest half-sister, GRACE, had married 3 April 1634 THOMAS MINOR who was a co-founder of that church being number 34th on the church roll.

Various descriptions of WALTER have appeared in print ranging from a height of six feet to 6' 6" and in weight from 200 to 300 pounds. If the estimate of his date of birth is nearly correct, 1585, he would have been aged forty-eight years when he married REBECCA, following which he became the father of seven more children. His farming and stock raising activities were continued in Charlestown which from time to time necessitated the acquisition of additional acreage, which he continued to purchase. It was through his business pursuits that he became acquainted with WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH who had lived at Boston and then at Braintree, and his business interests were the same as WALTER PALMER's.

As the years went on, additional grants of land were given and on 6 Mar 1637 WALTER PALMER received Lot 15 and his son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR received Lot 18 in the first division of land on the Mystic Side, later in Charlestown. Soon thereafter, however, THOMAS and his wife, GRACE, and their son, JOHN, removed to Hingham where four more sons were born to them. They remained there until 1645 at which time they joined the group settling New London.

On 26 Mar 1638 ABRAHAM PALMER prepared "A True Record of all such houses and lands as are Possessed by the Inhabitants of Charlestown whether by gift from the Towne or by allotments as they were divided amongst them... the bounds of said Towne Lying or being bettween Cambridge (alias New Towne) on the West South West & Boston Land on the East," ("Palmer Groups" by Emily W. Leavitt (pub. 1901), page 9). Page 31 of this "Book of Possessions," has recorded: "The Possessions of WALTER PALMER" (See "Report of Record Commissioners" (1883) pg.23, for a more detailed list):

> "Two acres of land in the East Field, 'butting south on the Back street,' with a dwelling house and 'other aptinances'
> "five acres of arable land, Milch cow commons six and a quarter,
> "four acres, more or less, in the line field,
> "eight acres of meadow lying in the Mystic Marshes,
> "four acres of meadow lying in the Mystic meadows,
> "five acres of woodland in Mystic field,
> "five acres of meadow on the west of Mount Prospect,
> "thirty acres of woodland,
> "eighty-six acres of land scituate in the waterfield."

Some years later both WALTER and his oldest son, JOHN, received their proportionate share in another division of land. (The land held by JOHN PALMER is set out in his section of this book.) Some of WALTER and JOHN's land joined and some of WALTER's was bounded on another side by the land of ABRAHAM PALMER. WALTER also held various positions of trust in the community, including being Constable, and a Selectman, and freeman.

It is of interest to note that another Charlestown settler to remove from there to Hingham was one of the SPRAGUE family -- WILLIAM -- with his wife and oldest child, ANTHONY SPRAGUE who had been born 2 Sept 1635, just a few days after the baptism at Charlestown of JOHN MINOR, the oldest child of GRACE (PALMER) and THOMAS; however the SPRAGUE couple remained permanently in Hingham where WILLIAM died in 1675.

On 13 May 1640 a committee was required to be appointed in every town to appraise all livestock according to the "Records of the Governor and Company of the MASSACHUSETTS BAY" volume one (1628-1641) page 295:

> "And for horses, mares, cowes, oxen, goats, & hoggs, there is a comitte appointed to valewe them in euery towne, wch are required to valewe them under their worth rather than above their worth. The comitte are,
> For Charlestowne, Mr LONGE, EZECHI: RICH'DSON, & WALTER PALMER..."

As we prepare to leave Charlestown and follow WALTER PALMER's history to his next home, Rehoboth, it might be well to set down the early history of Charlestown's form of government in the beginning. The first years of living in Massachusetts, both by the pilgrims and the puritans, have been well documented in our history books; the hardships they encountered; the diseases they suffered; the wars they fought with the Indians and then with the French; and eventually the removal of many to some other area. However, not so well handed down perhaps is the earliest form of government in the Massachusetts towns of which Charlestown's is an excellent example of the type of government which existed -- known as an oligarchy; this is defined as a form of government in which the power is vested in a few.

"A study of first-generation society in Charlestown .. indicates that in the 1630s and 1640s life there was dominated by a powerful minority" (see footnote No. 3, page 3, Jan 1977 NEHGR). This is part of a most comprehensive article appearing in that and in two succeeding issues of the Register written by RALPH J. COFFMAN (Director of the Northeastern University Library, Burlington, Massachusetts) and RALPH J. CRANDALL (Associate Editor of the "Register").

The group of first citizens of Charlestown (about 270 householders) included four different classifications: (pp.4-6).

(1) "The lowest level of illiterate, itinerant bachelors ... who worked as day laborers, plowing the land and planting corn...
(2) "About one-fifth of those who resided in the town were of the lower sort of tenant farmers and artisans, unrelated to landed or gentry families. For these men and their families the new world held the hope of their becoming yeomen with freehold land or independent shopkeepers....
(3) "By far the largest group of settlers were the literate church members who came from yeoman, artisan, or professional backgrounds....
(4) "A fourth group of settlers, less than ten per cent of the population, came from gentry families, (including) those who were established merchants... "

Those who were merchants had to maintain ties with England and some even returned there to live as did some ministers. Some of the Charlestown families also moved elsewhere as the years passed.

"From these gentry families and from the merchant-artisan-yeoman group emerged the ruling minority of Charlestown--about fifteen per cent of the total male population in 1638; this oligarchy included the selectmen and ministers, (and) came from diverse backgrounds... Some were merchants or artisans from county towns, like JOSEPH HILLS, a woolen draper from Malden and Newburgh, Mass. who settled in Charlestown in 1638 (emigrated from Great Burstead, Billericay, County of Essex, England); and ABRAHAM PALMER, a merchant from Canterbury. Others were rural farmers like RALPH SPRAGUE of Upway, and WALTER PALMER of Yetminster..." (pp. 8-9).

(Here again we find the name of still another ancestor of some of the Walter Palmer descendants: +JOSEPH HILLS' history in this volume reveals that his dau REBECCA (bapt Maldon, England 1634) had descendants down in the GREEN(E), UPHAM, RICHARDSON, DEATH and LAMB families. In the last two named JONATHAN LAMB, SR. and LYDIA DEATH LAMB had ten children of which their youngest was the RW soldier previously mentioned, PHINEAS (also PHINEHAS) LAMB whose two daughters, DOLLY and NANCY married the two PALMER brothers, NATHAN and JOHN C.) All these families are in Addendum.

The Coffman-Crandall article further explains that:

> 'Every member of the Charlestown oligarchy (except FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY) was a man of high literacy ... At least three or more were university graduates (and) these people were church members and active supporters of Puritanism. Most could trace a connection with Puritanism into a previous decade or more of English experience.... they were the first to seek pews in the meetinghouse and they clustered near the minister's pulpit. The division of the population in the church was most apparent: those close to the minister were the leaders, those pressed against the door or seated in the balcony were the peripheral class. In governing the church, this ruling elite made the choice of deacons and clerks, appointing representatives from among themselves."

An interesting footnote on page 9 of the article has reference specifically to WALTER PALMER:

> "GEORGE BUNKER signed a 1635 petition but left only a mark on his Will of 1664, while WALTER PALMER left only his mark in early town records but signed his Will. BUNKER was literate from the start and probably was physically unable to sign later, while PALMER appears to have been illiterate at first, gaining enough education in the new world to sign his Will."

Previous to 1631 the only "freemen" were those who had been so designated in the Company in London which included JOSEPH HILLS and ABRAHAM PALMER, both of whom had contributed financially. By 1631 the franchise was opened to other men in the Bay Colony and all of the first generation oligarchy had taken the freeman's oath (except one) and all were church members, and they exercised control for the elite by limiting landholding to citizens, a policy which enabled these select few to amass vast tracts of land.

This system of dominance continued several decades by which less than twenty per cent of the population controlled over seventy per cent of the land, "a concentration that was reminiscent of some English towns; ... Every potential resident was investigated and evaluated, then accepted or rejected. ..."If a newcomer were dissatisfied with the verdict he could appeal to the General Court, but there was no higher appeal; their only alternative was to leave Charlestown. This pattern of leadership in Charlestown continued for a generation. The elite felt they were very spiritual but were also caring for the economic interests of each other; their own prosperity was paramount to each member.

The year 1643 is given as the time WALTER PALMER removed from Charlestown in Massachusetts to a new community known as Seacuncke (also Seekonk), also in Massachusetts. However, published records in this country vary as to the actual first founders of the village which was re-named Rehoboth by the Reverend SAMUEL NEWMAN who said, "It shall be called 'Rehoboth' for the Lord hath made room for us," (Genesis 26:22).

According to Richard LeBaron Bowen's "Early Rehoboth" (Vol. 3, page 114) we learn that:

> "RICHARD WRIGHT of Braintree, ALEXANDER WINCHESTER (who had been servant to Mr. HENRY VANE), WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and WALTER PALMER were the real founders of Seekonk, and of these RICHARD WRIGHT was the dominant man. Those from Weymouth and Hingham, contrary to what has been published, were secondary."

The Reverend SAMUEL NEWMAN and his followers had departed from Weymouth, Mass. and "after much searching they reached the area which the Indians called 'Seacunk' which lay wide and fertile between the Seekonk and another river (later named the Palmer River)," ("Rehoboth" - a 325th Anniversary publication in 1968). This anniversary edition may have been based on the "History of Rehoboth" by Leonard Bliss, published in 1836, which has many references to WALTER PALMER and his friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH but which affirms (page 21):

> "The real founder of Rehoboth was the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN ... who removed to New England in 1636 or 1638 ... spent a year and a half at Dorchester, four and a half or five years at Weymouth;... then ... removed to a place .... he named Rehoboth."

Tradition has led us to believe that WALTER PALMER was a co-founder of Charlestown, Rehoboth and Stonington although some historians may differ with one or more of these claims. The "founders" of a town may not necessarily have been the very first white settlers to reach a specific spot but they are the ones who <u>established</u> the community or brought it into being. In Charlestown we know that a smith, THOMAS WALFORD, was the first to live in that community and his name along with several others who removed from Salem in the summer of 1629 are usually referred to as the founders of Charlestown; included were ABRAHAM and WALTER PALMER, SIMON HOYTE and the three SPRAGUE brothers.

In 1894 Rehoboth held a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town which would indicate they accepted the year 1644 as the date of the founding. In an address which was thereafter published, EDGAR PERRY stated "... there seems to have been no organization of the settlers until 1643... The exodus from Weymouth took place early in 1644 and was led by Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN." He admits that one WILLIAM BLACKSTONE was the first settler of Shawmut (Boston) and also the first settler of Rehoboth; and the first purchase of land in Rehoboth was made in 1641. He repeats (page 62) "Although a general settlement was made in 1643, it was not until a year later (1644) that the town was fairly organized." Perhaps the next two earliest settlers were ROGER WILLIAMS and JOHN HAZELL; the former removed to establish Providence, R.I. and HAZELL remained.

The original Rehoboth was much larger than it is today; it previously encompassed the areas today known as Attleboro, Pawtucket, Fall River, Taunton and Providence all of which separated eventually and formed their own towns, some even finally resting in the new state of Rhode Island. (Pawtucket is an Indian name and was applied by the Indians to several places where there were streams, or rather falls of water.)

The first church in the area established by the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN (and even today known as the "Newman Church") was located in an area which today is in the town of East Providence, Rhode Island, at a place known as Rumford; likewise the oldest cemetery is also there. Efforts to locate birth, marriage and death records for the earliest period (1643-1650) have been unsuccessful. For instance, WALTER and REBECCA had two more children born to them while living in Rehoboth: GERSHOM born about 1644/45 and the youngest child, REBECCA born 1647. The Arnold "Vital Records of Rehoboth, 1642-1896" however, commence in the 1650's and no record of the births of these two children could be found in the microfiche copy of that volume published 1897. The 1655 marriage of WALTER's son, JONAS (JONA) is,however, listed as taking place on 3 May but the name of the bride is not given.

The "Newman Cemetery" was the only burial ground in the area up to the year 1715 but the earliest markers disintegrated years ago and it appears no record was maintained for the first burials. Perhaps the first one in this Palmer family to be buried there would have been the wife of JONAS (JONAH) PALMER, SR. who was buried 11 Feb 1691/92. The oldest baptismal records are now in the custody of the Rhode Island Historical Society, 121 Hope Street, Providence, R.I.

Assistance in this Rehoboth research was rendered by a long-time citizen of that town and very much appreciated, especially the above information about the Newman Church and Newman Cemetery: Mr. ROBERT S. TRIM. He explained that in checking Arnold's "Vital Records" vol. 9, in the author's introduction (p. 4) he had written: "It is a deep matter of regret with us that the original records of this church (Newman) (1642-1772) have become lost. The present (1897) pastor (Rev. Mr. FERRIS) expressed to us several times his regret at the loss."

We are also indebted to ROBERT TRIM for a fuller explanation of the "United Colonies" which made the decision that Rehoboth would be under the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Colony, a decision which angered Messrs. CHESEBROUGH and PALMER. Until that time Rehoboth had been an independent town, not belonging to either the Massachusetts or Plymouth Colony and not to adjoining state of Rhode Island (where in 1636 ROGER WILLIAMS had established the community of Providence); however, it wastoo small to remain independent and the United Colonies of Massachusetts, Plymouth, Hartford and New Haven met in Connecticut and made the decision that Rehoboth should be under the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Colony.

Another historian who sets the date of the settlement at 1643 was LEONARD BLISS in his "History of Rehoboth" (1836): "Although the town had been purchased of the Indians, and granted to a number of individuals for the purpose of making a settlement, it does not appear that any general and permanent settlement was made here earlier than about the year 1643 (page 23). The first meeting of the original planters of Rehoboth to be found on record is dated at 'Weimoth the 24th of the 8th month (October) 1643'," (page 24).

From numerous different historical accounts of the founding of Rehoboth, it appears that almost simultaneously WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and his friend, WALTER PALMER, were having "repeated interviews and consultations"(Wheeler's "History of Stonington" page 504) about removing from their homes of the past ten years and the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN and his congregation at Weymouth were entertaining the same idea. However, it was 1644 before the latter group settled at Rehoboth and in 1643 at a meeting attended by numerous planters who wished to settle there,"before a division of land had been made other than for house-lots, those attending were required individually to give in the value of their estates, in order that the allotments of land might be made accordingly," (p. 25, Bliss' History). Some of those on the list were:

	Pounds	
#5 the Schoolmaster	50	
#6 Will Cheesbrook	450	From the
#9 Mr. Newman	330	Proprietors'
#11 Walter Palmer	419	Records
#21 The Teacher	100	Volume 1,
#36 The Pastor	100	Page 1
#39 John Megg's	120	
#48 Will Carpenter	254	
#50 Robert Titus	156	

The above list is also contained on page 911 of James N. Arnold's "Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896" published 1897 at Providence, R.I. Arnold's book has numerous references to WALTER PALMER's activities in the first years of Rehoboth's existence:

> "The 31st day of the 4th month (June) 1644, lots were drawn for a division of the woodland, between the plain and the town. Shares were drawn to the number of 58 as follows:
>
> " WILLIAM CHEESEBOROUGH is #4
> WALTER PALMER is #18
>
> "Following names appear on the first covenant which bears date 3rd of 5th month (July) 1644:
>
> "WALTER PALMER is first on the list."

The Bliss History furnishes details of the governing board which was to be set up composed of nine persons, known as the first Board of Selectmen, and WALTER PALMER was one of the nine chosen 9th of 10th month (Dec) 1644 (page 912 V.R. and pp. 28-29 Bliss History). The oath taken by thirty of the planters "after general notice given the 23d of the 4th month (June) 1644" follows:

"We whose names are underwritten, being,by the providence of God, inhabitants of Seacunk, intending there to settle, do covenant and bind ourselves one to another to subject our persons (torn off) (according to law and equity) to nine persons, any five of the nine which shall be chosen by the major part of the inhabitants of this plantation, and we (torn off) to be subject to all wholesome (torn off) by them, and to assist them, according to our ability and estate, and to give timely notice unto them of any such thing as in our conscience may prove dangerous unto the plantation, and this combination to continue untill we shall subject ourselves jointly to some other government."

"... the inhabitants of said place have choose these men here named:

1 ALEXANDER WINCHESTER
2 RICHARD WRIGHT
3 HENRY SMITH
4 EDWARD SMITH
5 WALTER PALMER
6 WILLIAM SMITH
7 STEPHEN PAYNE
8 RICHARD BOWEN
9 ROBERT MARTIN"

(p.912 Arnold's VR and p. 29 Bliss' History)

The Board of Selectmen had numerous duties in connection with their governing of a new community, some of which included:

Setting the amount of compensation the workmen shall receive for each day's labor, i.e. for 6 oxen and a man, it will be seven shillings; for 8 oxen and a man, eight shillings;
Ordering that "all men that have lots granted upon the neck of land, shall fence so much fence as the number of his acres cometh to, by the 15th day of the 2d month, or pay 2s. for every rod that shall not be fenced;"
They ordered that "no man shall fall any tree or trees within the space of eight rods of the road and of house-lot, upon the forfeit of 6s. 8d. for every tree fallen without the consent of the owner of the lot;"
They agreed that "whoever hath not convenient land to plant, for present getting of corn, shall be allowed to plant so much as they can break up this year, and shall have it six years, and then to fall to the town again;"
Ordered that the "recording of any man's land in the town book shall be to him and his heirs a sufficient assurance forever." (Bliss' History pp. 29-30).

At the organizational meeting the latter part of 1643 certain rules were stipulated and agreed to by all those present which included moving their families to the new community and fencing their land. Those who failed to comply, at a meeting the 10th of the 11th mo. (January) 1644 of the townsmen"were declared forfeited to the town for non-filment of conditions (agreed to) on 24th of the 8th month (October)1643;" about eighteen names were on this forfeiture list, including that of JOHN MEGGS; (See VINCENT MEIGS Family in Allied Families.) page 912 Arnold's VR; pp. 29-30 Bliss' History.

Both references (Arnold's VR, p. 912 and Bliss' History, p. 31) next set forth a list of "names of those appearing on the register of 1645 as owning land in the town" but the name of WALTER PALMER is missing from both these lists for some unexplainable reason. However, the name of JOHN MEGGS appears on both lists and yet his land was forfeited for his non-compliance with the original agreement; this forfeiture occurred the 11 of Jan 1644. In LEONARD BLISS' account of the history of this town, there are numerous instances where he has indicated that certain words or phrases of the original documents were torn off; this may account for the absence of WALTER PALMER's name on the register of lands of the original proprietors.

The very prominent part WALTER PALMER played in the first years of Rehoboth is further exemplified by the following references to him in Bliss' "History" pp. 32-34:

> "The same day (29th of the 2d mo. (April) 1645) at a town meeting it was agreed upon that if any person or persons shall be lacking in (illegible) to the number of six months shall pay 12d. for every default, to be laid upon their goods and chattells.
>
> "... RICHARD BOWEN, WALTER PALMER, STEPHEN PAYNE, ROBERT MARTIN, WILLIAM CARPENTER, and PETER HUNT were made choice of to hear the grievances of all those that their meadow is defective, and give allowance to every man according as they in their discretion shall think meet, both in fresh meadow and salt, ...

The first four named were the same as the ones elected for the governing board; however, the last two named were different.

> "The 28th of the 3d mo. (May) 1645, at a meeting of the townsmen, RICHARD WRIGHT, RICHARD BOWEN, WALTER PALMER, MR. HENRY SMITH, Mr.WINCHESTER, WILLIAM SMITH and EDWARD SMITH being present, it is ordered that a levy shall be made and forthwith gathered, of 12d. on each one hundred pound estate, to be paid either in butter at 6d. a lb. or in wampum: and it is also concluded that ROBERT TITUS and WILLIAM SABIN shall be collectors of said revenue."

Six of the above named seven (who may have been the first ever "assessors") were also from the group of nine elected to govern the colony, including WALTER PALMER. This may also be one of the first instances of the appointment of "tax collectors".

The NEHGR in 1850, page 283, set forth abstracts of various early Wills, one of which included supervisors: WALTER PALMER, WM. CHEESBOROUGH, and JOHN HAZELL, with the witness being CHEESBOROUGH. The testator who was ALEXANDER WINCHESTER of Rehoboth made his Will 4. 4m (June) 1647, who very likely was the "Mr. WINCHESTER" who served with WALTER PALMER as the town's first assessor. He named his wife executrix, bequeathed one-half of his property to her and the rest to his children when they became fifteen years of age. In early Wills, in addition to appointing an Executor, it appears two or three would be named "supervisors" or "overseers". (See Will of WALTER's oldest son, JOHN PALMER). The WINCHESTER quotation above also included a paragraph: "RICHARD BULLOCK, aged 25 yrs., testifies that after the death of WINCHESTER he enquired of his widow, how she would dispose of the children, and she answered her husband has taken course for them, and

left them to the overseers of his will. Hee being then sick and dyed the 16th July, 1647." Then in addition to the Executor and the overseers the Inventory of this estate was "by STEVEN PAINE, RICHARD BOWIN and JOSEPH PECKE," vastly different from probating estates today when the Executor performs all the duties previously handled by the overseers and the local citizens charged with going to the home and taking the inventory.

Continuing with references to WALTER PALMER in the Rehoboth Vital Records and Bliss' "History" we read: (page 33 of the latter only)

> "The 2d of the 4th mo. (June) 1645, at a general meeting of the town upon public notice given, it was agreed upon that WALTER PALMER, WILLIAM SMITH, Mr. NEWMAN, ALEXANDER WINCHESTER, WILLIAM CHEESBOROUGH, and RICHARD WRIGHT, if they will, shall lay down their lots of salt marsh, where it was cast by lot, and shall have their lots in the new meadow....
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> "On the 9th of 4th month (June) 1645, lots were drawn for the great plain, beginning on the west side, and he that is first on the west side shall be the last on the east; the lots were drawn by the following persons in the following order, viz: (58 in all)
>
> #9 WILL CARPENTER
> #10 ROBERT TITUS
> #11 WALTER PALMER
> #22 WILLIAM CHEESEBOROUGH
> #46 JOHN MEGGS
> #49 The Schoolmaster
> #50 The Pastor
> (VR p.913; p.34 Bliss' History).

All fifty-eight names are not being listed here but only those of special interest, i.e. where provision is made for "The Schoolmaster" and "The Pastor" and where names are shown which will be of pertinent interest to this history at a later date, i.e. the granddaughters of WALTER PALMER (children of his son, JONAH) married into the CARPENTER and TITUS families.

> "The 15th of the 11th month (January) 1645, at a general meeting of the town... it was agreed upon that a fence shall be made, to fence in the land upon the neck, that is laid out to be planted, by the 15th day of the 2d month next...
>
> "The 23d of the 4th mo. (June) 1646, at a general meeting of the town, STEPHEN PAYNE, WILLIAM CARPENTER and WALTER PALMER were made choice of to view the fence upon the neck; and in case they find any not to be sufficient, that they shall give presently notice to those that own the fence, and give them a sufficient time for mending it, as they in their discretion shall think meet; and, if that it be not sufficiently mended by the time set, then they shall pay 2s. 5d. for every rod deficient, to be employed for the setting up of said fence and they shall pay all damages that shall come by the defects during the neglect." (Page 36 Bliss' History.)
>
> "The 18th of the 12th month (February) 1646, at a meeting of the towne it was agreed to draw lots for the new meadow, and to be divided according to person and estate, only those that were under 150 pound estates to be made up 150. They were drawn as followeth: (46 names in all, of which the following are pertinent; p.38 Bliss).
>
> #12 WALTER PALMER
> #16 ROBERT TITUS
> #35 Mr. ALEXANDER WINCHESTER
> #45 Will. CHEESBOROUGH

The previous item and list of 46 names also appears on pp.913-4 of VR Rehoboth by Arnold.

It seems to the reader of LEONARD BLISS' "History of Rehoboth" that WALTER PALMER's name appears in every group selected for any and all purposes which should be indicative of the high standing WALTER had in the new community.

> "The 9th of the 4th mo. (June) 1645 there at a meeting of the town upon public notice given, those seven men underwritten were chosen to order the prudential affairs of the town for half a year, viz: (page 34):
>
> Mr. JOHN BROWNE, sen. — WILLIAM CHEESBOROUGH,
> STEPHEN PAYNE, — Mr. ALEXANDER WINCHESTER,
> RICHARD WRIGHT, — EDWARD SMITH."
> WALTER PALMER.

> "The 26th of the 3d mo. (May) 1647, at a general meeting of the town upon public notice given, STEPHEN PAINE and WALTER PALMER were chosen to be committees for the Court." (page 39 Bliss)

At this same meeting they chose "grand-jury-men", a constable, supervisors of the highways and "townsmen" and ordered "that no man shall keep any gotes upon any common, or any man's property but his own, within three miles of the town... upon penalty of 5s for every gote so kept."

> "The 19th day of the 3d mo. (May) 1651 WALTER PALMER and PETER HUNT were chosen to be grand jurymen" (at which time WALTER is aged 66 years) (p. 42 Bliss) and

> "The 24th of the 3d mo. (May) 1652 at a town meeting being lawfully warned, WALTER PALMER was chosen constable;" (p.43 Bliss).

Although references to WALTER PALMER after this date are rare, the vital records contain several references to his son, JONAH (JONAS) who lived out his life in Rehoboth. The intermarriages of WALTER's descendants with the pioneer Rehoboth families of CARPENTER, DOGGETT, GRISWOLD and TITUS will be found in the history of that son in this volume.

The List of the Freemen for 1643 in the Rehoboth VR (p.917) contains the following few names:

STEPHEN PAINE	SAM'L NEWMAN
WILLIAM CARPENTER	FRANCIS STEVENS
WALTER PALMER	JOSEPH CARPENTER

Several histories have been consulted in preparation of this phase of WALTER PALMER's life--his removal from Charlestown to Rehoboth in 1643. In 1975 when the compiler was in Rehoboth a snapshot was taken of the large sign observed at the entrance to the city which clearly has 1643 as the date Rehoboth was established. (See photographs herein.) In 1968 a booklet was issued by the town for the 325th Anniversary which has a brief paragraph referring to the town's settlement by WALTER PALMER and

WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and the others from Charlestown and Braintree who preceded the settlers from Weymouth:

> "It was several years after ROGER WILLIAMS left Rehoboth and crossed to Providence, before a group of Charlestown (Massachusetts) Puritans attempted a settlement here. This did not succeed, and many left for other places," (page 13).

That paragraph is followed immediately by the admission:

> "Rehoboth's first permanent settlement was in 1643."

The historian, RICHARD LeBARON BOWEN, in explaining his volumes of history written about Rehoboth, writes: "The following records have been collected by the writer over a period of twenty-five years. ... They are complete enough to present a picture of the times three centuries ago, and add much to our knowledge of the early settlement of Seekonk, later called Rehoboth," (published 1948 at Rehoboth).

In arriving at his conclusion that the real founders of Rehoboth were RICHARD WRIGHT and WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH of Braintree, WALTER PALMER, ALEXANDER WINCHESTER and JOHN BROWN of Taunton, he explains they had the "backing of the Massachusetts Bay (Company) and of Governor WINTHROP" (pp. 114-115) and he quotes the latter individual who"said that these men

> '... were to advise with the governor and assistants ... so that what they should agree upon should bind all' (WINTHROP's Hist. of New England (Savage Ed., 1853, vol. 1, p. 76). and

> "In this embryo of a parliament are the names of RICHARD WRIGHT, WILLIAM CHEESEBOROUGH, and WALTER PALMER, all later leaders in the settlement at Seekonk, with the strong backing of Governor WINTHROP and the Massachusetts Bay Court," (p.116).

As early as 1640 on 13 May we find some of these men working together as the result of their appointment at Boston by the General Court:

> "At the General Court of Election held at Boston, a committee of sixteen is appointed 'to lay upon every town, proportionably, a levy of twelve hundred pounds.' Each town committee ... is to value all horses, cattle, goats and hogs, 'under their worth rather above their worth' (Mass.Bay Records, vol. 1, p. 2951)."

Historian Bowen then goes on to explain that:

> "In this list are the names of RICHARD WRIGHT and ALEXANDER WINCHESTER of Braintree; WILLIAM SMITH of Weymouth; WALTER PALMER of Charlestown; and JOSEPH PECK of Hingham, all of whom we later find as leaders of the new township of Seekonk," (later Rehoboth).

By 1643 when a list of estates there is prepared, the "richest men in the town" were in this order; indicating the number by pounds:

RICHARD WRIGHT	834 -	
JOHN BROWNE	600 -	"Rehoboth Town Meetings,
STEPHEN PAINE	535 -	Book 1, page 15."
JOSEPH PECK	535 -	
WILL CHESEBROUGH	450 -	Rehoboth VR, p. 910
WALTER PALMER	419 -	

The foregoing list of the six "richest men in town" was followed by fifty-two others, many worth over two hundred or three hundred pounds.

To further corroborate his finding that the town of Rehoboth was indeed settled as a town in 1643 and that certain individuals had much to do with this settlement he quotes again from the records of the "Rehoboth Town Meetings,"Book 1, page 29 as follows:

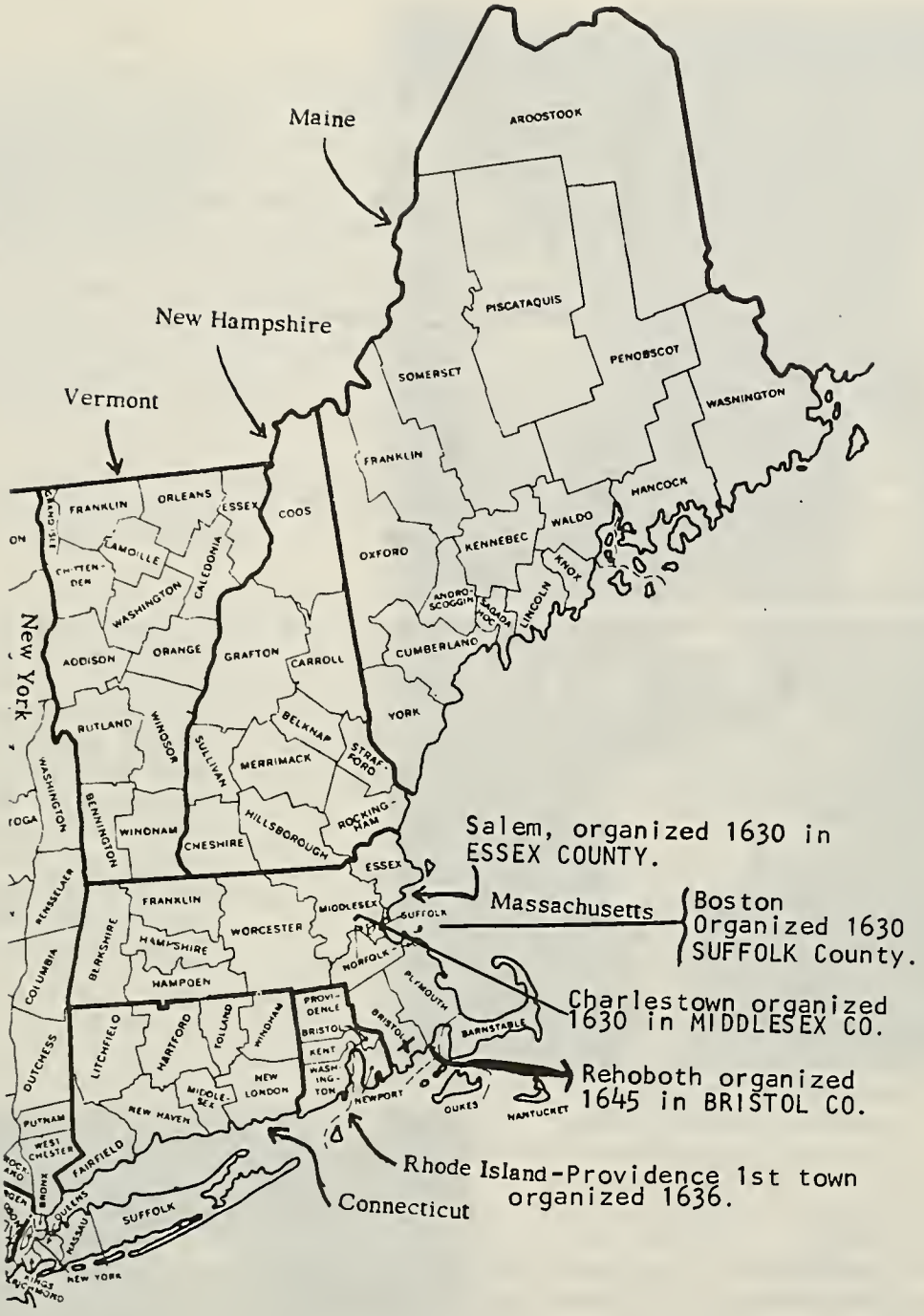
> "10 Dec 1643..It was agreed by the town that RICHARD WRIGHT should have a hundred pound estate besides his portion; to have ( ) acres on Wachamocet side; ..."

explaining that "This was perhaps an extra grant made to him in recognition of his services in organizing and settling the town of Seekonk. Seven months later on 12 July 1644 WILLIAM CHEESEBOROUGH, another Braintree man, 'is to have division in all lands of Seekunk for a hundred and fifty-three pounds besides what he is to have for his own proportion, and that in way of consideration for the pains and charges he had been att for settling off this plantation'(Rehoboth Town Meetings, Book 1)."

RICHARD WRIGHT was the first deputy to be elected to represent Rehoboth to the Court at Plymouth; however, he was strongly in support of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and very disappointed at the final decision that Rehoboth was in the Plymouth Colony, and he refused to go to the latter. "Admitted a freeman on 28 Oct 1645, WALTER PALMER was immediately sworn in as a deputy in WRIGHT's place. In 1646 there was no deputy, but in 1647 there were two: WALTER PALMER and STEPHEN PAINE," (p. 121 Bowen). The Court fined Capt. RICHARD WRIGHT twenty shillings for refusing to serve, (p. 141 Bowen).

Historian Bowen's volume III, page 155 contains the name of WALTER PALMER in a list as late as 28 June 1653 (the year usually noted when he removed to found the town of Stonington). Apparently there had been disagreements and differences over more recently granted land in the meadow and "upland" and on that date forty of the settlers signed an agreement whereby they empowered and authorized four named individuals "to conclude, agree and compose all differences that may arise concerning the said meddow and upland or any thing arising in or about the same as amply as if we were there present in our owne persons with any person or persons with whom any question may arise in or about the premises to which formensioned business we bind ourselves truly and faithfully to observe." The adversaries with whom the group of four had to deal and work out a settlement included Captain MYLES STANDISH.

Eventually it was necessary to install four "great gates" to keep cattle in the pastures and still not obstruct travel; one would be placed on the road "that leads to WALTER PALMER's house by RICHARD BOWEN, WALTER PALMER and ROBERT MARTIN and to be payed out of the rates that shall be made for Town business." Bowen explains that "In this town order the location of the gate leading to 'WALTER PALMER's house' is not clear, for in 1645 he was living in a house next to the grist mill on what is now Roger Williams Avenue," (Vol. IV, page 25 Bowen).



WALTER PALMER reached Salem, Mass. 1628/1629 the coastal village where many of the ships landed; his group after a few months moved a short distance south where they settled and named the spot Charlestown; thereafter some of that group moved across the Charles River and founded Boston. However WALTER moved westward and south to found another new community which was named Rehoboth by the Rev. Samuel Newman who arrived soon thereafter. Ten years later WALTER was persuaded by his good friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH to join him in founding still another village which eventually was named Stonington and was claimed by Connecticut. Some of the area west of Rehoboth where those settlers had their first church and first cemetery eventually became part of the area which formed Rhode Island.

WALTER PALMER was a co-founder of REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS and moved his family there in 1643.

Ten Years later in 1653 WALTER PALMER removed to Stonington, Connecticut, where he was a co-founder with his friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH; his son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR and THOMAS STANTON.

Wequetequock Grave Yard
The oldest burial ground in Stonington where all four of the Founders are buried.

The huge four-sided Memorial was erected following the 1881 Palmer Family Re-Union held in Stonington.

Historian Bowen concludes that the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN was "simply the teacher of the church. He was a scholar, and his consuming interest at this time was in the revision of the first edition of his Concordance to the Bible, finished at Weymouth and published in England in 1644. Almost every spare minute of his time must have been taken up with this new revision.... This contained more than a million and a half words.... He had to make a full time job of this Concordance, which is probably why he received no compensation from the town for the first few years. RICHARD WRIGHT was a staunch member of SAMUEL NEWMAN's church and when he went to England he may have carried to the printer the manuscript of Mr. NEWMAN's new 1650 Concordance to the Bible. There is no record of anyone else from Rehoboth visiting England at that time."

Originally RICHARD WRIGHT had been in Boston and on 16 Feb 1639 had been dismissed from the Boston Church to the Braintree Church and from there he reached Rehoboth.

Jurisdictional disputes occurred in the early days and always had factions on both sides of the controversy. When the group first ventured into Rehoboth, they believed they were still under the Mass. Bay Colony. Later a decision was made by the United Colonies that Seekonk was within the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Colony and not in that of Mass. Bay. As stated on the previous page, this so provoked RICHARD WRIGHT that he refused to go to the Plymouth Colony as the first elected deputy for Rehoboth and WALTER PALMER replaced him.

The 325th Anniversary booklet (page 21) briefly credits WALTER PALMER with being one of the first founders; note the Palmer River:

> "Family names have been given to many of the town's rivers, brooks and creeks. WALTER PALMER, who settled at Sowams on the river which bears his name, was one of the town's first founders. Leaving Rehoboth about 1647 for Stonington, Connecticut, he was one of several who was dissatisfied over the outcome of the townspeople voting to consolidate with Plymouth Colony. He was in favor of an alliance with Massachusetts Bay Colony."

In this connection, the Bowen history (pp. 114-115) merely explains that following this unfavorable decision of the United Colonies, "RICHARD WRIGHT, WILLIAM CHEESEBOROUGH and WALTER PALMER left the town; and ALEXANDER WINCHESTER died in 1647." Following their departure (1653) JOHN BROWN, previously Assistant at the Plymouth Court (living then at Taunton) was the dominant power in Rehoboth. According to the "Chesebrough Genealogy" (pp. 10-11) "This decision was arrived at contrary to Chesebrough's wishes and judgment, and the Plymouth authorities took his opposition as an affront, and treated him harshly. Feeling deeply the prejudice awakened against him, he mounted his horse, and in company with one of his sons, turned his face westward with a view of finding a place of settlement where he could escape unjust treatment and live in peace." Thus the eventual founding of Stonington by WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and his close friends came about.

WALTER PALMER IN CONNECTICUT

On 15 July 1653 when WALTER PALMER and his family moved into the house in Stonington, the oldest son, JOHN, continued living in Charlestown and it is unclear whether the second son, WILLIAM, remained there also or whether he had joined the family in Rehoboth. WILLIAM received one-half of WALTER's farm "at Seaconck" (Rehoboth) as a bequest in his father's Will (dated five years after settling in Stonington); therefore it seems more likely that he had settled in Rehoboth with his father and the family in 1643. From WALTER's Will we also learn that although he left Rehoboth he retained the farm and much of the land he owned there and these he disposed of in his Will dated 16 May 1658, probated 7 May 1662, a few months following his death in Nov 1661. The Rehoboth VR contained no record of land purchased by or granted to either WILLIAM or JONAH PALMER in the 1640's and 1650's but on 26 May 1668 the first entry for another PALMER (JONATHAN) reveals this one participated in the drawing for the purchase of lots in the meadow lands in the North Purchase.

WALTER's son, JONAH, was still single in 1653 when the family removed from Rehoboth; he married two years later ELIZABETH GRISWOLD, dau of a Charlestown family, and remained the rest of his life in Rehoboth where seven children were born to them during the period 1657-1668.

JOHN WINTHROP, Jr., an old acquaintance had been put in charge of a new settlement at a place called by the Indians Pequot (later to be New London). When WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and his son set out on their horseback trek to find a different location from Rehoboth, they journeyed about seventy miles along the coast and reached Pequot. They were strongly urged by WINTHROP to settle there and as an inducement he was offered a town lot. CHESEBROUGH was not content with the area and continued his exploration; when he came upon the Wequetequock Cove in what was called Pawcatuck, noting plenty of arable lands for planting and an abundance of pasture ground for stock raising, he made his decision; he had found his future home. (Wequete is pronounced "Wickety" and quock is pronounced like "squawk" = Wicketyquawk; Pawcatuck is pronounced just as it is written with the "c" being given the sound of a "k" = PAW KA TUCK.)

WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH had five sons by this date (1649) to help him construct their house which they located on the west side of the cove and the family removed there from Rehoboth; at that year he was aged 55 years and his wife, ANNA (STEVENSON) was aged 51. Their sons ranged in age from 9 years to 22 years. The very next year the 18-year old son, JOHN, died from a wound by a scythe and was the first white person to be buried in the town which would be named Stonington, (p. 11 Chesebrough Genealogy although William Haynes' "Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" records the death as that of the 9-year old son, JOSEPH CHESEBROUGH.)

The same year on 25 Jan one THOMAS STANTON was appointed the official Indian Interpreter for the state of Connecticut, with a yearly salary and the right to erect trading house on the Pawcatuck River; also six acres of planting ground and a monopoly to trade with the Indians for three years. In 1637 he had settled at Hartford where he married HANNAH,

the dau of THOMAS and DOROTHY LORD; they did not settle at Stonington until 1657.

In 1645 WALTER's son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR, had removed from Hingham and joined JOHN WINTHROP, Jr. and his colony in the settlement of New London (formerly Pequot), Connecticut. WALTER's dau, GRACE MINOR, had several more children born to her during their stay in New London.

In Aug 1652 THOMAS MINOR built a house for his father-in-law, WALTER PALMER, on the opposite side of Wequetequock Cove from CHESEBROUGH, the latter having persuaded WALTER to settle near him; in 1653 WALTER and REBECCA removed from Rehoboth to the house at Wequetequock Cove which their son-in-law had transferred to them. WALTER and REBECCA's family at that time consisted of the following with the approximate ages shown:

1. ELIZABETH probably in her late 20's.
2. HANNAH aged 19 yrs.
3. ELIHU aged 17 yrs.
4. NEHEMIAH aged 16 yrs.
5. MOSES aged 13 yrs.
6. BENJAMIN aged 11 yrs.
7. GERSHOM aged 9 or 10 yrs.
8. REBECCA aged 6 yrs.

GRACE, the oldest of WALTER's children and her husband and family would soon be joining them as THOMAS MINOR built his house at Mistuxet, now Quiambaug, settling there by 1654. (Quiam pronounced like "calm" and baug pronounced like "bog" - thus "Calm-bog".) WALTER would also have near him their eight MINOR grandchildren. Thus we have the four founders of the town of Stonington: WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, WALTER PALMER, THOMAS MINOR and THOMAS STANTON.

This new community had had different names, at one time being called Southertown until 1662; in 1665 the name was changed to that of Mystic; and in 1666 it was again changed to Stonington. Likewise what became New London was originally Nameaug, then called Pequot.

A Stonington historian, descendant of several pioneer families, GRACE DENISON WHEELER in 1907 enriched us with her writings about early Stonington homes which she revised in 1948. In the May 1977 quarterly of "Historical Footnotes" (publication of the Stonington Historical Society) she leads us on a tour of the old Indian trails, describing "the first grist mill in town, built in 1662, with the old mill house nearby" and the location of some of the earliest residences, including the spot "where in 1648 the first white man, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, gunsmith and blacksmith, built his home, the first in Stonington. Nearly opposite on the west side of the tracks, lived WALTER PALMER, his next neighbor, to whom he could speak from his door..."

Jurisdictional disputes were encountered in connection with the settlement of Stonington similar to such controversies experienced in the founding of numerous New England towns. WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH insisted his new home (in Stonington) was within the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Colony whereas Connecticut had assumed jurisdiction and asserted authority over all the territory embraced within her chartered limits. All the land

embraced in the boundaries of the original Stonington, according to the "History of Stonington" by RICHARD ANSON WHEELER (1900): (Page 1)

> "was included in the first Patent of Connecticut, granted by ROBERT, Earl of Warwick, in 1631 to WILLIAM, Viscount Say and Seal, the right honorable ROBERT, Lord Brook and others, acting therein by authority vested in him by Lord CHARLES, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland. (But) the colony of Massachusetts, having furnished men and munitions of war for the conquest of the Pequot Indians in 1637, claimed an interest by right of conquest in all the lands held by the Pequots before their overthrow, and determined to occupy it in advance of any settlement on the part of the Connecticut authorities...."

However, after a lengthy hearing before the Commissioners of the United Colonies, they decided in favor of Connecticut!

The original 300 acres of land held by WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH increased to many hundreds of acres; WALTER PALMER's acreage eventually totalled some 1200 acres. He later purchased land south of his original location and on the eastern slope of Togwank, on both sides of Anguilla Brook; on 25 Feb 1653/54 he was granted 100 acres of upland and also another 100 acres in and about Porkatush (Pawcatuck) (Volume 3, pp.5,8 New London Deeds). This land later became that of his sons, some of which land probably extended as far north as Pendleton Hill in North Stonington, according to the "PALMER MSS." (page 4). (Togwank was also called Taugwonk.)

Another early settler to join the above foursome was Captain GEORGE+DENISON who had 200 acres in Pequotsepos Valley and in subsequent years there would be numerous intermarriages between his family and the descendants of WALTER PALMER. The same year (1654) Captain JOHN GALLUP settled on 200 acres of land and a like amount was granted to JAMES MORGAN. Captain DENISON's family in 1654 consisted of his second wife (ANN BORODELL) and his two daughters by his first wife:

SARAH aged 13 yrs.
HANNAH aged 11 yrs.

and children by his second wife:

JOHN aged 8 yrs.
ANN aged 5 yrs. (who would marry GERSHOM PALMER)
BORODELL aged 3 yrs.
GEORGE,JR. an infant.

For about the first four years WALTER PALMER and his family had to travel to New London to attend church. "On 1 Sept 1654 the first petition of the Stonington settlers for a separate town and church was refused by the General Court. The settlers were 15 miles from New London with two big rivers to cross, could hardly attend church and they objected to paying taxes to support the New London church," ("Stonington Chronology" 1649-1949 by Williams Haynes,page 12). On 22 March 1657 the first religious service was held at Stonington in the home of WALTER PALMER with the Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON being the minister. The religious services were continued in various homes until 13 May 1661 when a meeting house was erected.

As we will see from their individual histories, WALTER's children were deeply religious and accepted their father's guidance in associating with the non-conformist movement which had been responsible for WALTER's leaving the English Church. For several years their church affiliation was with the Congregational movement which was growing rapidly in the state of Massachusetts and later in Connecticut. There is a record for most of his first five children joining First Church at Charlestown where the family resided until 1643; and the record exists of the baptism of his and REBECCA's first five children in that church. Unfortunately the earliest church records for the Newman Church at Rehoboth have been lost although it is presumed the last two children, GERSHOM and REBECCA, would have been baptized there.

On 19 Oct 1650 a group of settlers reached New London from Gloucester, Mass. The Rev. RICHARD BLINNMAN, a member of that group, was named the pastor to receive a salary of 60 pounds per year. The Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON of Braintree, Mass. (brother-in-law of Capt. GEORGE DENISON) had been a missionary to the Pequot Indians, resided eventually in Stonington where he preached to the planters there part of the time and the rest of the time he continued his missionary work with the Pequots.

The planters at Stonington continued their efforts to establish their own town and have their own church, making appeals to the Connecticut General Court and to the Massachusetts counterpart. Details of this conflict make interesting reading in "History of the First Congregational Church ("Road Church") - 300 Year Chronology - 1674-1974" published 1974 by the church and the Stonington Historical Society. Finally after a lengthy struggle the settlers succeeded in achieving local government although records of the early town of Southertown were not preserved. Their first efforts then were devoted to electing town officers and to building a meeting-house, which was used first in September 1661, just two months before the death of WALTER PALMER. However, he did not live to see the formal organization of that church which was done several years later on 3 June 1674 in accordance with established religious policy. Nine members gathered and formed First Congregational Church of Stonington (also known as the "Road Church") on that date, many of them closely related to WALTER PALMER, including two of his sons, NEHEMIAH and MOSES; his son-in-law, THOMAS MINER; grandson, EPHRAIM MINER; and the Rev. JAMES NOYES was ordained as their minister. In 1667 the planters held a town meeting for the purpose of setting apart five hundred acres of land to be "the ministry land" and two hundred acres of that land were laid out around the spot where the Road Meeting-house now stands

The first meeting house was eventually taken down so that a larger one could be erected which was done in 1729. Rev. JAMES NOYES continued as the minister until his death 30 Dec 1719, having served forty-five years. On the 10th day of Sept 1674, "it being Thursday, the Ordination of ye Reverend Mr. JAMES NOYES" took place and the "Pertakers with us were:

Capt. JAMES PENDLETON
Mrs. ANNE DENISON
Mr. THOMAS WHEELER's wife
Mrs. HANNAH GALLUP.
Mrs. GRACE MINOR
Mrs. MARY RICHARDSON
Mr. ISAAC WHEELER's wife
Mrs. MAIN"

From the list of first admissions to the church (p. 91), the following are some of those who joined during the years 1675-1677:

GRACE MINOR (WALTER's oldest child)	*EZEKIEL MAIN
Mrs. ANNAH STANTON	WILLIAM BILLINGS
HANNAH MINOR	JOHN SEARLE
JOSEPH MINOR and MARY, his wife.	JOHN DENISON
Mrs. DOROTHY NOYES	ROBERT STANTON
Mrs. NAOMI WELLS	GERSHOM PALMER and his wife, ANN
DOROTHY, wife of MOSES PALMER	

Members had to subscribe "in Publick in the meeting-house, and before the Church then assembled, and willingly and openly acknowledge their Parents' covenant, actually giving themselves to the Lord, owning the substance of ye Church Covenant and articles of faith, Promising subjection to ye Government of Christ in this Church:--"

*According to Wheeler's Stonington History, EZEKIEL MAIN came to reside permanently there in 1670 but he "is not otherwise identified in this country. He married MARY _____. It is not known whether he married before or after he came to Stonington to reside, probably a short time before as Mrs. EZEKIEL MAIN was a 'partaker at the ordination of Mr. JAMES NOYES,'the pastor of the first church in 1674."

The compiler's research the past fifteen years which has traced several dozen of descendants of WALTER PALMER also brought to her attention the marriage on 2 Apr 1845 of Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN(E) (a Baptist) and MARY ANNA PALMER at West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. Further research reveals they are both in the 8th generation down from their respective emigrants, one JOHN MAIN and WALTER PALMER! +JOHN MAIN was the father of the Stonington EZEKIEL MAIN. (See MAIN FAMILY in Allied Families.) MARY ANNA PALMER was the youngest of eight children born to NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER (supra); NATHAN[7] PALMER's lineage is: Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom,Jr.[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1].

It is interesting to note in the records of The Road Church that baptisms were recorded, performed by the Rev. JAMES NOYES, soon after his ordination, 15 Nov 1674; however, the record of marriages he performed do not commence for another twenty years, in 1695; until then marriage was thought of as a civil matter; note "Captain DENISON was to solemnize marriages;" ("History of New London" by Frances M. Caulkins, p. 104).

The same year the first religious service was held in the home of WALTER PALMER (1657) on 15 Oct he along with four others, including GEORGE DENISON and THOMAS STANTON, representing all the settlers, and with their consent, "petitioned the Governor and Magistrates of Massachusetts 'that you would please to accept us under your Government & grant unto us the liberty and priveledges of a Townshipp.' which petition was taken to Boston by DENISON on horseback." There followed strong feelings between those favoring Massachusetts and those partial to Connecticut and meetings ensued some of which were held at the home of WALTER PALMER. This resulted in the drawing up of a "Stonington Declaration of Independence" on 30 June 1658 signed by eleven which included WALTER and two of his sons; THOMAS STANTON and his son; WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and three of his sons; plus GEORGE DENISON and THOMAS SHAW; this brought about the desired result, freedom to

form their own town; elect their own town officers; and have their own church.

Some events taking place in the first years of Stonington's history were recorded for posterity by WALTER's son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR, in the latter's Diary, the original of which is deposited with the Connecticut State Library at Hartford. From a reproduction of that Diary prepared first by SIDNEY H. MINER and GEORGE D. STANTON, JR. in 1899 and recently in 1976 by JOHN A. MINER, we can read of the day-to-day events he recorded. From his writings, it is possible to understand somewhat the close family relationship which existed among these families in those early decades. THOMAS refers at times to WALTER PALMER calling him "ffather": (page 23)

"The first month is march and hath .31. days being the year 1657, and the second yeare after the leape yeare... the .6. day we changed .2. bushels of winter wheate with my ffather for .2. bushels of summer wheate to sow and sabath day the .8. and sabath day the .15. the Sacrament was administered Mr.THOMSON and his wife came and we lay at Jams Averies and sabath day the .22.the meeting was at my ffathers ..." (page 23).

Another reference may also have referred to WALTER PALMER:

"The thirde moneth (1658) is may and hath .31. days saterday the first and satterday the .8. we had done hewing of shingell we washed the sheep we had mended the baren friday ye .14. we had shoren the sheep ... satterday the .15. there is a Church meeting at Towne & satterday the same day o'r father was taken sicke & satterday the .22. we had done plowing ... o'r father begun to mend..." (page 29).

The date in this one is interesting -- 15 May 1658 -- and especially so when we note that on 19 May 1658 WALTER PALMER signed his Will in the presence of his long-time friend, WILLIAM CHESEBOROUGH and the latter's two sons: SAMUEL and NATHANIEL.

Although WALTER did not die for three years (in 1661), perhaps he had a premonition that week when he was ill and decided it was time at age seventy-three, to have his Will prepared in the event that was his last sickness.

1658

"The Twelvth moneth is februarie and hath .28. days and is the thirde yeare after the leape yeare and the yeare 1658 & monday the .21. I was questioned at my ffathers for being a leader to make division ..." (page 33).

1659

"The second month is Aprile and hath .30. days ... tusday .26. sister hanah was maried (referring to his wife's half-sister, HANNAH PALMER, oldest child of WALTER and REBECCA who married THOMAS HEWITT on 26 Apr 1659; THOMAS was lost at sea) but next item:

"The third month is may and hath .31. days ... the .2. of may being monday HANAH had a son... (records reveal HANNAH's first child was born 2 May 1660 and named THOMAS HEWITT, JR., yet the Diary is clear that it was the year 1659.) (page 34).

Continuing with excerpts from Thomas Minor's Diary: 1659

"The leventh month is Januarie and hath .31. days sabath day the first that weeke I threshed Indean corne and tusday and wensday the 3 & 4 day we met at my ffathers and I first heard of the third writting and disclaimed it... (page 38) 1660

"The first month is march 31 days ... the .15. I was threshing of wheate for Ralpth perker we had our .3. pigs from ffathers (page 39).

"The leventh month is Januarie 31 days ... the .29. I Reckned with my ffather palmer there was all paid and .17. shillings due to me thursday the .31. we had .10 bushells of white pease. (page 43)

"The third month is may .31. days & wensday is the first 1661 the Captaine (probably George Denison) and I wer at new london they denied us the records... the .15. I was at my father palmers the .17. day being friday I am to set forth for the bay. (page 45)

"The fourth month is June 30 days ... saterday the 29. Captaine gookin was heare this weeck we laid out walter palmer his land yt was given to Captain denson... (page 45). 1661

"The ninth month is november .30. days ... saterday the 23 I came whome and thursday the .28. there was a Towne meeting & new Choyce of Townesmen & othe(r) officers at mr smiths was this meeting

"sabath day the 10th of november 1661 Walter palmer departed this world."

From the last two items above it appears the diarist completed his entries for the month of November through the 28th although he was apparently not at home during the first part of the month inasmuch as he has written he was "at new london on the 22nd of October, a Wednesday;" he appears to have entered the death of his father, WALTER PALMER, later as it is not entered chronologically.

The terms father or mother-in-law, step-brother, step-sister, etc. were not in general usage in the early days and it seems to have been a common practice to refer to a father or mother-in-law as "father" or "mother." This is indicated by references made by THOMAS MINOR in his diary when he is referring to his wife's step-mother, REBECCA PALMER:

1663

"The seventh monteh is september ... Tusday the .15 mother was heare... (page 59).

1671

"The fift moneth is July and hath .31. days ... The .10th. a towne meeting the .13th. Bouls was maried ... the .15. day saterday at night Mother palmer departed this Life saterday the .22. I had three loads of white pease and Two Loades of Oates In to the barne ..." (page 104).

Thus we have definite dates in the diary of the death of WALTER and REBECCA PALMER -- a brief, simple recording of their departing this life.

Although WALTER lived at Southertown (later in May 1666 changed to Stonington) only a few years, eight in all, his impact there was the same as it had been when he was a younger man helping to settle and found Rehoboth and Charlestown. When he settled at Southertown he was sixty-eight years

of age, older than most of the other settlers; he was one of the first to serve as Constable here, and on 19 Oct 1658 was appointed"to a committee to conduct the prudential affairs," along with five others. He was always a leader in all activities looking toward the founding of a new settlement: religious, civic, law and order, or representation at the General Court, just as he had been at Charlestown and Rehoboth. Perhaps the 300-Year Stonington Chronology by Haynes more aptly described WALTER PALMER in referring to him as the "patriach of the early Stonington settlers .... (who) had been prominent in the establishment of Boston, Charlestown,and Rehoboth, ... was a vigorous giant, 6 ft. 5 in. tall..." (page 12)

WALTER PALMER was a man of great integrity, honesty and ability who held strong religious convictions which were contrary to those of the Established Church in England -- that the church had erred in continuing with the pagentry and formality of the Roman Church instead of returning to the simplicity of the early Christian Churches as they had been during their first three hundred years. At age of forty-four years he was not afraid to venture forth to a new world with his five motherless children in the hope and great expectation that a better life awaited them--a life that would afford them freedom to worship God in a manner they were convinced was the only right way; and the opportunity to own the land he farmed and on which his dairy cattle roamed.

His many virtues and strength of character were passed along to his children and his sons carried on in the same manner--assuming responsibilities, serving as civic officers, becoming church members and some even became deacons of the church, and having their own children baptized in the church. It is obvious they respected and agreed with their father's non-conformist ideas which may have dated back prior to WALTER's marriage as no record has been found that any of the first five children were ever baptized in a parish church in England. Likewise no record has ever been found of WALTER's first marriage in England nor for a certainty the name of the mother of his first five children. Numerous published records in this country have asserted her name was "ANN (called ELIZABETH to distinguish her from her mother)" according to "Palmer Groups," where on page 15 Leavitt adds: "authority of Mr. FRED CARLISLE, Secretary of the Historical Society of Detroit, Michigan."

As previously explained, WALTER survived the making of his last will and testament by three years. In it he lovingly and thoughtfully mentioned and made provision for his "Loving wife" (REBECCA) and requested that she and his son, ELIHU, as executors "bring up my children & pay them theire portions as my Lands & Estate will beare..." He had two minor children when he died, to wit: GERSHOM aged then 16 years and REBECCA aged 14 years. He provided that should "my wife shall marry againe..." (which she never did) his bequest to her would vary. A copy of his Will is set forth in the Addendum of this volume.

Another characteristic which may have set WALTER PALMER and his close friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, apart from most of the other pioneers is a sense of humility which they both evidenced in refraining from naming any of their many sons after themselves. In this regard they

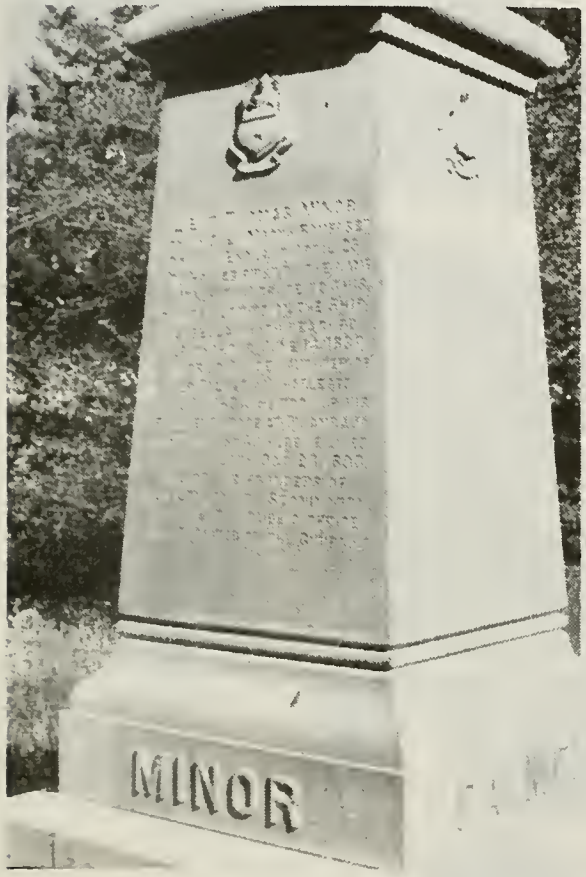
apparently had no hesitancy in deviating from tradition again; not one of WALTER's eight sons was named WALTER, JR. and not one of WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH's nine sons was named WILLIAM, JR. although it had been traditional for many decades that one son (usually the oldest) be named after his father. Is it possible this humbleness had a religious connotation? A study of the names given their sons by the fourteen leading pioneers of Stonington revealed that the only other one of that number who did not name one of his sons after himself was the Rev. WILLIAM NOYES.

The naming of children had followed tradition and a son was named for his father and a daughter for her mother and some were always named for the grandparents. There has been no explanation for WALTER's first daughter being named GRACE; however, his second daughter was named ELIZABETH and the third daughter named HANNAH (variation of ANN or ANNA) which may give credence to the claim that his first wife,ANN, was called ELIZABETH; likewise, in naming his youngest daughter REBECCA, the family was certainly following tradition--naming her for her mother, the second wife. It is also significant that almost all of WALTER's sons were given Biblical names: JOHN, JONAS (JONAH), ELIHU, NEHEMIAH, MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM.

Most of WALTER's contemporaries did have grandsons also named after them and in this instance such a tradition applied to him too. However, out of seventeen Palmer grandsons, only one was named WALTER PALMER (2nd)--a son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER and his wife, ANN, (b 1683/84). From that grandson for the next seven generations down at least there was a WALTER PALMER. This is revealed in a small book published 1887 by one of the WALTER PALMERs and a Mrs. LYDIA C. DORRANCE. The last one listed with the name was WALTER MILLARD PALMER born 1861. Their little book was entitled "Genealogy of That Branch of the PALMERS Emanating From The Marriage of GERSHOM PALMER, son of WALTER, and ANN DENISON, AD 1667," but it pertained mainly to the lineage down from WALTER PALMER, 2nd. Thus two hundred years after the death of the emigrant in Stonington, a direct descendant of his was born in Oakfield, Kent Co., Mich. 9 July 1861, the son of WALTER ATWOOD PALMER and THEODOCIA DePUY who carried on the emigrant's name. The co-author of the book was the dau of SAMUEL PALMER and his wife, LYDIA R. ORMSBEE; LYDIA C. PALMER married 7 Apr 1869 at Brooklyn, Conn. GEORGE S. DORRANCE.

Although four of the sons of WALTER PALMER left no issue, the Stonington pioneer still had 48 grandchildren and as near as can be counted 280 great-grandchildren! Descendants of his have remained in the Stonington area continuously, a period of over 350 years. The first ever reunion of the WALTER PALMER descendants was held in Stonington August 10-11, 1881, and a second one the following year. According to Haynes 300-Year Chronology in May-June 1897 "Descendants of WALTER PALMER, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, THOMAS STANTON and THOMAS MINER solicit funds for monument in Wequetequock Cemetery to founders' memory;" and HENRY M. PALMER was Chairman of the committee and S. H. CHESEBROUGH the clerk. The same chronology reveals that on 31 Aug 1899 the "Monument in Wequetequock Cemetery to Stonington founders dedicated; erected by Wequetequock Burial Place Association; S. H. CHESEBROUGH, President-Treasurer; F. B. NOYES, Secretary."

Four-Sided Monument erected 1881 to honor the four founders of Stonington; placed in oldest burial yard Wequetequock, where all four were buried: WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH,
WALTER PALMER,
THOMAS MINOR,
THOMAS STANTON.



Walter Palmer's Grave with "Wolf Stone" placed on top, flat on the ground, supposedly to keep wild animals from foraging for bodies buried beneath them.

First (Congregational) Church in Stonington, organized 1674, "The Road Church" -

(All photos taken in 1970's.)

Architectural style of fine houses built in Stonington last half of 18th Century; houses the first 100 years were much more primitive.

This huge monument has the surname of the four founders carved on the four sides with the coats of arms at the top (some being disproved in later years) and the inscription to WALTER PALMER reads:

WALTER PALMER

One of the founders of Stonington. Emigrated to New England in 1629 and settled in Charlestown, Mass. Became a freeman May 18, 1631 and united with the Charlestown Church June 1,1633. Removed to Rehoboth, Plymouth Colony in 1642 and represented that town on the general court. Came to Stonington in 1652 and lived here until his death Nov. 10, 1661. At his home near this spot was held the first religious service between the Thames River and Narragansett Bay.

WALTER PALMER and his son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR, and the other two co-founders of Stonington, their spouses and numerous descendants have been buried in Wequetequock Cemetery through the years; it is a small burial yard but also the oldest and numerous early burials took place in a section of someone's farm; counting these small burial yards, there are some fifty cemeteries in the Stonington area.

In preparation of the 1976 Bi-Centennial a plaque was installed in Wequetequock near the site of the first Stonington settlement, erected by the Town, the Historical Society and the Connecticut Historical Commission commemorating the founding of Stonington. The site finally selected to display this historical marker is the attractive crescent-shaped piece of land where the new Route No. 1 cuts across the serpentine Old Stonington Road, half a mile west of Greenhaven Road. Here a motorist can pull off the road, stop and read about the town he is in. It was erected by the town's Highway Department in December 1976. The same copy of the Stonington story appears on both sides of the sign:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STONINGTON

THIS COASTLINE OF PEQUOT INDIAN COUNTRY WAS FIRST MAPPED BY ADRIAEN BLOCK FROM HOLLAND IN 1614. THE FIRST SETTLERS IN 1649 WERE WILLIAM and ANNA CHESEBROUGH AT WEQUETEQUOCK COVE. THE NEXT YEAR THOMAS STANTON BUILT A TRADING POST ON THE PAWCATUCK RIVER. TWO YEARS LATER CAME WALTER PALMER, THOMAS MINER AND CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON. JOHN GALLUP AND ROBERT PARK SETTLED IN THE MYSTIC AREA SOON AFTERWARDS.

IN 1658 MASSACHUSETTS CLAIMED THE TOWN NAMING IT SOUTHERTON. GOVERNOR JOHN WINTHROP, JR. OBTAINED THE CONNECTICUT CHARTER FROM ENGLAND IN 1662 WHICH SET THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN.

IT WAS RENAMED MYSTIC IN 1665 AND STONINGTON IN 1666. MEN OF STONINGTON REPULSED A BRITISH NAVAL ATTACK ON THE TOWN BOTH IN 1775 and IN 1814. THE OLD TRADES OF SHIPBUILDING,WHALING,SEALING AND THE RAILROAD-STEAMBOAT TERMINAL HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND

COMMERCIAL FISHING.

TODAY STONINGTON'S PAST MARITIME GLORY IS REFLECTED IN THE RELICS OF HER MYSTIC SEAPORT AND OLD LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM.

Erected by the Town of Stonington,
The Stonington Historical Society
and the
Connecticut Historical Commission.

1976

WALTER's children by his first wife, all born in England:

2. (1) GRACE PALMER, born 1608, d 1690 at Stonington.
3. (2) JOHN PALMER, born ca 1617, d 24 Aug 1677 at Charlestown.
4. (3) WILLIAM PALMER, b ca 1619, d 1697, prob. at Killingworth.
5. (4) JONAH (JONAS) PALMER b ca 1620/21, d 22 June 1709,Rehoboth.
6. (5) ELIZABETH PALMER born ca 1623, date and place of death unk.

WALTER's children by his second wife, first five b Charlestown:

7. (6) HANNAH PALMER bapt 15 June 1634,date and place of death unk.
8. (7) ELIHU PALMER bapt 24 Jan 1636, d 5 Sept 1665,*Stonington
9. (8) NEHEMIAH PALMER bapt 23 Nov 1637, d 17 Feb 1717/18 at Stonington, Connecticut
10. (9) MOSES PALMER bapt 6 Apr 1640, d 6 July 1701, Stonington
11. (10) BENJAMIN PALMER bapt 6 June 1642, d 10 Apr 1715/16 at Stonington
12. (11) GERSHOM PALMER born 1644/45 Rehoboth, Mass., d 27 Sept 1718 Stonington
13. (12) REBECCA PALMER born ca 1647 Rehoboth, Mass., d 2 May 1713 at Stonington (according to "Baldwin Genealogy,"p.239).

* The Thomas Minor Diary (page 197) has this:
"The 5th. of september 1665 our Brother Elihu palmer died."
Haynes' "300-Year Stonington Chronology" has this for 1669:
"Twenty yrs. after the settlement, and now the sons of the founding fathers were beginning to take over, so that Mar.2, the following town officers were elected for 1 yr.:.....
ELIHU PALMER, constable. ...."

However, in the 1668 census of Stonington taken of the"inhabitants or heads of families," the name of ELIHU PALMER does not appear although the names of his three brothers, MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM, do appear which would indicate the Diary date for his death is more accurate; ELIHU was the oldest of WALTER's son by REBECCA and there is no record that ELIHU ever removed from Stonington.

CHAPTER TWO

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WALTER PALMER's CHILDREN

2. ≠ GRACE PALMER
3. ≠ JOHN PALMER
4. ≠ WILLIAM PALMER
5. ≠ JONAH (JONAS) PALMER
6. ≠ ELIZABETH PALMER
7. ≠ HANNAH PALMER
8. ≠ ELIHU PALMER
9. ≠ NEHEMIAH PALMER
10. ≠ MOSES PALMER
11. ≠ BENJAMIN PALMER
12. ≠ GERSHOM PALMER
13. ≠ REBECCA PALMER

(Including Names of 48 Grandchildren and Approximately 280 Great-Grandchildren.)

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO SECOND GENERATION

In compiling the lists of children and grandchildren for WALTER PALMER, the following books and records were consulted:

1. "History of the Town of Stonington" by Richard Anson Wheeler(1900);
2. "Palmer Groups" compiled by Miss Emily Wilder Leavitt (1901-1905);
3. "Stonington 300-Year Chronology 1649-1949" by Williams Haynes(1949);
4. "The Lyon's Whelps" by John A. Miner (1970); (Miner Descendants)
5. "THOMAS MINOR; DESCENDANTS" by John A. Miner (1981);
6. "History of the First Congregational Church of Stonington, Connecticut 1674-1974" - a 300-Year Chronology of The Road Church (1974) by The Road Church and the Stonington Historical Society;
7. "The MINOR Diaries -- THOMAS 1653-1684 and MANASSEH 1696-1720" published by John A. Miner (1976)
8. "PALMER Records" (Volume No. One) edited by Noyes Fink Palmer (1881) "Proceedings, or Memorial Volume of the First Palmer Family Re-Union Held at Stonington, Conn. August 10 and 11, 1881."
9. "The DENISON Genealogy" compiled by E.Glenn Denison, Josephine Middleton Peck and Donald L. Jacobus (1963);
10. "The Groton AVERY Clan" by Elroy M. and Catharine H. Avery (1912);
11. "A Genealogical History of the Rehoboth Branch of the CARPENTER Family in America" by Amos B. Carpenter (1898);
12. "The GRISWOLD Family in England and America" compiled by Glenn E. Griswold;
13. "Genealogy of the Descendants of THOMAS LORD" compiled by Kenneth Lord (1946);
14. "A Record, Genealogical, Biographical, Statistical, of THOMAS STANTON, of Connecticut and His Descendants 1635-1891" by William A. Stanton, Ph.D., D.D. (1891);
15. "Genealogy of the Descendants of WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH of Boston, Rehoboth, Mass." by Anna Chesebrough Wildey (1903);
16. "The BALDWIN Genealogy" by Charles Candee Baldwin, M.A. (1881);
17. "HALE, HOUSE and Allied Families" by Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman;
18. "Encyclopedia of Massachusetts" published by The American Historical Society (Inc.) Chicago and New York;
19. "Genealogy of that Branch of the PALMERS Emanating from the Marriage of GERSHOM PALMER and ANN DENNISON" by Walter Palmer and Mrs.Lydia C. Dorrance (1887);
20. "CEMETERIES in Stonington and The Homes of Our Ancestors in Stonington, Connecticut" by Grace Denison Wheeler (1903);
21. "The BARBOUR Collection" of early Births, Marriages and Burials as reprinted in "The Connecticut Nutmegger" (Volumes 1-16) being earliest vital statistics for numerous Connecticut towns;
22. "History and Genealogy of The Families of Old Fairfield, Conn." compiled and edited by Donald Lines Jacobus (reprinted 1976);
23. "The TRACY Genealogy" by Everet E. Tracy (1898);
24. "Genealogy of the Family of Lt. THOMAS TRACY" by Mrs.Matilda O. Abbey (1888);
25. "The TRACY Family" by Scott Lee Boyd of Santa Barbara,Calif. (1933);
26. "History of the BUELL Family" by Albert Welles (1881) page vi of APPENDIX re "Lineage of General ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT."

27. "Your Ancestors" (a Bi-Monthly Publication in 1940's and 1950's) by Harry Ferris Johnston containing 32 pages of descendants of Walter Palmer of Stonington, Connecticut.
28. "Historical Footnotes" quarterly publication of The Stonington Historical Society.
29. "The Palmers of Stonington and Allied Families" by Lucy Frane Palmer.
30. "Palmer Families in America" (typescript), two volumes of about 2,000 pages; research done by Dr. Byron Smith Palmer of Palmyra, N.Y. (between 1900-1927) and his Associate, Attorney Horace Wilbur Palmer of NYC (from 1915 to 1954). These are referred to herein as "Palmer MSS." Page Numbers in these two volumes: (In Los Angeles City Library)

WALTER PALMER - 1-8	ELIHU PALMER - 17
GRACE PALMER - 9-10	BENJAMIN PALMER - 18-20
JOHN PALMER -11-12	JONAH PALMER - 22-24
WILLIAM PALMER-13-14	MOSES PALMER - 25-26
ELIZABETH PALMER -15	GERSHOM PALMER - 997-999
HANNAH PALMER - 16	REBECCA PALMER -

31. Handwritten manuscripts of Dr. Byron Smith Palmer which were subsequently typewritten into the two volumes listed under No. 30 above (in possession of this compiler). They are referred to in this volume as "Palmer MSS" -handwritten. These handwritten manuscripts fill three large volumes, and are arranged chronologically although there is no index. Likewise, there is no index in the typescript volumes but they also are arranged chronologically by generation.

The variations and/or discrepancies in these many books and records were numerous and unending. Differences were noted in dates of birth, baptisms, marriages, burials and even the place where these events took place. Most striking and unexplainable were the variations in the number of children for many couples and the name of a second spouse. There were too many such instances and they are not being itemized here. However, this is being pointed out specifically to the readers so they will not be surprised to find such items at variance with what they may have seen previously elsewhere. In some instances the compiler has pointed out these variations in the specific chapter and attempted to explain the discrepancy.

Obviously at this late date it is impossible to reconcile these many differences in dates, names, places and families although every effort has been made by the compiler to outline important variations, such as the difference in the name of a second spouse and the specific number of children in a family. Differences in dates are not of too great a concern to present-day members of the family; the important thing is that the individuals were listed, dates and places of birth usually set out, dates of marriage and deaths shown and, when known, the place of burial.

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Compiler

2. GRACE PALMER was b in England, oldest child of WALTER PALMER and his first wife, ANN (_____) PALMER ("called ELIZABETH to distinguish her from her mother; authority of Mr. Fred Carlisle, Secretary of the Historical Society of Detroit, Michigan" according to Emily Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" p.15, pub. 1901). Future historians have given her birthdate as 1608, the same as that of THOMAS MINOR whom she married at Charlestown, Massachusetts on 23 Apr 1634. They both died in Stonington, Connecticut in 1690 and were buried in the Wequetequock Burial Ground, the oldest cemetery in Stonington.

Whether or not GRACE was so named for her Aunt GRACE PALMER, wife of ABRAHAM PALMER, reportedly a brother of WALTER PALMER, we will probably never know; however, it was not a common name for little girls during the early 17th Century. And research of many years has failed to establish that ABRAHAM and WALTER were indeed brothers.

Although the name of GRACE PALMER and her siblings has not been found on any passenger list of those reaching this country in 1628-1629, it has been assumed they accompanied their father, WALTER PALMER, who arrived at Salem, Massachusetts in June of 1629. There is no record that his wife accompanied the family. ("Planters of the Commonwealth" by Charles Edward Banks (1930) pp.63-64.)

Perhaps the first record we have of GRACE PALMER is found in the "Record-Book of The First Church in Charlestown" 1 June 1633 when she, together with her father and her step-mother, REBECCA,were admitted to membership in that church (NEHGR, Vol. 23, Page 191, April 1869):

"4:Mo: day i (1633) walter Palmer, and Rebeckah his wife:and--
Grace Pamer their daughter: were Admitted."

Thus far no record of the baptism of WALTER's five children in a parish church in England has been found, and it is believed none of them were baptized in America. The research of Charles Edward Banks indicates the family came from Yetminster Parish in Dorsetshire. Until her father remarried, GRACE (age twenty) doubtless had had to be the mother of this family of three younger brothers and one sister ranging in ages from four to ten or twelve years; this would have covered the period of time from their settling at Charlestown in 1629 to 1 June 1633 when her father remarried (2nd) REBECCA SHORT (daughter of THOMAS SHORT (according to research manuscripts of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER))a member of the Roxbury Church. The Rev. JOHN ELIOT was Minister of that Church where they were married. (The handwritten manuscripts of DR.PALMER have no reference.)

Charles Banks' "Passenger List" (supra) sets out the arrival mid-July at Salem, Massachusetts, of the "Lyon's Whelp, John Gibbs, Master. Sailed from Gravesend April 25, 1629, 'With above forty planters out of the Countyes of Dorset and Somerset' (and) 6 fishermen from Dorchester." From Dorsetshire came the SPRAGUE family of seven and from Somerset came THOMAS MINOR of Chew Magna, all destined to settle at Charlestown. The SPRAGUE family was from the village of Upway, not a great distance from Yetminister, home of the WALTER PALMER family. Whether or not these three families were acquainted in their homeland will doubtless never be known but it seems very likely the ones at Upway and Yetminister knew each other. Both the SPRAGUE family and THOMAS MINOR were destined to have a closer

association with the PALMER family in the years ahead, especially the latter. THOMAS MINOR must have remained in the area of Salem-Boston originally and have joined First Church in Boston; however, by 1632 he is in Charlestown where he became one of the original founders of their First Church which had its beginnings 30 July 1630 at a gathering of a few whose purpose was to establish this, the fourth church in New England ("History of Charlestown" by Richard Frothingham, Jr. (1845) p.68).

The Charlestown First Church's Record-Book, Page 1, sets forth the list of those who "were dismissed from Boston Church the 14th of the eaight moneth 1632" (14 October 1632) apparently to form the church at Charlestown which included these names:

ABRA., GRACE, PALMER
RALPH, JONE, SPRAGUE
RICHARD, MARY, SPRAGUE
THOMAS MINOR

(Reprinted Vol. 23, April 1869, NEHGR, Page 190; and this same information is set forth in Frothingham's History.)

The Charlestown Church's Record Book (NEHGR, supra, page 279) lists as newly admitted on the 9th month (November), 6th day of 1637 one"JOHN HARVARD and ANNA HARVARD his wiffe".

Among those who"tooke the Oath of Freemen of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1631-1641" were the following:

18 May 1631 - RALFE SPRAGE
RICH SPRAGE
WALT PALMER
ABRAHAM PALMER

4 March 1633 - THOMAS MINOR

("Records of the Governor of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. I, 1628-1641" by Shurtleff (1853).)

On 23 April 1634 GRACE PALMER and THOMAS MINOR were married at Charlestown; their first child, JOHN, was baptized there 30 August 1635. The year following this family removed to Hingham, Mass. where their next four children were born. In 1645 the family joined JOHN WINTHROP, JR.'s Colony of Massachusetts Puritans in the settlement at New London (Pequot or Nameaug), Connecticut, where their next three children were born.

GRACE MINOR's father and his family had also moved from Charlestown in 1643 joining their old friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, and at his request had settled in the village which became known as Rehoboth (formerly Seacuncke), still in Massachusetts however.

THOMAS MINOR was appointed military sergeant; and was one of the first deputies to the General Court from his area, in 1650 and 1651. In May of 1649 by Colonial appointment he served as a magistrate, or justice, in the Town of New London and thereafter when he resided in Stonington he held these same positions representing that Town.

In 1652 THOMAS MINOR took up a tract of land east of and adjoining the Wequetequock Cove, on which he erected a house in the area which became known as Stonington. The following year his father-in-law, WALTER PALMER,

again at the urging of his friend, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, removed his family from Rehoboth to Southerton (later Stonington). The manuscript research papers of Messrs. BYRON SMITH PALMER and HORACE WILBUR PALMER explain what followed:

"The settlement of New London, Connecticut, was begun in the year 1645 when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony made a grant to JOHN WINTHROP, JR. of this part of Connecticut known as the 'Pequot country'. JOHN WINTHROP then urged WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH to settle in that section. CHESEBROUGH went from Rehoboth previous to 1653 and examined the land and preferring that part of the country known as 'Wequetequock' and supposing that it was a part of the Massachusetts territory, applied for a grant of 300 acres of land, which was soon increased to 2300 acres.

"By 1650 THOMAS STANTON had procured of the General Court a license to erect a trading-house at Pawcatuck (in the Stonington area) with the exclusive right of trade there for three years. He built and occupied the trading-house but did not bring his family there until 1658. (See Wheeler's "History of Stonington" p.4.) On the 30th day of June, 1652, the town of New London granted a tract of 300 acres of land to Governor HAYNES for a farm lying together on the east side of Wequetequock Cove.

"WALTER PALMER bought land on the east bank of Wequetequock Cove also as appears by a record dated 15 July 1653 in which he made an agreement with Governor JOHN HAYNES of Hartford for the purchase thereof ("New London Deeds", Vol. 2, p.1); THOMAS MINOR and JOHN MINOR were witnesses to this document. This land was later found to cover a part of the tract which had been formerly sold to THOMAS MINOR, the western boundary of which was on the bank of the Cove. An agreement was thereafter reached between WALTER PALMER and his son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR, regarding this property and the title vested in WALTER."

Wheeler's History takes this incident further by explaining (p.5):

"This contract recognized the title to the house and lands occupied by Mr. MINER and was dated July 15th 1653. MR. MINER was selected to put MR. PALMER in possession of the land... and did so by a written instrument embodying therein a conveyance of his own land and dwelling-house ... to MR. PALMER, reserving the right, however, to occupy his said house until he could build another at Mistuxet (now Quiambaug)."

GRACE and THOMAS MINOR apparently removed to Stonington after the birth of their 9th child, SAMUEL, who was born 4 Mar. 1652/53 in New London; their 10th and last child, HANNAH, was born 15 Sept 1655 in Stonington. By the arrival there in 1653 of GRACE's father, WALTER PALMER, the town was firmly established and thus the foursome, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, THOMAS STANTON, THOMAS MINOR and WALTER PALMER, became forever known as the "founders of Stonington".

THOMAS MINOR was captain of the Stonington Militia in 1665 and a lieutenant in the Narragansett Campaign of King Philip's War in 1675-76 and took part in the "Swamp Fight" near Kingston, Rhode Island. In Stonington he received

grants of acreage which were given to those who had performed distinguished public service; his land there totalled at least 150 acres. He was Chief military officer of the Mystic Trainband in July 1665. He previously had been granted 200 acres of land in Pequot (New London) by the Court. He was selected Commissioner in dealings with the Indians and settlers inasmuch as he had mastered the language of the Indians so he could act as interpreter in dealings between them and the white settlers.

The five sons and one daughter of this couple who survived to adulthood, married and had issue presented GRACE and THOMAS with more than fifty grandchildren, whose descendants would now have numbered in the thousands. And a further legacy from THOMAS is his own diary recorded day by day commencing in 1653 and continuing to 1684; the original still exists and is in the safe keeping of the State Library at Hartford, Connecticut. It was reduced to book form and published in 1899 by SIDNEY H. MINER and GEORGE D. STANTON, JR. and more recently again published in 1976 by JOHN A. MINER of Trevett, Maine.

MANASSEH MINOR, sixth son of GRACE and THOMAS, in 1696/97 commenced keeping a diary also as his father had done. In 1915 this was published by FRANK DENISON MINER and HANNAH MINER, and JOHN A. MINER included it as part of the book he had published in 1976, the Preface of which commences:

> "THOMAS MINOR and his son, MANASSEH, left a great legacy to historians concerned with events surrounding early New England Colonists. The Diaries of these two men are nearly unique in that they are but two of eighteen known to exist from the period."

JOHN A. MINER has also left a worthwhile legacy to historians and to the descendants of GRACE and THOMAS MINOR by publishing in 1970 a genealogy of that family under the title "The Lyon's Whelps". An explanation is set forth therein on page 3 regarding the various spellings of that surname: MINOR, MINER or MYNOR, all three being used by the pioneer descendants of the family. In 1981 he published a current edition "THOMAS MINOR: DESCENDANTS, 1608-1981" of over one thousand pages.

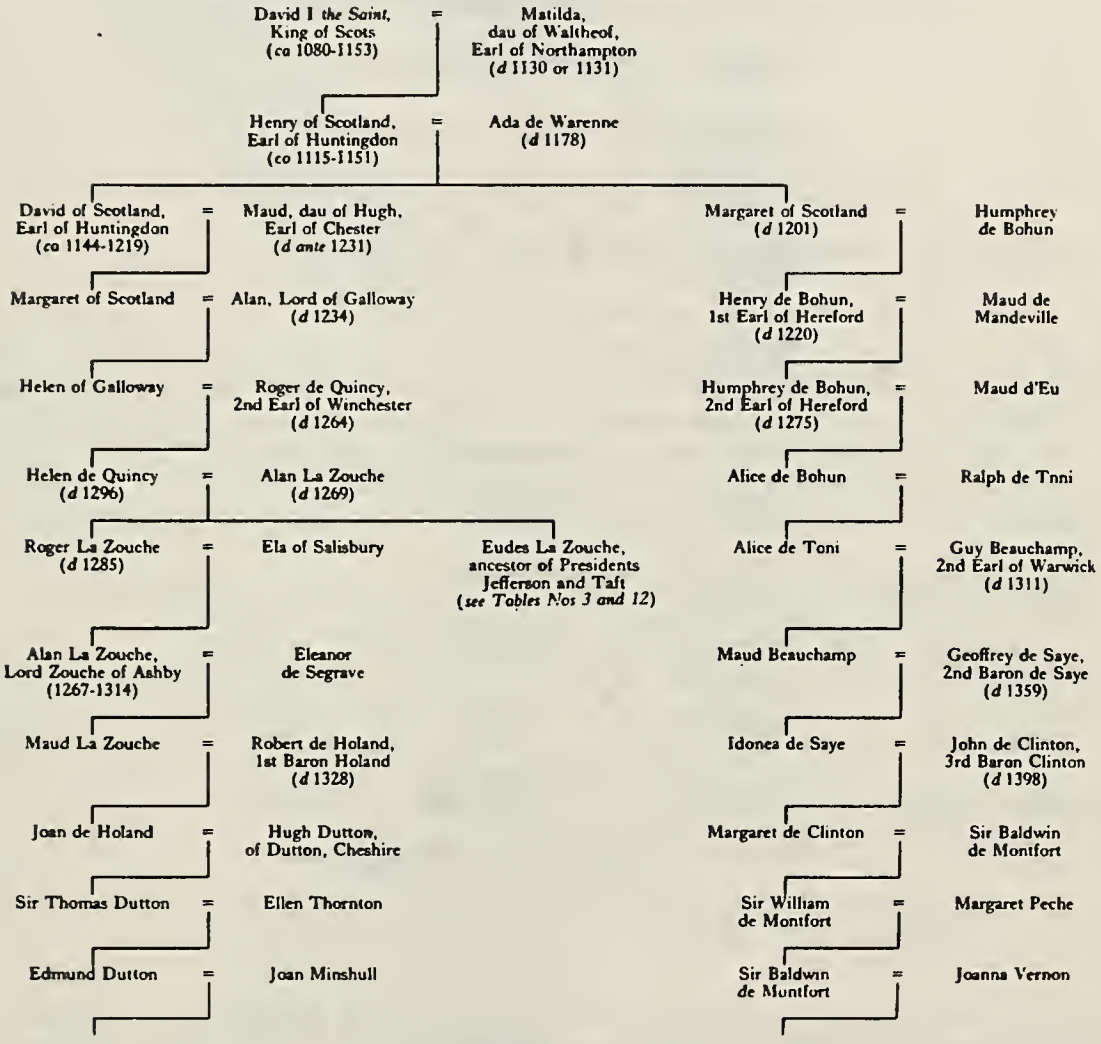
GRACE PALMER and THOMAS MINOR had the following children and grandchildren:

(1) JOHN MINOR bapt Charlestown, 30 Aug 1635, m ELIZABETH BOOTH in Stratford, Conn. 19 Oct 1658; d 17 Sept 1719, aged 85 yrs., Woodbury, Conn. ELIZABETH was born 1634 the dau of RICHARD BOOTH; she d 1732, aged 98. Resided Woodbury, Conn. after leaving Stratford where their 10 children were born:

- i JOHN born 9 Sept 1659, m SARAH ROSE.
- ii THOMAS (2nd) b 29 May 1662, m HANNAH CURTISS.
- iii HANNAH b Stratford 2 Aug 1664, married _____.
- iv ELIZABETH b Stratford 16 Jan 1666/7 m Dea. ZECHARIAH WALKER.
- v GRACE b 20 Sept 1670, m SAMUEL GRANT, 11 Apr 1688.*
- vi JOSEPH b 4 Mar 1673, m SUSANNA ROOT 12 July 1710.
- vii EPHRAIM b 24 Oct 1675, m REBECCA CURTISS 21 Aug 1701.
- viii SARAH b 19 June 1678, m STEPHEN CURTISS, 2 Nov 1699.
- ix ABIGAIL b 6 Feb 1681, m (1st) JOHN TREADWELL 8 Feb 1699; m (2nd) SAMUEL MILES.
- x JOANNA b 5 July 1683, m WILLIAM GAYLORD 12 Feb 1706.

(*- See next Page)

9 THE DESCENT OF PRESIDENT GRANT FROM DAVID I, KING OF SCOTS



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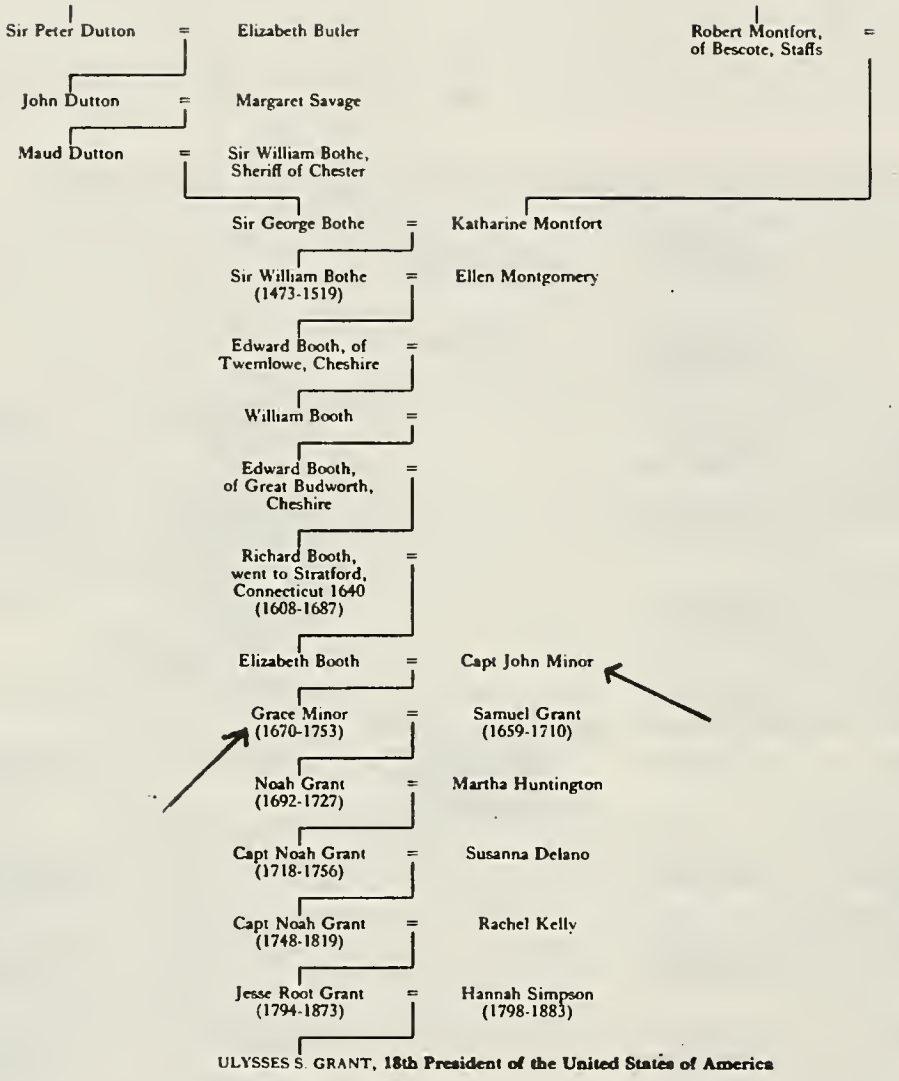

The ancestry of the wife of Captain JOHN MINOR (first child born to GRACE (PALMER) and THOMAS MINOR) traces back through her father (the BOOTH line) to DAVID The First, King of the Scots (ca 1080-1153) and also through the MONTFORT line to King DAVID (through the marriage of KATHARINE MONTFORT and Sir GEORGE BOTHE (BOOTH).)

(From BURKE's "PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES OF THE USA")

Through their granddaughter, GRACE MINOR, born at Stratford, Conn. 20 Sept 1670, who married SAMUEL GRANT (1659-1710) one of the PALMER-MINOR descendants included the 18th President of the United States of America, ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT (1822-1885). Burke's "Presidential Families of the USA" * (1975) sets out the following lineage from Captain JOHN MINER and his wife, ELIZABETH BOOTH down to President GRANT: (See also p. 734 herein.)

GRACE MINOR married SAMUEL GRANT (as his 2nd wife)
(1670-1753) (1659-1710)
NOAH GRANT married MARTHA HUNTINGTON
(1692-1727) (1696-1727)
Capt. NOAH GRANT married SUSANNA DELANO
(1718-1756)
Capt. NOAH GRANT married RACHEL KELLY
(1748-1819)
JESSE ROOT GRANT married HANNAH SIMPSON
(1794-1873) (1798-1883)
ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT married JULIA BOGGS DENT
(1822-1884/5)

and through GRACE's mother, ELIZABETH BOOTH, back to DAVID The First, King of the Scots, born about 1080. (See previous pages for Royal lines.) The BOOTH family can also be traced back to William the Conqueror through KATHARINE MONTFORT, wife of Sir GEORGE BOTHE (BOOTH), in her BEAUCHAMP line who were the first and second Earls of Warwick ("Your Family Tree" by David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, pp.129-131.)

(2) CLEMENT MINOR bapt Hingham, 4 Mar 1638/39 m (1st) FRANCES BURCHAM (widow of ISAAC WILLEY, JR.) 26 Nov 1662; she died 6 Jan 1673; he m (2nd) MARTHA WELLMAN 20 Feb 1677; she died 15 July 1681; and he m (3rd) JOHANNA _____; both died 1700.
Children by first wife:
i MARY b 19 Jan 1664, m THOMAS LEACH (as his 2nd wife); she died December 1706.
ii JOSEPH b 6 Aug 1666, m (1st) ELIZABETH COMSTOCK 12 March 1689; he m (2nd) SUSANNA KENNEY; m (3rd) MARY BUSHNELL 2 Oct 1750.
iii CLEMENT b 6 Oct 1668, m MARTHA MOULD 4 Aug 1698.
iv WILLIAM b 6 Nov 1670, m SARAH BECKWITH in 1691.
v ANN bapt 22 Dec 1672.

Children by second wife:
vi PHEBE b 13 Apr 1679, bapt 26 July 1679; m JOHN STEBBINS 17 June 1697, son of JOHN and DEBORAH (MOORE) STEBBINS.

(3) THOMAS MINOR bapt Hingham, 10 May 1640, died 29 Apr 1662 at Narragansett, Rhode Island, unmarried.

(4) EPHRAIM MINOR bapt Hingham, 1 May 1642, m HANNAH AVERY 20 June 1666 (b at Gloucester 11 Oct 1644, oldest child of Capt. JAMES AVERY and his first wife, JOANNA GREENSLADE). He died 16 May 1724, aged 82; HANNAH died 22 Aug 1721, aged 77; both were buried in Togwonk Cemetery (known as the Old Taugwonk (Miner) Burial Yard). Children, b Stonington:
i HANNAH b 5 Apr 1667, d 20 May 1667.
ii EPHRAIM b 22 June 1668, m MARY STEVENS 24 May 1694.

iii THOMAS MINOR b 17 Dec 1669, bapt 16 June 1672, died 8 Sept 1688, unmarried.

iv HANNAH MINOR b 20 Apr 1671, bapt 16 June 1672, m SAMUEL FRINK 6 Jan 1691/92.

v REBECCA MINOR b 17 Sept 1672,bapt 15 Nov 1674, m JOSIAH GRANT 8 July 1696.

vi ELIZABETH MINOR b 30 Apr 1674,bapt 15 Nov 1674, m JOHN BROWN 1692 (son of THOMAS and MARY (NEWHALL) BROWN of Lynn, Massachusetts).

vii SAMUEL MINOR b 1 Dec 1675/76; died young.

viii DEBORAH MINOR b Apr 1678, bapt 3 June 1678, d May 1678.

ix DEBORAH MINOR b Apr 1679, bapt 30 Mar 1679, m JOSEPH PENDLETON 8 July 1696; she died 1698; one daughter.

x SAMUEL MINOR b 28 Aug 1680, bapt 13 March 1681, married 7 April 1702 ANNA DENISON; d 8 Dec 1717; no children.

xi JAMES MINOR bapt 9 Apr 1682, m ABIGAIL ELDREDGE 22 July 1705; m (2nd) SARAH AYERS 4 May 1721; he died 1726.

xii GRACE MINOR b Sept 1683, bapt 14 Nov 1683, m WILLIAM PALMER 10 Jan 1701 (son of Dea. GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER, bapt. 25 Apr 1678); lived in Taugwonk and later on Pun-hun-gue-nuck Hill, North Stonington, Conn.

xiii JOHN MINOR b 19 Apr 1685, bapt 7 June 1685, m MARY ELDREDGE 5 May 1709; died 1717.

xiv Twins born and died 21 or 23 March 1687; Wheeler lists

xv them as a son and daughter; the Minor and Avery Genealogies show them as both sons.

(There are discrepancies in several dates in Wheeler's Hist.of Stonington, the Avery Genealogy and John Miner's The Lyon's Whelps.)

(5) JOSEPH MINOR bapt at Hingham, Massachusetts 28 Aug 1644, m (1st) MARY (MARIA) AVERY 23 Oct 1668 (dau of Capt. JAMES AVERY and his first wife, JOANNA GREENSLADE) at New London, Connecticut; she was born 19 Feb 1648 at Gloucester, Massachusetts; they resided Stonington where he was a farmer and physician;she d 2 Feb 1708; he m (2nd) 1709 BRIDGET CHESEBROUGH THOMPSON, widow of WILLIAM THOMPSON, by whom he had dau, BRIDGET bapt. 1711. He died 1 Feb 1711/12 and was buried beside 1st wife, also known as MARIE, at Taugwonk. Children by first wife, all born in Stonington:

i JOSEPH MINOR (JR.) b 19 Sept 1669, bapt 18 Apr 1675, m SARAH TRACY 18 June 1700; 8 children.

ii MARY (MARIE) b 6 Oct 1671, bapt 18 Apr 1675, m ELISHA CHESEBROUGH 27 Jan 1692; 7 children; she died 29 Mar 1706 (or 29 Nov 1704): he m (2nd) REBECCA MASON 1707.

iii MERCIE (MARCIE, MERCY,MARCY) b 21 Aug 1673, bapt 18 Apr 1675, m FRANCIS WEST at Preston, Conn. 20 Dec 1696. 2 ch. born Preston; removed to Stonington 1702 where 5 ch. born and baptized; to Tolland, Conn. 1720 where both died; there they owned over 700 acres of land.

iv BENJAMIN MINOR bapt 25 June 1676 (Road Church Baptisms), m MARY SAXTON 15 Nov 1697 at Stonington; (dau of Capt. JOSEPH and HANNAH SAXTON);five children born Stonington. He died there 28 Feb 1710/1711.

v SARAH MINOR bapt 30 Mar 1679, m NATHANIEL+TRACY (NATHENIEL, NATHENIAL) 21 May 1706 of Preston, Conn., grandson of the emigrant, Lieutenant THOMAS TRACY and his first wife, MARY MASON, and a brother to the SARAH TRACY who married JOSEPH MINOR (JR.), SARAH MINOR's oldest brother. NATHANIEL TRACY was born 19 Dec 1675 at Preston and died 12 March 1751 at Stonington ("Tracy Genealogy," by Everet E. Tracy, M.D. (1898).) They had four children, NATHENIEL b 1707; DANIEL b 1709; BENAJAH b 1710 and JOSEPH b 1712. SARAH MINOR TRACY died 1753.

vi JOANNA MINOR born 12 Dec 1680 (Minor Diary, page 164), bapt 13 March 1681, m STEPHEN RICHARDSON; admitted to First Church of Stonington 26 April 1702; died 15 Jan 1726, (tombstone).

vii CHRISTOPHER MINOR born 28 Dec 1683 (Minor Diary, page 181), bapt 13 June 1684, m 9 March 1704 MARY LAY(E), probably a Saybrook family; two daus, MARY b 1705 (m SAMUEL CLARK of Saybrook) and JOANNA b 1706, d 1710. MARY LAY MINOR was dau of ROBERT and MARY (STANTON) LAY; CHRISTOPHER died 11 Dec 1707 at Stonington and "his brother, JOSEPH, administered his estate (New London Probate Court Journal, 1:80.)" according to "The Groton Avery Clan" (1912) by E. M. and C. H. Avery, page 103. "Thomas Minor 1608-1981" page 31 compiled by John Augustus Miner lists the widow's second husband as JOSEPH PAGE, marriage date 12 April 1709. However, John Miner's 1970 "Lyon's Whelps" (page 242) lists her second husband as SAMUEL+DENISON, married in 1712 which seems to be corroborated by "The Denison Genealogy" (pp. 3,7)(although the date must have been earlier as the first child was born January 1710) by E. Glenn Denison (1963) and "History of Stonington" by Richard Wheeler (1900)(pp. 340, 468). These latter sources name ten children for the widow, MARY (LAY) MINOR and SAMUEL DENISON; he was grandson of the emigrant, Capt. GEORGE DENISON. "The Denison Genealogy" also reveals they settled in Saybrook where all but their first four children were born and where SAMUEL d 2 June 1724 and the widow "probably" m (3rd) CHARLES WILLIAMS.

viii PRUDENCE MINOR bapt 6 May 1688, m 17 Feb 1707 JOSEPH DENISON(bapt 14 Nov 1683) brother to the above SAMUEL DENISON who married CHRISTOPHER MINOR's widow, MARY LAY. They were the sons of GEORGE and MERCY (GORHAM) DENISON. PRUDENCE and JOSEPH had nine children; he died 18 Feb 1724/5, age about 42 years; his widow married (2nd) 20 Jan 1725/6 BENJAMIN SPRAGUE of Lebanon, Connecticut as his second wife; she died there 17 May 1726.

Joseph's child by 2nd wife:

ix BRIDGET MINOR born Stonington 31 Jan 1711, bapt 26 Mar 1711 (Road Church Baptisms), m JONATHAN CHESEBROUGH 5 Nov 1730 (b 13 Feb 1700, son of SAMUEL and MARIE (INGRAHAM) CHESEBROUGH). They had seven children; BRIDGET died 23 April 1766.

(6) MANASSAH MINOR b New London, Connecticut, 23 (or 28) April 1647 (also MANASSEH and MANASETH); m 26 Sept 1670 LYDIA MOORE; she died 12 Aug 1720 and he m (2nd) MRS. FRANCES WERDEN at Stonington 20 April 1721. He died 22 Aug 1728 and was buried at Wequetequock Burial Ground in Stonington. The births of his six children (by first wife) are recorded in New London; they were born in Stonington:

i ELNATHAN born 5 Oct 1671; died young.

ii ELNATHAN born 28 Dec 1673; m 21 March 1694 REBECCA BALDWIN (b 20 May 1673, dau of REBECCA[2] (PALMER) and 2nd husband, JOHN BALDWIN); they had 3 sons; 1 dau. REBECCA died 12 March 1701 and he m (2nd) PRUDENCE (RICHARDSON) HALLAM, widow of JOHN HALLAM 17 March 1703; she d 6 Aug 1716; he m (3rd) TAMSEN WILCOX 14 Oct 1718; he had children by all three wives.

iii SAMUEL born 20 Sept 1675; died 17 Nov 1693, aged 18.

iv HANNAH born 30 Nov 1677; m ELIHU CHESEBROUGH 4 July 1698 (son of ELISHA and REBECCA (PALMER) CHESEBROUGH, he was born 3 Dec 1668) at Stonington; they had six children. This REBECCA PALMER was the 12th and youngest child of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and ELISHA CHESEBROUGH was the 11th child of the emigrant, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH.

v *LYDIA bapt 17 Aug 1679, m 8 July 1706 SYLVESTER BALDWIN (son of JOHN and REBECCA (PALMER,CHESEBROUGH)BALDWIN, b Stonington 4 Mar 1677); their first child, JOHN was born and died 18 April 1707; LYDIA died 3 days later, aged 28, ("Baldwin Genealogy" p. 241).

vi *THOMAS born 20 Sept 1683, bapt 14 Nov 1683, m 26 Dec 1706 HANNAH AVERY (b 4 May 1686, bapt 16 Apr 1688 at Stonington, dau of THOMAS and his first wife, HANNAH (MINOR) AVERY, pp. 109,136 "The Groton AVERY Clan" supra). THOMAS' Will probated 1739; his widow d 1762. (* Lyon's Whelps,p.255, lists these two as children of second wife.)

(7) ANN MINOR b New London, Conn. 28 April 1649,d 13 Apr/Aug 1652.

(8) MARIE (MARY) MINOR b New London 5 May 1651, d 24 Jan 1660.

(9) SAMUEL MINOR b 4 Mar 1652/53,m 15 Dec 1681 MARY LORD, d 1682; his widow m (2nd) JOSEPH PEMBERTON 19 Mar 1683.

(10) HANNAH MINOR b 15 Sept 1655, m 22 Oct 1677 THOMAS AVERY, born 6 May 1651, son of Capt. JAMES AVERY and his first wife, JOANNA GREENSLADE, in New London, Connecticut. ("The Groton AVERY Clan" by E. M. and C. H. AVERY, Volume One, 1912, describes the colorful career of this JAMES AVERY who arrived in America from Devon, England, with his father, CHRISTOPHER.) THOMAS AVERY lived a short time at Stonington but most of his life was spent at New London. He was made a freeman there 12 May 1681; commissioned captain of the train band May 1693; and in 1694 was deputy to the general court. This THOMAS AVERY was a younger brother of the HANNAH AVERY and the MARY AVERY who had previously married his

wife's brothers, EPHRAIM and JOSEPH MINER. These AVERY family members were of the first generation born in this country. Their father, CAPT. JAMES AVERY, was born 1620 in England and their grandfather, CHRISTOPHER, born there 1590; they emigrated to America, settling first in Gloucester, Massachusetts in the mid-1640's; subsequently removing to Boston in the 1650's; and by the 1660's they reached New London in Connecticut. JAMES AVERY was successively ensign, lieutenant and captain of the New London companies and served throughout King Philip's War; in 1676 he was captain of one of the four companies which protected the frontier. He was an officer of the town for 23 years; twelve times Deputy to the General Court during 1656-1680 and also assisted as judge in the Prerogative Court. HANNAH MINER AVERY died 1692 and her husband m (2nd) MRS. HANNAH BUCKLEY, widow of EDWARD BUCKLEY, M.D. in 1693. He died 5 Jan 1737. The children of HANNAH (MINER) AVERY and her husband THOMAS according to Wheeler's "History of Stonington" (page 202) were:

i THOMAS AVERY b 20 Apr 1679, m ANN SHAPLEY.
ii SAMUEL AVERY b 15 Nov 1680, m ELIZABETH RANSFORD.
iii dau b 2 Oct 1682, bur 12 Aug 1684 (Minor Diary).
iv JONATHAN AVERY b 1683, m ELIZABETH BILL.
v WILLIAM AVERY b 1683 (a twin) buried 1684.
vi EPHRAIM AVERY b 1685, m ABIGAIL _____.
vii HANNAH AVERY b 4 May 1686, m THOMAS MINER.
viii MARY AVERY born 1688, m BENJAMIN BAKER.
ix ABRAHAM AVERY b 1690, m JANE HILL.
x ELIZABETH AVERY b 1692, m SYLVESTER BALDWIN as his 2nd wife 19 May 1724; his 1st wife, LYDIA MINER, was older cousin of ELIZABETH by whom he had one son, JOHN, born and died 18 April 1707; ELIZABETH had two daus; she died 17 July 1728; SYLVESTER died 1732.

The Stonington History also lists five children for THOMAS AVERY by his second wife, MRS. HANNAH (RAYMOND) BULKLEY (dau of JOSHUA AND ELIZABETH(SMITH) RAYMOND), a widow; "The Avery Clan" (page 103) names her first husband though as DR. CHARLES BULKLEY; she was b 8 Aug 1668, Norwich. The Avery book lists the above JONATHAN, MARY and ELIZABETH as children of the second wife.

However, "The Groton AVERY Clan" (1912) lists but six children for HANNAH (MINER) AVERY and her husband, THOMAS, and seven children for him by his second wife and there is discrepancy in these lists. They were married 1677-1692, less than fifteen years and it seems unlikely they had ten children; the figure of six children seems more realistic. The compilers of the AVERY book explain (pages 108-109): "It has been found very difficult to arrange the record of the children of THOMAS AVERY by his two wives." They list the following children of THOMAS AVERY by his second wife:

i JOSHUA AVERY bapt 25 Aug 1695, m 1722 JERUSHA ROCKWELL.
ii MARY AVERY m BENJAMIN BAKER of New London, Connecticut.
iii ELIZABETH AVERY m 1724 SYLVESTER BALDWIN.
iv JONATHAN AVERY m 1724 ELIZABETH WATERMAN.
v CHARLES AVERY bapt 27 Oct 1706, died young.
vi ISAAC AVERY bapt 17 July 1709 m 1731 ELIZABETH FOX.
vii PETER AVERY bapt 5 Aug 1711; no further record known.

"The AVERY Clan" compilers believed HANNAH (MINOR) AVERY and THOMAS had the following six children only:

i THOMAS AVERY bapt 29 Jun 1679,New London; 2 children.
ii SAMUEL AVERY bapt 2 Jan 1681,New London; 11 children.
iii A Daughter born 2 Oct 1682,bur. 12 Aug 1684(Minor Diary)
iv EPHRAIM AVERY bapt 18 Oct 1685,Stonington, m.ABIGAIL___
v HANNAH AVERY bapt 16 Apr 1688, Stonington,m.THOS.MINOR.
vi ABRAHAM AVERY bapt 6 Mar 1691/92, New London; 9 children.

Although the Minor family resided in the Stonington area and HANNAH MINOR and her husband may have resided there for a short time, New London was their home "first on the east side of the river in what is now Groton" and later in the North Parish, now called Montville (page 104 "Avery Clan"). This family history furnishes an interesting aspect of the parents of these two young people, THOMAS AVERY and HANNAH MINOR,who were married in October, 1677 (pages 104 and 105). On 17 Dec 1677 HANNAH's parents deeded 150 acres of land to her and to her husband (New London Deeds, 5:34) and in the event of HANNAH's death her children should "have and possess and enjoy, use and improve" the land "with all the meadows joining to it." On 26 Dec 1677 THOMAS' parents, Captain JAMES and JOANNA AVERY, executed a deed giving to their"sonn THOMAS AVERY and his wife HANNAH AVERY, my whole right of my parcell of land that I bought of AMOS RICHARDSON of Stonington and also thirtie acres of upland upon Poquanys Plaine... moreover one-halfe of one hundred acres of upland and meadow as it was carried out and bounded and recorded to me at Pachauge next to Mr. THOMAS STANTON, sen. .. Also a piece of land joyning to Mr. NEHEMIAH SMITH...." THOMAS AVERY had also received his share of his grandfather's estate by deed from his father dated 1 April 1685. ... He also owned other land in New London.

The Will of THOMAS MINOR was dated 16 June 1679 in which he bequeathed to his only daughter, HANNAH AVERY (AVERIE) "only one Cow and one mare" after having directed that after his wife's decease, his estate be equally divided "amoungst the rest of our Children then Liveing namely JOHN CLEMENT EPHRAIM JOSEPH MANASETH" immediately following that with the bequest to HANNAH.

GRACE PALMER was about age twenty when she arrived in America and thus would have had first-hand experience in England of the lack of "freedom of religion". The tradition has been that WALTER PALMER was one of hundreds of non-conformists who came to the New World for religious freedom, and the area of Somersetshire and Dorsetshire contributed large groups of citizens to this endeavor--advocating simpler forms of faith and worship than those of the established Anglican Church in England.

The "History of Charlestown, Massachusetts" by Richard Frothingham, Jr., (published in Boston 1845) explains: (page 68)

> "The people recognized an important principle ... that of congregationalism. ... Here a body of Christians, of equal rank as such, voluntarily associating themselves for social worship and exercised 'all the powers, rights, faculties and privileges which are needful to construct and constitute a church of Christ' all without the promise or permission of hierarchy, Protestant or Catholic. Such independent action was new in the world. ... It was renewed successfully for the first time at Plymouth--that church being the first Congregational Church in America. The

Salem Church was the second; the Dorchester Church, organized in England, the third; this church was the 4th...." referring to the First Church of Charlestown which gathered first 30 July 1630.

GRACE PALMER had obviously been influenced in her religious zeal by the experiences she had witnessed in Dorsetshire and by her father's devotion to church activity. By June of 1633 she had been admitted to First Church at Charlestown where her first child, JOHN MINOR, was subsequently baptized 30 August 1635, and where her husband, THOMAS MINOR, had been one of the original members in the official organization in 1632. In Hingham, Massachusetts, her next four sons were all baptized during the years 1637-1644. When she and her husband moved their family to New London, this practice was doubtless continued and here from 1653 to 1657 her father and his family attended the church until there was a formal organizing of a church in Stonington, his last home. The records of First Congregational Church, Stonington, (known as The Road Church) reveal that the earliest religious service was held 22 March 1657 at the home of WALTER PALMER, GRACE's father.

During the next seventeen years services were held in Stonington in meeting houses constructed for that purpose. However on 3 June 1674 the group was officially established as the First Congregational Church of Stonington at a meeting of nine members which included GRACE's husband, THOMAS, and her son, EPHRAIM, and her two half-brothers, NEHEMIAH and MOSES PALMER.

In 1974 the church published an up-dated version of its history in commemoration of three hundred years; a prior history had been prepared in 1874 by Richard A. Wheeler. From the more recent publication we find numerous references to GRACE PALMER MINOR and her family:

Page 189: = "The Ordination of ye Reverend Mr. JAMES NOYES was on ye
to 10th day of September 1674, it being Thursday. Pertakers
Page 193 = with us" included MRS. GRACE MINOR of the eight names listed.
The list of ADMISSIONS followed on the same page headed by the name of
GRACE MINOR, admitted 7 March 1675, followed by her daughter
HANNAH MINOR admitted 14 March 1675, followed by GRACE's son
JOSEPH MINOR admitted 11 April 1675, with his wife, MARY (AVERY);
MANASSAH MINOR admitted 3 Oct 1686, GRACE's son;
HANNAH, dau of EPHRAIM MINOR, admitted 30 March 1690;
MARY, daughter of JOSEPH MINOR,admitted 6 April 1690;
LYDIA, wife of MANASSAH MINER, admitted 15 Sept 1695;
ELNATHAN MINOR,and his wife, REBECCA, admitted 25 Feb 1700 (oldest child of MANASSAH and LYDIA (MOORE) MINOR);
MANASSAH MINOR was chosen Deacon 12 March 1701;
LYDIA, daughter of MANASSAH MINER admitted 17 Aug 1701
PRUDENCE, (2nd) wife of ELNATHAN MINOR, admitted 9 Jan 1704
MARY MINOR, Widow, admitted 28 April 1708
THOMAS MINOR, and his wife HANNAH, admitted 28 Jan 1711
EPHRAIM MINOR, Captain, admitted 16 Aug 1719
"JAMES MINOR's dismission from ye Church at Old Preston to this Church was read and admitted into this Church 10 March 1723"
BRIDGET, daughter of Captain EPHRAIM MINOR, admitted 23 June 1723.
Numerous baptisms from 1674 through the years for this family are included in this book commencing on page 195.

John A. Miner's second genealogy of his family was published in 1981 entitled "THOMAS MINOR - Descendants 1608-1981" and following the publication he, in cooperation with others, uncovered startling new evidence as to the beginnings of the MINOR family as related to THOMAS of Stonington. He has kindly given his permission to include that information in this volume. (See also NEHGR July 1984, pp. 182-185 and "Historical Footnotes" of Aug 1984, quarterly publication of The Stonington Historical Society.) The results of their continuing search revealed that their ancestor, THOMAS MINOR -- like his father-in-law, WALTER PALMER -- was never granted a coat of arms, nor did their ancestors have one.

THE CURIOUS PEDIGREE OF LT. THOMAS MINOR

John A. Miner and Robert F. Miner

For over a period of perhaps some three hundred years, descendants of Lt. Thomas Minor, as well as students and writers of history and genealogy, have accepted a certain coat of arms and the seventeenth-century essay detailing Thomas' heritage, as fact. The "Register" published the "Herauldical Essay Upon the Surname of Miner" as well as the supposed Miner coat of arms (13 (1859):161-164; 82 (1928): 160).

The authenticity of these artifacts remained unquestioned until the fall of 1979 when some 75 descendants journeyed to Chew Magna, Somersetshire, England, Thomas' birthplace, to commemorate the 350th anniversary of his departure for America. To recognize the occasion, a marble plaque honoring Thomas Minor was affixed to an inner wall of St. Andrew's Church where he was baptized in 1608. His coat of arms was to have been placed above the plaque, but this was delayed pending approval by the bishop following the customary search and recommendation of the College of Arms.

In late November 1979, the Chester Herald, D. H. B. Chesshyre, M.A., F.S.A., of the College of Arms sent a letter to the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church stating he had "found no references to the Miners of Chew in any of the Herald's visitations to Somersetshire and, thus, no confirmation of the arms which appeared to be very similar to those of a family of Mynors of Uttoxeter--but with a different crest." Accordingly, he would not recommend the display of the arms in question.

The original essay, entitled "An Herauldical Essay Upon the Surname of Miner," is now in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford. Designed to answer the question whether the surname should be spelled with an "e" or an "o," it purports to explain the origin of the name by noting that a Henry Miner of the Mendip Hills in Somerset was given a coat of arms by Edward III (1327-1377)for his services for the up-coming war with the French. This Henry was said to have been a miner, or mine operator; therefore, the name should be spelled with an "e." The essayist went on to give the descent from Henry (said to have died 1359) to Thomas and cited Thomas' children. The coat of arms is colorfully displayed at the top of the scroll.

In view of the recommendation of the College of Arms, and after reviewing the findings of Roger Ashley, a Chew Magna historian whose study of the Chew Magna parish records indicated

that the line of descent given by the essayist was not at all corroborated by the facts shown in those records, it was determined that more research would be valuable. Subsequently, John A. Miner and a cousin, Robert F. Miner, made independent study-trips to England. Meetings were held at the College of Arms with Roger Ashley and others, and finally with Robin J.E.Bush, Deputy County Archivist for Somersetshire. After a full discussion of the problem between Bush and Robert Miner, and a review of Bush's credentials as a specialist in medieval genealogy, he was engaged to conduct a thorough search as to the facts.

Bush reported that there was no evidence whatsoever for a visit to the Mendip area of Somersetshire by Edward III or any contemporary record of the Miner family as significant land owners in Somerset in the fourteenth or fifteenth centuries. There were no Inquisitions Post Mortem into Miner lands among those at the Public Record Office. The feet of fines, a form of medieval land registry, have been published for Somersetshire up to the reign of Henry VI (1422-1461; restored 1470-71), but no Miners are recorded. Bush also questioned finding the Christian name "Henrietta" in the essay, stating that he had never found it in any fourteenth century English records.

With respect to the coat of arms assumed by descendants of Thomas Minor who settled in America, the Herald's College has registered no such arms as having been borne by any Somerset Miner nor were any registered at any heraldic visitation for that county. Returning to the essay which was likely written in 1683 as it names family members as living in 1683 at particular places -- yet a marginal note on the original document records the following: "This Coat of the Miners of Chew I attest to be entered at Bath in Somersett by Clerenceux (sic) the 4 of K.James the first, which visitation is in custody of me: 1606. Alex: Cunninghame." The Clarenceux King of Arms in 1606 was actually William Camden. Possible fabricators of the pedigree would include this Alexander Cunningham who attested it. There were two prominent men of this name in 1683, one a critic 1655(?)-1730, the other an historian, 1654-1737.

Bush uncovered from a compotus, or account roll, of Chew Magna manor for the year 1494-5 (Somersetshire Record Office, DD/BR/su 5), records of John Minere as one of four men who paid for the grass of 46 acres of meadow and Joan Minere as one of the widows who paid a tax known as churchscot. A William Myner was assessed in a lay subsidy (national tax) collected in 1523 in the tithing of North Elm in Chew Magna and paid 4d. on an assessment of 2 pounds on his goods (F.A.Wood, Collections for a History of Chew Magna, 1903, p. 84; original in Public Record Office).

This William may be possibly identified with William Mynard who took a new grant of a messuage (house) and a fardel of land of old auster in Chew Magna on 29 June 1554, to be held on the lives of himself, his son Thomas and Thomas' wife, Joan (Somerset Record Office DD/S/WH, box 41, court roll). William is the earliest member of the family from whom a connected line of descent can be shown. He was the great-grandfather of the Thomas Myner baptized at Chew Magna on 23 April 1608.

Thomas, son of William, occurs as a witness to the Will of John Veale of Chew Magna, husbandman, on 16 January 1572/3 and was buried at Chew on 15 November 1573. He married Joan _____, who was buried at Chew 21 Dec 1592. He was a tailor, and an abstract of his Will (dated 20 October 1573, proved 15 September 1574) survives although most original Somersetshire Wills were destroyed by German bombing at Exeter in 1942. Thomas asked to be buried at Chew and mentioned his wife, his children Clement, John, Edith and also Richard Kente, possibly his son-in-law (ibid. DD/X/SR 3b, pp. 48-9).

The manor court rolls show Joan succeeding her husband, Thomas in the same messuage on 19 July 1574 under a grant of 29 June 1554, probably the approximate date at which they were married. Joan was buried at Chew on 21 December 1592.

Children (order uncertain):

i. Clement Miner, the eldest son of Thomas (see below).
ii. John Miner, aged "twelve and more" on 2 April 1578; m. 23 June 1587 Philippa Simons.
iii. Edith Miner.

Clement Miner (Thomas, William) had eight children; the identity of his wife is not recorded:

i. Joan Miner, baptism not recorded; bur 23 March 1585/6.
ii. John Miner, bapt 23 April 1587; bur 3 Dec 1597.
iii. Joan Miner, bapt 19 Oct 1589; bur 9 Nov 1595.
iv. Mary Miner, bapt 19 Feb 1591/2; bur 1640/1. An abstract from her Will, dated 4 December 1640, proved 23 February 1640/1, lists the children of Clement Mynor (William and Israel); Thomas Bucke (Richard, Mary and John); and John Tonkins (John, Eleanor and Mary) (ibid.DD/X/SR 3 b, p. 89).
v. Elizabeth Miner, bapt 7 Sept 1594; m. 14 Jan. 1629/30 John Tonkins.
vi. Edith Miner, bapt 6 Feb 1596/7; m. 31 Oct. 1623, Thomas Bucke.
vii. Clement Miner, bapt 23 Nov 1600; father of William and Israel living in 1640.
viii. Thomas Miner, bapt 23 April 1608, the emigrant.

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The report from the Committee on Heraldry, page 185, NEHGR, will be set out on the following page.

John A. Miner, compiler and publisher of THOMAS MINOR: DESCENDANTS 1608-1981, and publisher of the Minor Diaries, publication for The Thomas Minor Society, resides on East Shore Road, Barter's Island, Trevett, Maine 04571; Robert F. Miner resides at Sandwich, New Hampshire.

HERALDIC INTELLIGENCE

Roll of Arms: I, 24, Miner, Thomas

In 1926 the Committee on Heraldry registered the arms "Gules a fess and 3 roundles silver" for Thomas Miner of Chew Magna, Somersetshire, England, and later of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The basis for this was the pedigree contained in "An Herauldical Essay Upon the Surname of Miner," a manuscript at the Connecticut Historical Society, making the nature of the registration strictly *prima facie*. Recent research appears to have exploded the pedigree. At the very least, it fails to substantiate it.

Further, your committee would note that there does not appear to have been a Visitation of Somersetshire in 1606, as claimed in the marginal attestation, for the arms to have been recorded. On the other hand, the important matter to be kept in mind is whether or not the Miner family of Chew Magna can be shown to be a branch of the armigerous Staffordshire family, for any record in the College of Arms, or by your committee, is only as good as the genealogy on which it is based.

Your committee concludes that the armigerousity of Thomas Miner, as claimed in the manuscript genealogy, is not proven, and the registration is stricken from the *Roll of Arms*.

For the Committee
Henry L. P. Beckwith, Jr.
Secretary of the Committee

The Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth Street, Hartford, included in its April-May 1984 publication a brief reference to this discovery under the title "Forgery Discovered" excerpts of which are as follows:

> For more than 125 years The Connecticut Historical Society has had in its custody "An Herauldical Essay Upon the Surname of Miner," which was deposited by the wish of Deacon ASA MINER of Stonington, a descendant in the sixth generation from Lieutenant THOMAS MINER who came to these shores in 1629.
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> The document is about six feet long and includes numerous coats-of-arms, in color, impaling, in many cases, the heraldic bearings of various ladies who became Miners by marriage. The supposed date of this manuscript is circa 1683; it is very fragile and, in some places, almost illegible.
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> In 1859 the "Herauldic Essay" was transcribed and published in Volume XIII of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, and in 1928 the Thomas Miner coat-of-arms was accepted and registered by the Committee on Heraldry of The New England Historic Genealogical Society and illustrated in its Register, Volume LXXXII....
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> It now appears that this document may be a 250 year old forgery. The facts were uncovered by two prominent members of the Miner family who visited England in 1982. Through research at the College of Arms in London and through correspondence with an eminent and highly qualified genealogist, the Deputy County Archivist for Somerset, who investigated the family in question with the utmost thoroughness, it was ascertained that the "Herauldic Essay" was probably a fraud, perpetrated during the late 17th or early 18th century. These findings were based on the fact that the coat-of-arms ascribed to the Thomas Miner family actually belonged to a Mynor family of Staffordshire and that the Miner family from which Thomas was descended never bore a coat-of-arms.
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> The "Herauldic Essay" is, however, an interesting manuscript, all the more so because of its age and the fact that forging pedigrees was prevalent during the 17th and 18th centuries and thus is not a new development in the field of genealogy. It should serve as a warning to present and future genealogists to check their sources with the greatest care before assuming that a statement made many years before is necessarily true.

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In preparation of this history of GRACE PALMER MINOR, the compiler studied the two Minor Genealogies issued by John A. Miner and the following additional published books: the AVERY, BALDWIN, CHESEBROUGH, DENISON, GRANT and TRACY Family Genealogies; and The Minor Diaries. Inasmuch as the Minor Genealogies do not carry forward the female line, that of the daughter, HANNAH MINOR can be followed in "The Groton AVERY CLAN;" and for the other female MINOR descendants who married into the other families above named, reference to those genealogies should prove interesting. For a most interesting account of GRACE and THOMAS MINOR's life together on the farm in Stonington, reference is made to the February 1975 quarterly "Historical Footnotes" (supra) and an article by CRAIG

MINER entitled "The Minor Farm 1653-1720."

Perhaps the one disadvantage to studying the family genealogies of the MINORS and also those of the AVERY, BALDWIN, CHESEBROUGH and DENISON families and the "History of Stonington" by RICHARD A. WHEELER, is that numerous and unending discrepancies are revealed. Of all of the children of WALTER PALMER, the compiler encountered the most difficulty with that of his first born, GRACE PALMER; these many family genealogies issued at different periods through the years have so many variations in dates of birth and/or baptisms, the exact number of children, the mother of the children, i.e. whether it was the first or the second wife, and at times even the name of the wives.

The chapter about GRACE PALMER's father concluded with quoting the inscription on the huge monument in Wequetequock Cemetery which was dedicated in 1899 to the four founders. It thus seems fitting here to conclude with the inscription on the side of the memorial dedicated to her husband, THOMAS MINOR:

LIEUT. THOMAS MINOR
Born in Chew Magna, Somerset
County, England, April 23,
1608. He was first by the name
of MINOR to migrate to this
country coming on the ship
ARABELLA which reached
Salem Harbor June 14, 1630.
He married GRACE, daughter of
WALTER PALMER, at Charlestown
April 23, 1634. He took up his
permanent abode at Quiambaug
in 1653 or 1654 where he lived
till his death Oct 23, 1690.
One of the Founders of
New London and Stonington;
Prominent in public office;
An Organizer of the Church.

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The "Arabella" was the flagship of "The WINTHROP Fleet" of eleven vessels; the first five ships sailed 8 April from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and the other half of the fleet sailed in May; altogether they brought about seven hundred passengers but THOMAS MINOR was not one of the passengers in that group which arrived in 1630! He arrived in 1629 with the flotilla of six ships, and Banks' "Planters of the Commonwealth" (supra) clearly lists THOMAS MINOR as a passenger aboard the "Lyon's Whelp" which sailed 25 Apr 1629, arriving at Salem the middle of July. Some ships in this group had sailed for Salem in March, arriving by June and WALTER PALMER also was one passenger in the earlier sailing, doubtless accompanied by his five children. These six ships brought over 350 passengers, but Banks explains "it is not possible to assign all of them to individual vessels."

3. JOHN PALMER was the eldest son of WALTER PALMER by the first wife, was born about 1617/18 according to an affidavit dated 26 September 1660 in which he gave his then age as 43 years. It is believed he accompanied his father and siblings to America in 1629, settling at Charlestown, Massachusetts, with them where JOHN remained the rest of his life. There is no record of his marriage and his Will which is dated 26 May 1677 and probated 3 September 1677 would indicate he left no children. (Wheeler's "History of Stonington" lists WALTER's eldest son as WILLIAM and a probable birth year for JOHN as 1615.)

The first record of JOHN PALMER in Charlestown appears in the first division of land assigning lots on the Mystic side of the river on 6 March 1637. His father, WALTER PALMER, ABRAHAM PALMER and THOMAS MINOR were each assigned certain lots by numbers but there appears to be no lot number assigned to JOHN although his name was given on the list. The name of JOHN PALMER is included in the listing of some two hundred seventy "Charlestown Inhabitants" during 1630-1640 (NEHGR April 1977, page 132). His occupation was shown to be "husbandman," he was a church member, a freeman, owned twenty-one acres and and was literate. His date of death was given as "ca. 1677." He again had land recorded in 1650, and new drawings on 1 March 1657/58 show that Lot 13 was assigned to JOHN PALMER. On 20th or 23rd of February 1654 JOHN PALMER, planter of Charlestown, sold to RICHARD DEXTER of Charlestown five acres on the Mystic side (Vol. 1, p.181, Middlesex County Deeds). On the 21st of March 1660 he was overseer of the Cow Commons.

On 13 March 1638/39 one JOHN PALMER and WILLIAM PALMER were made freemen in Boston by the General Court of the Colony, and it is believed they were the two sons of WALTER PALMER. ("Records of Massachusetts", Vol. 1, 1628-1641).

According to the records of First Church in Charlestown, JOHN PALMER was admitted to that church on 23 September 1640. Although his father, stepmother and siblings removed from Charlestown to Rehoboth about 1643, JOHN remained in Charlestown. He is remembered in his father's Will by which he was bequeathed "a yoke of three years old steares and a horse."

JOHN died at the age of about sixty or sixty-two years, unmarried, on 24 August 1677, in Charlestown. His Will was probated that year on 3 September in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and he had named his brother JONAS as executor. He mentions only his sister, ELIZABETH, to whom he bequeathed fifteen pounds and what "doth remayne I do dispose of to my brother, JONAS PALMER." It is noted there was no mention of his seven half-brothers and half-sisters in his Will. He remembered the "Good wife ffosket ... for her care and trouble" by giving her two oxen. He named "THO. WELCH, jun., and JNO CALL, sen., my overseers to see after ye disposing of my Estate and for their pains I do give ym 3 pounds apiece." Inasmuch as JOHN had been residing in Charlestown and his brother, JONAS, in Rehoboth for many years it would seem he felt the overseers would be closer at hand to dispose of his estate for he stipulates that "my brother JONAS should not sell any pt of my Estate without the Approbation of my overseers."

The Will was witnessed by ROBERT LEACH and JNO FOSKETT, Jn. A footnote directed "Goodm LEACH and Goodm FOSKETT should care for my buriall if it should please God to take me away in this sickness." Inventory of his estate totaled 303 pounds, 15 shillings, 6 pence (Vol. 5, p.391 of Wills, #16388, Middlesex County, Mass.) consisting of "four books, a Bible, house lands, a horse and furniture..."

According to the "Charlestown Land Records" JOHN PALMER had the following possessions in "Charltowne Limites":

> 1. ffoure acres of land by estimation, more or lesse, scituate in the line feilde, butting northeast upon mistick ponds, southwest upon the comon, bounded on the southeast by a swamp, and on the northwest by Thō moultō.
> 2. One acre of meadow by estimation, more or lesse, scituate at Wilsons point.
> 3. ffive acres of woodland, more or lesse, scituate in mistick feild, butting south upon a high way towards the meaddow, northe upon the landway, bounded on the east by Walter Palmer, and on the west by
> 4. Eleven acres of land by estimation, more or lesse, scituate in waterfeilde, butting northwest upon Ed Johnson, southeast upon Mrs Higginson, bounded on the southwest by Rich Ketle, and on the northeast by Will Dade.

("A Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Charlestown Land Records, 1638-1802, Second Edition" City Document No. 39, page 38, published 1883 in Boston.)

During the period of time when WALTER, ABRAHAM and JOHN PALMER first resided in Charlestown, according to the above source:

> "It should be remembered that Charlestown originally embraced within its limits the territories now contained in Woburn, Burlington, Stoneham, Malden, Somerville and parts also of Reading, Medford, Cambridge and West Cambridge."

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From the time of their arrival in 1629 and for the next sixty years baptisms were performed regularly in the church but not marriages. In his "History of New London County, Connecticut" (1882) D.HAMILTON HURD explains the organizing of First Church in Stonington in 1674 and the members' feelings that marriages were to be solemnized by a civil authority, not by a minister:

> "Previous to 1693 marriages in Connecticut were celebrated by magistrates. After that ministers were invested with power to perform such ceremonies. But, even then, such was the feeling against the forms of the Church of England that but few comparatively were married by the ministers."

"The Road Church" 300-year Chronology (page 215) lists the first marriage as taking place in December 1695; Rev. JAMES NOYES had been ordained there in 1674; and religious services (usually in homes) had been held since March 1657.

4. WILLIAM PALMER, son of WALTER by his first wife, born in England about 1619, doubtless accompanied his father to America in 1629 at which time he would have been about the age of ten years. When he was about nineteen or twenty years of age he and his brother JOHN were made freemen in Boston by the General Court of the Colony on 13 March 1638/39. The next record of WILLIAM was on either the 1st or the 28th of March 1641 when he was admitted to the First Church in Charlestown which his father, step-mother and oldest sister, GRACE, had joined in 1633, and his brother, JOHN, had joined in 1640. (The fact that JOHN had been admitted to First Church a year ahead of WILLIAM might be considered an indication that he was a year or two older than WILLIAM.)

Did WILLIAM remain in Charlestown with his brother, JOHN, until after their father's death (in 1661)? The research of Judge Richard Wheeler and Noyes F. Palmer indicate that he did. However, the unpublished manuscripts of Dr. Byron Smith Palmer has this: "No further record of WILLIAM appears in Charlestown, and he evidently went to Rehoboth, either with his father or shortly thereafter, for on 6 March 1648/49 at the General Court of the Plymouth Colony, WILLIAM PALMER of Rehoboth was fined for contempt of court... WILLIAM evidently continued to reside in Rehoboth until after the death of his father."

WILLIAM received a substantial bequest in his father's Will of one-half of the farm in Rehoboth (Seacuncke) "to take his owne & dispose of it as he pleaseth". WALTER PALMER divided the Rehoboth farm in this way: "I give to my Sonne WILLIAM the other halfe of ye ffarme at Seacuncke forever ... & divide the housing & the whole ffarme into two equal pts & to take his own & dispose of it as he pleaseth, I doe give him also a Mare with her foale two redd Oxen, and a paire of Steares of three yeare old apiece, fower lowes & a muskett with all such things as are his own allready."

From the father's Will it is obvious he owned considerable land and personal property at Rehoboth when he died even though he had departed there in 1653 and removed to Stonington. However, his third son, JONAS (JONAH) remained forever in Rehoboth and he was remembered in his father's Will in this way: "to my Sonne JONAS halfe the Planting Lott at ye now meaddow River by Seacuncke & ye Lott betweene John Butterworths according to the fower score pounds Estate & the use of halfe ye housing & halfe of the whole ffarme for foure yeares." After the four years had passed, WALTER's Will provided "... the other halfe of the ffarme at Seacuncke I give to my Sonne GERSHOM for ever after the end tearme of fower yeares...."

There is no record of land owned by WILLIAM in Charlestown. However, soon after his father's death in 1661, WILLIAM sold the land in Rehoboth which he had inherited by his father's Will. He settled briefly in Stonington staying with his sister, GRACE MINER, and her husband THOMAS. By 1667 WILLIAM has moved to Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut, where he received an allotment of land from the town and where he lived the remainder of his days unmarried. He does not appear in the census of freemen in Connecticut taken in October 1669 but was made a freeman in Killingworth 12 March 1670/71.

Inasmuch as this volume emphasizes the PALMERS of Killingworth, it is appropriate here to enlarge somewhat on this little coastal village on the Connecticut seashore. Had WILLIAM PALMER not settled here as one of its first citizens, Killingworth may have held no more interest for us than any of the other early Connecticut towns.

In addition to our PALMER and MINER families, two of the very early families in Connecticut were the GRISWOLDS and the BUELLS. A few words of explanation of one of these will explain interesting history of what became known as "Old" Killingworth. EDWARD and MATTHEW GRISWOLD arrived in Windsor, Connecticut in 1639 from Kenilworth Parish in England. By October 1663 the Court at Hartford had decreed that a settlement should be established on the coast in the place then named Hammonassett and a small band of twelve planters set out to accomplish this, which included EDWARD GRISWOLD and SAMUEL BUELL. By 1667 our WILLIAM PALMER had arrived and the old records (now in typewritten form in the town clerk's office in North Killingworth) reveal his name on the list of those receiving land that year.

In 1667 the name was changed from Hammonassett to Kenilworth and in the course of time gradually became Killingworth. (Address given at Clinton, Conn. 20 August 1938 by Glenn E. Griswold.)

> "Killingworth was originally bounded on the south by Long Island Sound, on the west by Guildford, on the east by Saybrook and on the north by the wilderness. (The present Clinton was the original Killingworth.) Main Street in Clinton was the identical ground where the first settlers took their home lots. These were surveyed in 1663 and were allotted to them by some method like drawing lots.
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> "Killingworth was originally a piece of ground 'left out' as not worth settling. Guildford had been settled as a part of New Haven Colony in 1640; Saybrook in 1635... but the passage from Saybrook to Guildford at that time was almost an impossibility even for a daring hunter....." ("History of Middlesex County")

Twenty-one homesteads were to be located to be drawn by lot and SAMUEL BUEL drew the 21st lot; the map showing homes of the first twenty-one settlers here in 1665 did not include WILLIAM PALMER as he apparently did not arrive until 1667. The original settlers of Killingworth were Congregationalists from the Puritan stock of the early settlers of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield and no other church or religious society made an appearance in the town until after the expiration of 130 years.

The Town Records of Killingworth (now at North Killingworth), Volume 1, page 192 reveal there was in the early history a quarrel between that town and neighboring Saybrook; a deed of conveyance was signed 12 September 1684 from three individuals to a group which included SAMUEL BUELL. On 16 March 1687 Killingworth ordered a record made of what was disbursed for the purchase of land within their township of Saybrook; this list appears on page 138 of Volume 1; No. 2 on the list is WILLIAM PALMER who gave 1.0 and SAMUEL BUELL who gave 2.0.

The "Killingworth Tercentenary" publication (1667-1967) explains the transition of this town from Hammonassett (or Homonssoit, Homenoscitt) in 1663 to "ye town of Kenilworth" in 1667 (because EDWARD GRISWOLD, the town's first delegate to the General Court and deacon of the church, had been born in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England); and eventually Killingworth, and finally to Clinton.

The Congregational Church was established in the first years of the new

settlement at Killingworth and "In 1665, 'Lott 19',one of the town's original thirty landletts, was designated for use as the church site--and in 1667, the Reverend JOHN WOODBRIDGE began his work as the first minister." Today a large cemetery surrounds this church building on several sides, located on the Main Street through Clinton. Reverend JARED ELIOT served as Minister 1709-1765.

Many of the Indians had departed this area before the settlement by the whites and the first settlers were not molested by the Indians. Part of the lands belonging to the Indians of the area had been sold to Colonel FENWICK who lived in neighboring Saybrook. "On 26 November 1669, the Indian, UNCAS, Sachem of Moheagan, with JOSHUA, his son, sold to the inhabitants of Killingworth all the lands in the township which had not been sold previously to GEORGE FENWICK, Esq., excepting six acres on the big hammock, reserving free liberty to hunt in the woods and fish in the rivers, and to use any trees for canoes and rushes and flags for mats." ("Tercentenary 1667-1967" book, p.5)

However, in March 1675 Indian unrest resulted in the erection of two fortifications for the protection of the town. All males of the town, fifteen years or older helped in the construction. And the boundary line dispute between Saybrook and Killingworth was finally settled in March 1687 by the purchase of the lands by thirty-one planters from Killingworth.

As the town expanded to the north it became more and more difficult for all its residents to attend church and town meetings and, according to the Tercentenary booklet this set in motion a chain of events which would eventually split the community into two separate towns -- Killingworth and North Killingworth, the latter being about seven miles inland from the coast.

Attendance at church and town meetings in those years was considered vital regardless of the distance which had to be traveled. Consequently in 1730 at a town meeting it was decided that a society for worship purposes would be created in the northern section of the town and the problem of the long journey to church was thus resolved, but there remained the great distance to be traveled to attend the town meetings in the old meeting house. But according to the Tercentenary publication "it was also reported that part of the desire for separation was that the parish of the northern section was strongly Democratic while the southern section church was strongly Whig." By the end of the 18th Century it was clear that the complete severance of the newer community from the older one had to come. The farmers in the northern area retained the name of Killingworth becoming North Killingworth, and in time those living in the original older Killingworth--apparently as a result of the dispute--dis-associated themselves from the newer community and even changed the name of their town from Killingworth to Clinton as it is today; apparently as the result of a court decision, however, the town records dating from the beginning were awarded to the northern town inasmuch as it alone still bore the name Killingworth.

WILLIAM PALMER died in 1697 without issue and no record of his marriage has ever been found. He had made his Will, however, but there is no record of it in New London and it has been assumed it was burned in Arnold's raid on that city in 1781. The First Church of Christ (Congregational) at Clinton advised (1974) "Our Church Records were apparently lost at some time so we do not seem to have any records before 1783." It would be those Church records dating from its inception in 1663 to about the year 1755 which would be of

special interest to our PALMER family which removed from Killingworth in that latter period to Dutchess County, New York. Two entries only were furnished by the church which appeared in their 1783 book but which took place in prior years, to wit:"GERSHAM PALMER died 1770" and "JOHN, son of GERSHAM PALMER,and ANNE, daughter of GERSHAM PALMER, baptized 30 October 1709."

Where WILLIAM died and where he is buried has never been ascertained. It would seem probable, however, that his burial would be in the old section of the Congregational Churchyard cemetery, although a record of this has never been found either. A book of burials maintained by the Library in Clinton gives us the names and burial data of two of WILLIAM's descendants, however: both named GERSHOM PALMER, one believed to be nephew of WILLIAM who died in Killingworth in 1733/34, husband of SARAH FENNER; and the other GERSHOM PALMER (the 3rd) died 1770 at Killingworth, son of GERSHOM (JR.) and SARAH, and husband of HANNAH WILCOX.

The disposition of WILLIAM's estate in Killingworth is explained in Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" (p. 507) and in "History of New London County" (p. 653) as reproduced on page 22 of "Palmer Groups" compiled by Emily Leavitt (1901) from the research papers of NOYES FINK PALMER of Brooklyn, New York whose fifty years (1860-1910) of searching the PALMER family credits him with being the earliest PALMER genealogist:

WILLIAM's youngest half-brother, GERSHOM, on 27 May 1697 transferred to his oldest son, GERSHOM (JR.) the estate the elder GERSHOM had received from WILLIAM, by giving a Deed reading:

> "KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WHILE MY BROTHER, WILLIAM PALMER, DECEASED, DID GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO ME HIS HOUSE AND ALL HIS LAND AT KILLINGWORTH FOREVER, I SETTLING ONE OF MY SONS THEREON, IN COMPLIANCE WITH MY BROTHER WILLIAM's WILL, I ORDER MY ELDEST SON, GERSHOM PALMER, TO SETTLE IN THE SAID HOUSE AND UPON SAID LAND. I, THE SAID GERSHOM PALMER, SENIOR, DO GIVE AND BEQUEATH THE AFORESAID HOUSE AND LOT, WITH ALL ITS PRIVILEGES AND APPURTENANCES THERETO BELONGING, TO MY ELDEST SON, GERSHOM PALMER, TO HIM FOREVER, ACCORDING TO THE TENOR OF THE WILL OF MY BROTHER, WILLIAM PALMER, DECEASED."

Thus do we learn that WILLIAM did leave a Will; that he probably died shortly before GERSHOM made this Deed in May 1697; that WILLIAM left no wife nor children surviving him; and that his sole beneficiary was his youngest half-brother, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER. Having been born about 1619 and surviving until 1697, WILLIAM died about the age of 78 years which for that period in history could have been considered truly an "old age." Families of some of WALTER PALMER's descendants remained in Stonington and can be found there today, being perhaps the 11th or 12th generations. But WILLIAM PALMER's giving all his Killingworth land to his youngest half-brother (Dea. GERSHOM), and apparently leaving nothing to any of the other ten siblings, brought about the early migration of our branch of the family from Stonington in the third generation when GERSHOM (JR.) "on orders of his father" removed from Stonington, settling in Killingworth on his Uncle WILLIAM's land about 1697. This family remained there until the mid 1750's i.e., GERSHOM (JR.), his wife, SARAH FENNER and oldest son, GERSHOM (3rd),lived out their lives there but son JOHN married MARY WARD of Killingworth and removed to Dutchess County,N.Y.

5. JONAH (JONAS) PALMER, third son of WALTER PALMER by his first wife, was born in England about 1621 and doubtless accompanied his father, sisters and brothers when the family emigrated to America, arriving at Salem, Massachusetts, in June of 1629 at which time he would have been about age of eight years.

JONAH resided with his family during their years in Charlestown and removed with them about 1643 to Seacuncke, Massachusetts (also Seekonk), re-named Rehoboth, at which time he would have been about twenty-three years of age.

Although after ten years there, in 1653 his father and the rest of the family again moved, settling another new community which was eventually named Stonington, JONAH chose to remain in Rehoboth where he died 1709 at the (then) very advanced age of eighty-nine years.

The "Vital Records of Rehoboth" (page 276) reveal the marriage on 3 May 1655 of "JONA PALMER" but the bride's name is not shown; however, from later documents and records we know that he married ELIZABETH GRISWOLD (also GRISSELL), daughter of FRANCIS and MARY (_____) GRISWOLD of Cambridge who had had a land grant as early as 1636 there and was also a proprietor at Charlestown.

ELIZABETH GRISWOLD was one of four daughters born to her parents in Cambridge. The exact year of her birth is not known but considering her marriage was in 1655, it would appear she might have been their first child, born in 1636/37 inasmuch as her next oldest sister, MARY (who died young) was born 28 Aug 1639 ("The Griswold Family" compiled by Glenn E. Griswold, pp. 13-14). Other variations of their surname were GRIZWOLD and GRIZOLD.

In 1658 as JONAS PALMER he took the oath of fidelity in Rehoboth ("Plymouth Colony Records" by Pulsifer, Vol. 8, page 178 and "Rehoboth Vital Records" page 918 by James N. Arnold (1897).) The "Historical Memoirs of New England" by Bayliss, Part 2, (pp.217-218) record JONAS "as being made free in Rehoboth on 14 May 1673." He was on the Coroner's inquest in Rehoboth on 4 March 1673/74 (Vol. 5, pp. 137-141, PCR) and again on the Coroner's inquest there on 1 July 1684 (Vol. 6, page 143, PCR). (These references are contained on page 22 "PALMER MSS.")

The "Rehoboth Vital Records" pp. 915-916 by Arnold set out a "List of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of Rehoboth on 7 Feb 1689" which included JONAH PALMER Senior and Junior and son, SAMUELL (at which time the father is about aged 69 years). This list also includes several surnamed CARPENTER, DAGGETT, FRENCH and TITUS into which families JONAH's four daughters had married.

When JONAH's father removed to Stonington he was still the owner of a farm in Rehoboth which he retained the remainder of his life which he disposed of in his Will as follows:

> "..... to my Sonne JONAS halfe the Planting Lott at ye now meaddow River by Seacuncke & ye Lott betweene John Butter-

worths ... & the use of halfe ye housing & halfe of the whole ffarme <u>for foure yeares</u>.

The Will of WALTER PALMER was dated 19 May 1658 and he died 10 November 1661. Following JONAS' use of one-half of the farm in Rehoboth for a period of four years, the father's Will specified it should go to his son, GERSHOM, "for ever after the end tearme of fower yeares."

JONAS received a grant of land in the North Purchase of Rehoboth (now in the town of Attleboro) as early as 1668.

On 2 October 1652 FRANCIS GRISWOLD died at Charlestown leaving his wife, MARY, and two daughters, ELIZABETH and HANNAH, ages about eight and fifteen years. His Will apparently provided bequests of land to the daughter, ELIZABETH, who -- following her marriage on 3 May 1655 to JONAH PALMER -- joined her husband on 9 November 1655 and deeded land in Charlestown to WILLIAM BULLARD of that town "by virtue of the Will of FRANCIS GRISSELL of Charlestown". WILLIAM BULLARD had married MARY GRISWOLD, the widow, as her second husband and they were members of the church in Cambridge in 1658. As a result of the deed given him on 9 November 1655, WILLIAM BULLARD had given a mortgage the following day to JONAS PALMER ("Middlesex County, Mass. Records" Vol. 1, pp. 152, 154).

There appears to be no proof of a family connection between this FRANCIS GRISWOLD (born England) of Cambridge and Charlestown, Massachusetts and the EDWARD GRISWOLD of Windsor, Connecticut who in 1663 was amongst the twelve planters to migrate to the coast and settle at the spot named Killingworth. (See Chapter herein on WILLIAM PALMER (1619-1697.) Likewise, there seems to be no record of family connection between FRANCIS GRISWOLD and two other early Englishmen bearing the same name, i.e. MATTHEW GRISWOLD of Lyme (believed to be a brother of EDWARD, although without proof) and MICHAEL GRISWOLD of Wethersfield, both in Connecticut ("The GRISWOLD Family" of England and America compiled by Glenn E. Griswold, published by The Griswold Family Association of America).

"Early Rehoboth Families and Events" (page 319) sets forth a "List of the Names of the Inhabitants and proprietors of the Towne of Rehoboth haveing Rights and Tittells to the Mea-suages" which includes the names of JONAH PALMER, SEN. and SAMUELL PALMER (oldest son of JONAH).

JONAS PALMER of Rehoboth, as Executor of "my brother, JOHN PALMER, late of Charlestown," deeded land in that town on 18 September 1677 to ELIAS ROW of Charlestown ("Middlesex County, Mass. Deeds", Vol. 6, p. 109) and also "as Executor of my brother, JOHN PALMER," deeded six acres in Charlestown on the Mystic side on 24 October 1677 (Vol. 7, p. 100).

In these various records the spelling of his name appears as both JONAS and JONAH, but his Will was signed JONAH and in later generations the latter spelling was used altogether.

His first wife, ELIZABETH died in 1691/92 and was buried 11 February in Rehoboth ("Vital Records of Rehoboth" p.858). He married (2nd) ABIGAIL CARPENTER 9 November 1692 in Rehoboth, the widow of JOHN TITUS, JR. who had

died 15 April 1689. (ABIGAIL TITUS was the daughter of WILLIAM and ABIGAIL (_____) CARPENTER also of Rehoboth; she had been born in Weymouth, Mass. 9 April 1643.) (VR of Rehoboth p. 276)

JONAH PALMER died in Rehoboth 22 June 1709 leaving a Will dated 22 September 1704 in which he recited that he was "aged and weak of body." He would have been in his late eighties when he died. His wife, ABIGAIL, had predeceased him that year on 5 March. His Will was probated 8 July 1709 in which he had appointed his oldest son, SAMUEL, and one MOSES READ as the Executors and in which he mentioned his six children. Following is JONAH's Will filed in the Probate Office at Taunton, County of Bristol, Massachusetts:

I, JONAS PALMER, of Rehoboth, county Bristol, of Massachusetts Bay, husbandman, being aged and weak of body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given unto God therefore, Calling unto mynd the Mortallity of my Body & Knowing this it is appointed for all men once to dye, Doe make & ordain this my last will and Testament. That is to say principally & first of all, I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it And my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Demise Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis It is my will that my Executor Do performe and fulfill what I am obliged and bound to do for my beloved wife, ABIGAIL, by an agreement made between us before we were married. I give unto my beloved wife, ABIGAIL, two bushell of Corn in Rye and Indian & three parts of butter and cheese and meal that shall be left in the house at my decease.

Item. I give unto my Eldest son, SAMUEL PALMER, to him and his heires and assignes forever all that my lots lying in Wacthamokett Neck, about three or four acres, more or less and my son SAMUEL to have my best Coate and best hatt.

Item. I give to my Eldest son SAMUEL & to Ensigne MOSES READ Whom I likewise Constitute make and ordain my sole Executors of this my last will & testament all & singular my home lott & barn by them Equally to be possessed and Enjoyed to them their heires & assignes forever.

Item. I give unto my son JONAH PALMER all that my meadow lying below his house, bounding upon the Mill River to him his heires and assignes for Ever providing that my said son JONAH payes unto his sister GRACE CARPENTER Twenty shillings within a year after my Decease. Likewise I give unto my son JONAH one of my Coates Next the best.

Item. I give unto my three Eldest Daughters, vizt, HANNAH MARY and MARTHA Twenty Shillings apiece or Each of them Twenty Shillings to be payd unto them within a year after my Decease by my Executors before mentioned out of my home lott.

Item, I give unto my Daughter MARTHA to her, her heires and assignes for Ever all that my Three square Pasture lying by Dear Hill being three acres more or less. Provided she pay to her other three sisters (vizt.) to HANNAH FRENCH ten shillings and to MARY DOGGETT ten shillings and to GRACE CARPENTER Twenty shillings to be payed to them within a year after my Decease.

Item. I give unto my Daughter MARY my Little Iron Pott & a great pewter platter.

"Item. I give unto my Daughter MARTHA another platter.
Item. I give unto my Grand Child, SAMUEL PALMER, son of SAMUEL PALMER, my Bible & a Trammel and pott hangers.
Item. I give unto my son JONAH's three sons my Hatchett new howe & a pitchfork. Item. I give to JONATHAN, JOSEPH TITUS (my grandchildren) my Axe and long pitchfork. Item. I give to my Grand Child, STEPHEN CARPENTER, a heiffer and two sheep & halfe the Increase of the sheep from the date hereof and my cloak. I give to my Grand Child, LIDEA CARPENTER, the Coverlid that her mother spun and my pillow bear and a pint Cup & my great Pott that belongs to the Pott and Trammels. I give my Grand Child GERSHOM CARPENTER a sheep. Item. it is my will & I do give unto my four Daughters, viz. HANNAH, MARY, MARTHA and GRACE all my household Goods which are not already given and Disposed of before mentioned, to be divided by them alike. Item. it is my will that JOSEPH ORMSBEE shall have ten shillings and if I should live out this winter Ensuing he shall have something more for the help I have of him. And I do hereby utterly Disalow Revoke and Disannul all and Euery other Former Testament Wills Legacies and bequests, the Executors Rattifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared by the said JONAH PALMER as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

Witnessed by JONAH PALMER
DANIEL CARPENTER,
JOHN ORMSBEE,
PRESERVED ABELL.

(Bristol County, Mass. Records, Vol. 2, p. 255 and pp. 22-24 "PALMER GROUPS" compiled by Emily Leavitt from the research papers of NOYES FINK PALMER, privately printed 1901-1905, Boston.)

JONAH and his first wife, ELIZABETH (GRISWOLD) PALMER had the following six children, all born in Rehoboth, who in turn had a total of forty-nine children; all of their six children were married in Rehoboth.

(1) HANNAH PALMER born 8 Nov 1658, m. JOHN FRENCH 27 Nov 1676 (son of JOHN and FREEDOM (KINGSLEY) FRENCH who was b. in 1655 and died 10 June 1709); their 9 children were born in Rehoboth:
i HANNAH FRENCH b 19 Oct 1679.
ii JOHN FRENCH b 13 Apr 1681.
iii MARY FRENCH b 15 Mar 1683/4.
iv ELIZABETH FRENCH b 19 Jan 1684/5.
v MARTHA FRENCH 28 Mar 1688.
vi SAMUEL FRENCH b 30 Mar 1690.
vii JONATHAN FRENCH b 17 Nov 1693.
viii THOMAS FRENCH b 6 Sept 1696.
ix EPHRAIM FRENCH b 22 Jan 1698/9.

(2) SAMUEL PALMER born 22 Nov 1659, m. (1st) ELIZABETH KINSLEY 13 Jan 1680 (born 29 Jan 1662, Rehoboth, dau of ELDAD and MEHITABLE (FRENCH) KINSLEY; died Windham 16 May 1727); m. (2d) ANN DURGE DURGY 6 Dec 1727; he died Windham, Connecticut 1743, aged 84. Twelve children born by first wife in Rehoboth, Mass.:
i JOHN PALMER b 25 Mar 1682, d 5 Jan 1683.
ii SAMUEL PALMER b 4 Jan 1683, m HEPSEBETH APPE 1707.
iii JOHN PALMER b 4 Jan 1683 (a twin), d 15 July 1683.

iv MEHITABLE PALMER b 11 Apr 1686.
v NEHEMIAH PALMER b 11 Mar 1688/89; bur 14 Mar 1688/89.
vi BENONI PALMER b 27 July 1690; bur 28 July 1690.
vii MARY PALMER b 17 Dec 1691.
viii SETH PALMER b 11 Apr 1694, m ELIZABETH CARY 1720.
ix ELIZABETH PALMER b 6 Feb 1695/96.
x EBENEZER PALMER b 21 Oct 1699.
xi MERCY PALMER b 17 Jan 1700/01.
xii ELEAZER PALMER b 10 June 1702, m MARY LILLIE 1723.

(3) JONAH PALMER (JR.) born 29 Mar 1662, m. ELIZABETH KENDRICK (JONAS)(or KENRICK) 28 May 1689 in Rehoboth (b 12 Sept 1661 Rehoboth, the daughter of GEORGE and RUTH (BOWEN) KENRICK) and had seven children; he died in Windham 1730, aged 68 years; ELIZABETH died Windham 1725 at age 63 years; their children:

i REBECCA PALMER b 29 Feb 1690.
ii ELIZABETH PALMER b 14 Sept 1691.
iii JONATHAN PALMER b 20 Mar 1693, m SARAH ___; he d 1731.
iv GERSHOM PALMER b 14 Nov 1694, m+ HANNAH SPENCER 1715.
v HANNAH PALMER b 28 Apr 1696.
vi RUTH PALMER b 27 Mar 1698, d 16 Nov 1711, Windham.
vii ELIHU PALMER b 19 Jan 1699/1700, m ABIGAIL ROBINSON 1725.

(4) MARY PALMER b 23 Feb 1663/64, m. JOSEPH DOGGETT (or DAGGETT) 14 Feb 1688/89 (son of JOHN and ANNA (SUTTON) DOGGETT of Rehoboth); they had seven children; MARY d 1757 in Rehoboth
i JOHN DOGGETT b 19 Jan 1690.
ii MARY DOGGETT b 30 Aug 1692.
iii HANNAH DOGGETT b 20 Nov 1695; d 9 Jan 1714/15.
iv JOSEPH DOGGETT b 13 June 1697.
v HEPSEBY DOGGETT b 29 Sept 1701 (a twin).
vi MARTHA DOGGETT b 29 Sept 1701 (a twin).
vii ISRAEL DOGGETT b 20 Mar 1703/04.
("DOGGETT Genealogy" p. 85 1894).

(5) MARTHA PALMER b 6 July 1666, m. JOSEPH TITUS 19 Jan 1687/88 (born in Rehoboth 17 Mar 1666, son of JOHN and ABIGAIL (CARPENTER) TITUS, JR.); thus MARTHA's mother-in-law, ABIGAIL TITUS, became her step-mother also when ABIGAIL married MARTHA's widowed father, JONAH PALMER (SR.) on 9 Nov 1692; MARTHA TITUS died 18 Sept 1762; their children:

i JOSEPH TITUS b 19 Nov 1688.
ii JONAH TITUS b 19 June 1690.
iii BENJAMIN TITUS b 14 Dec 1693.
iv NOAH TITUS b 22 Apr 1696, d 8 June 1733.
v MARTHA TITUS b 20 Dec 1698, d 13 Feb 1736/37.
vi MARY TITUS b 13 Sept 1701.
vii LYDIA TITUS b 16 Sept 1703.
viii ABIGAIL TITUS b 23 Nov 1706.
ix PHEBE TITUS b 9 May 1709.

(6) GRACE PALMER b 1 Oct 1668, m. JAMES CARPENTER 15 Apr 1695 (born Rehoboth, son of SAMUEL and SARAH (READWAY) CARPENTER 12 Apr 1668). The first wife of JAMES CARPENTER was DOROTHY BLISS whom he had married in 1690 and by whom he may have had two children as the "CARPENTER Genealogy" p.80, 1898, lists seven children for him. (See also "BULLARD Genealogy," p. 179, 1930). The PALMER researchers list but five children for GRACE and JAMES CARPENTER:

i RACHEL CARPENTER b 25 Oct 1698.
ii LYDIA CARPENTER b 30 Apr 1700.
iii GERSHOM CARPENTER b 1 Nov 1702; d 5 Dec 1724.
iv EBENEZER CARPENTER b 21 July 1708.
v JOANNA CARPENTER b 17 July 1713.

Although there is apparently no grave marker for JONAH PALMER (SR.) who died in 1709 in Rehoboth, there is a record of the death of his first wife, "ELIZABETH PALMER, wife of JONAH, SR., buried 11 February 1691/92" in the Newman Cemetery, the only burial ground in the area prior to 1715; doubtless JONAH PALMER and many of his family members are also buried there. ("Newman Gravestones," p. 172). Other burials listed of that family included:

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HANNAH FRENCH: (Oldest child of JONAH PALMER,SR.) "Here lies ye Body of Mrs. HANNAH FRENCH, Widow & Relict of MR. JOHN FRENCH, Decd March ye 28th 1736 in ye 79th year of her age" and "Here lyes ye Body of MR. JOHN FRENCH, Decd February 25th 1724 in ye 70th year of his age."

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GRANDSON OF JONAH PALMER,SR. "Here lies the Body of NOAH TITUS, Aged 27, Died in the Year 1722 June the 8 (a rough field stone)"

However, the Newman Cemetery today is situated in the suburban area of Rumford in the town of East Providence, Rhode Island, due to boundary changes. The areas encompassing Rehoboth as the first settlers knew it included Attleboro, Seekonk and Swansea in Massachusetts and Pawtucket, Barrington and East Providence in Rhode Island. The original Congregational Church was in what is now Rumford and the oldest baptismal records are now in the R. I. Historical Society, 121 Hope Street, Providence,Rhode Island. However, the oldest burials in the area doubtless have no markers remaining to indicate names and dates as the first gravestones were of wood and have long since vanished. The Newman Cemetery is located at the junction of U.S. No. 1 and R.I. No. 152.

The birthdates for the six children of JONAH are from Wheeler's "Stonington History." However, Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" has some variations, i.e. 1657 for the year the first child was born and also 1663 for the year of MARY PALMER's birth. The Leavitt genealogy also lists an additional daughter (as their fifth child) named ELIZABETH but she must have died at birth as there is no other information about her in the Leavitt book nor is she carried forward into the third generation as Leavitt has done with her four sisters.

6. ELIZABETH PALMER, youngest child of WALTER by his first wife, was born in England about 1623 and thus was a very young child when she came to America with her father in 1629. All references consulted in this compilation and public records searched over a span of over one hundred years has failed to uncover much information about this daughter. It would appear she was with her father and step-mother, REBECCA, when they resided in Charlestown and Rehoboth, Massachusetts and in Stonington, Connecticut.

ELIZABETH was bequeathed fifteen pounds in the Will of her older brother, JOHN, who died in Charlestown around 1 September 1677, without children or a wife surviving him. She is not actually mentioned in her father's Will dated 19 May 1658 although there is attached thereto a "Memorandum" which provides:

> "That if ELYHU, NEHEMIAH and MOSES (her brothers) decease before they hav any yeares BENJAMIN is to succeed in theire pt of ye ffarme & to give to my daughter ELIZABETH two Cowes."

There is apparently no record of her baptism in England or in America.

"PALMER GROUPS" p. 25 (supra) has this about her two marriages:

> "ELIZABETH married before 1663 THOMAS SLOAN of whom no records are learned; he died soon after their marriage and she married (2nd) 26 Oct 1677 THOMAS CHAPMAN, of whom no children are recorded."

However, page 15 of PALMER MANUSCRIPTS compiled by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, New York (1900-1927) has the following:

> "The Providence, T.R. (Town Records) of Rhode Island show the intention of marriage of ELIZABETH PAUMER and THOMAS SLOW (or (SLEW) on 2 June 1665. This name was probably THOMAS SLOAN and we have no further record regarding him. She later married THOMAS CHAPMAN on 26 Oct 1677 in Stonington. There is no record of any children, nor of her death or that of her husband."

The Thomas Minor Diary (pages 144-145) has the following regarding ELIZABETH PALMER:

> "The seventh moneth is september hath .30. days ...
> .24. Thomas avery went to bostowne ...
> "Tho: Averie and Hanah Minor was maried the .22. of october 1677: : 26 day I maried our sister, Elizabeth sloan.
> "The .8th moneth is october hath .31 days ..."

For some unknown reason the data regarding the two marriages in October was placed first after the September recording and before the chronological data for the month of October. As appeared often in his Diary, THOMAS MINOR referred to his wife's siblings as "brother" or "sister" and note especially it was he (not a minister) who married them!

7. HANNAH PALMER was the first child born to WALTER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER. She was baptized 15 June 1634 in First Church in Charlestown, Massachusetts("The First Record-Book of The First Church in Charlestown" page 202 records the baptism of "Hanna Palmer the daughter of GUALTER PALMER and of REBECKAH his wife." as reprinted in an issue of NEHGR, Volume 25, page 147, in April of 1871). The first daughter and first four sons of this couple were born during the years they resided together in Charlestown, Mass., from June 1633 until 1643.

HANNAH removed with her parents to Rehoboth, Mass., in 1643 and thereafter to Stonington, Conn., in 1653. She married (1st) THOMAS HEWITT on 26 Apr 1659 in Stonington; he was lost at sea and on 27 Dec 1671 HANNAH married ROGER STERRY who died before 1680; she married (3rd) JOHN FISH on 25 Aug 1681 as his 3rd wife.

No information about the ancestry of THOMAS HEWITT has been found but it was known he was a seafaring man and Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" (pp. 418-9) explains:

> "The first we know of him is from the 'diary of THOMAS MINER, SR.,'who speaks of him as in command of his vessel in Mystic River in the year 1656 where he was receiving the surplus products of the early planters here, in exchange for Boston goods. In his business transactions he made the acquaintance of WALTER PALMER..... In order to make Stonington his abode for life he purchased a tract of land on the east side of the Mystic River, ... on which he erected a dwelling house of primitive dimensions, pending which he continued his coasting trade, extending his business to the West Indies. During the year 1662 he purchased a cargo of neat stock, sheep and poultry, designed for the West Indies market, with which he set sail for that place.... Months and years passed, and no glad tidings came of his safe arrival in the West Indies, nor any trace of him anywhere..."

HANNAH and THOMAS HEWITT had the following children, born Stonington:

(1) THOMAS HEWITT (JR.) born 2 May 1660, m LYDIA UTLEY; he d 1686.
(2) BENJAMIN HEWITT born 1662, m MARIE FANNING; ten children.

Following the lapse of eight years, his widow petitioned the General Court of Connecticut in 1670 for permission to marry again and her petition was granted. On 27 Dec 1671 HANNAH and ROGER STERRY were married and had the following two children before he died previous to 1680:

(3) HANNAH STERRY born 18 Aug 1672, m WILLIAM BILLINGS 1689.
(4) SAMUEL STERRY born 1674, m (1st) HANNAH ROSE in1703; she d 1724.
m (2nd) MEHITABLE STARKWEATHER.

HANNAH married 25 Aug 1681 JOHN FISH as his 3rd wife and continued to reside the remainder of her life in Stonington. She was about the age of forty-seven when she married for the 3rd time and had no children by JOHN FISH. His surviving children were by his first wife: JOHN FISH (JR.) b. early 1650's; SAMUEL FISH b. 1656, d. 1733; JONATHAN FISH; and MARY FISH. Some of his descendants remained in Stonington in the area known as Voluntown and were still owners of land (inherited from the senior JOHN FISH)in 1900. (Wheeler's "History of Stonington" pp. 369-372).

For additional information about HANNAH PALMER and her three husbands and their families, we have the following three historical records:

(1) WHEELER's "History of Stonington,"
(2) HAYNES' "300-Year Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" and
(3) The Road Church "300 Year Chronology 1674-1974", Baptisms.

HANNAH and THOMAS HEWITT's oldest son, THOMAS (JR.) was born 2 May 1660; on 18 Sept 1681 he had been baptized "being (an) adult" in the Road Church; (p. 196); he married June 1683 LYDIA UTLEY; had two children (see p.197) (although Wheeler lists only one) who were the "LYDIA and THOMAS, Children of THOMAS HEWITT, deceased" baptized on 20 June 1686; and THOMAS (JR.) died 3 June 1686 a short time before the baptism of his two children, at the age of 26 years. From Wheeler's History (p. 419) we have only the one child:

THOMAS HEWITT (3rd) b 3 Feb 1685, m PERCES CLEVELAND.

However, HANNAH PALMER's second son, BENJAMIN HEWITT, provided her with ten grandchildren which are set out below showing baptismal dates from (3) above and spouses' names from (1) above. According to (2) above, HANNAH's son, BENJAMIN HEWITT (SR.) was one of five Selectmen for Stonington named 1 Jan 1708 (p.29) and so named again in 1716 (p.31). Also in this reference (p.34) is recorded on 11 May 1731 the "death of the Rev. EBENEZER RUSSELL age 28, a graduate of Yale in 1722, the husband of CONTENT HEWITT, daughter (and ninth child) of BENJAMIN (SR.) and MARIE(FANNING)HEWITT."

It is believed all the children of BENJAMIN HEWITT (SR.) were born in Stonington where he had married 24 Sept 1683 MARIE (dau of EDMUND and ELLEN FANNING who had five sons older than this only daughter, a family whose origins were Irish). On 24 July 1692, at age thirty, he and his first three children were baptized in the Road Church. His children were:

i BENJAMIN HEWITT (JR.)bapt 24 July 1692, m ANN PALMER.
ii ISRAEL bapt 24 July 1692, m ANNA BREED.
iii TABITHA bapt 24 July 1692.
iv MARY bapt 12 Aug 1694, m JAMES BILLINGS 1715.
v JOSEPH bapt 13 Dec 1696 m MARY CHESEBROUGH.
vi *ELKANA bapt 7 May 1699 m TEMPERANCE KENNEY*(or ELKINA).
vii HANNAH bapt 29 June 1701 m INCREASE BILLINGS.
viii HENRY bapt 30 July 1704 m JOANNA DENISON.
ix CONTENT bapt 8 Apr 1708 m Rev. EBENEZER RUSSELL 1st(d.1731)
m Dea. JOSEPH DENISON 2nd.
x THANKFULL HEWITT bapt 3 June 1711. (Wheeler lists this child as HANNAH.)

The husbands of MARY and HANNAH HEWITT, JAMES and INCREASE BILLINGS were the sons of EBENEZER BILLINGS (SR.), a younger brother to WILLIAM BILLINGS(JR.) and the latter married HANNAH PALMER (HEWITT) STERRY's only daughter, also named HANNAH STERRY.

The STERRY name has few references in any of these books although the "Haynes Chronology" reported (p. 26) that in Sept. 1689 "WM. BILLINGS, JR. married HANNAH STERRY, daughter of ROGER STERRY and HANNAH PALMER." A check of all the baptisms in item (3) above revealed no STERRY baptisms during the period 1674-1722 except one SAMUEL STORRY on 24 July 1692 (an adult) which might possibly refer to HANNAH PALMER's son SAMUEL STERRY born 1674.

HANNAH PALMER's son-in-law, WILLIAM BILLINGS (JR.) was born 1660, the son of the emigrant progenitor WILLIAM BILLINGS (SR.) who came from Taunton, England and was first at Dorchester and Braintree, Massachusetts; he married MARY _____ at Dorchester 5 Feb 1658 and died 1713. The oldest of his eight children, WILLIAM (JR.), married HANNAH STERRY (HANNAH PALMER's only daughter) in 1689; HANNAH STERRY had been born 18 Aug 1672 and was baptized (as an adult) 29 May 1692 "the wife of WILLIAM BILLINGS". The "Admissions" to the Road Church (pp. 193-4) for 18 April 1689 include the three names: EBENEZER BILLINGS, LYDIA BILLINGS and WILLIAM BILLINGS, the two brothers and sister, children of the emigrant. This was the same year WILLIAM married HANNAH STERRY. Earlier Admissions (p.189) reveal the father, WILLIAM SR. to have been on the list. Other baptisms of the BILLINGS family included:

1 July 1677 ABIGAIL & DOROTHY, daughters of WM. BILLINGS (SR.)
28 Sept 1679 ELIZABETH, daughter of WILLIAM BILLINGS (SR.) (although she is not listed in the Wheeler book)
9 Apr 1682 PATIENCE, daughter of WILLIAM BILLINGS (SR.)
9 Dec 1694 PRUDENCE, daughter of WILLIAM BILLINGS (JR.)

The list of the emigrant's children in Wheeler's book (p. 237) is somewhat at variance with some of the names appearing in the baptismal record. Also a search of the Roads Church baptisms for the period 1689 through 1715 revealed the baptism of only one of the children of HANNAH STERRY and her husband, WILLIAM BILLINGS (JR.), that of their third child, PRUDENCE born 12 June 1694, baptized 9 Dec 1694 (p. 199). It would appear they may have removed elsewhere and taken up another church affiliation; WILLIAM's only brother, EBENEZER, however, had all his ten children baptized in the Road Church.

HANNAH PALMER's grandchildren through her daughter HANNAH (STERRY) BILLINGS (p. 236, Wheeler), wife of WILLIAM BILLINGS, JR.,b Stonington:

i MARY BILLINGS b 1689, m JOHN BOARDMAN 1713
ii JOSEPH BILLINGS b 28 June 1692, m COMFORT DENISON
iii PRUDENCE BILLINGS b 12 June 1694
iv Rev. WILLIAM BILLINGS (3rd) b 16 Feb 1697, m BETHIAH OTIS
v SAMUEL BILLINGS b 18 Aug 1699, m HANNAH WILLIAMS
vi DOROTHY BILLINGS b 5 Feb 1702, m THOMAS EDWARDS
vii RACHEL BILLINGS b 25 Mar 1704, m. _____ KENNEDY
viii SARAH BILLINGS b 10 Sept 1705
ix HANNAH BILLINGS b 1706, m ELEAZAR PUTNAM of Preston
x ROGER BILLINGS b 19 Mar 1708, m ABIGAIL DENISON*
xi ICHABOD BILLINGS b 5 Sep 1710
xii ELIZABETH BILLINGS b 5 Jan 1713, m. THEOPHILUS AVERY, son of EDWARD and JOANNA (ROSE) AVERY of Groton, Connecticut

*ABIGAIL DENISON, b ca 1710, the dau of Capt. WILLIAM and MARY (AVERY) DENISON (p.5)married 31 July 1729 ROGER BILLINGS; they had 11 children (p.16) "Denison Genealogy" (1963).

The children of HANNAH (PALMER, HEWITT) STERRY's youngest child, SAMUEL STERRY by his first wife, HANNAH ROSE (m 22 Feb 1703)were:

i HANNAH STERRY b 22 Feb 1705.
ii SAMUEL STERRY (JR.) b 4 Apr 1706.
iii CYPRIAN STERRY b 18 Dec 1707, m ELIZABETH BROWN, dau of JOHN BROWN of Preston, Connecticut.
iv ROBERT STERRY b 5 June 1711, m (1st) ROSABILLAH _____; m (2nd) LYDIA OLNEY.
v ZERVIAH STERRY b 27 May 1713.

HANNAH (ROSE) STERRY died 19 July 1724 and SAMUEL STERRY married (2nd) MEHITABLE STARKWEATHER 8 Feb 1725 by whom he had two children, one he named after his father, ROGER STERRY:

vi SARAH STERRY b 15 Oct 1727, died 1729.
vii ROGER STERRY (2nd) b 9 Jan 1730, m TEMPERANCE HOLMES MAY 1748 (b 27 Jan 1728, dau of JOHN HOLMES and his 1st wife, ABIGAIL FRINK (pp. 436-7 Wheeler).)

The Wheeler History of Stonington families has caused some confusion regarding the children of HANNAH PALMER by her two husbands: 1st it was THOMAS HEWITT by whom she had only two sons; 2nd she married ROGER STERRY (SR.) by whom she had a dau and a son whose surname would be STERRY. There is no family listing in that volume for the STERRY family; however, on page 419 the children of her two sons, THOMAS and BENJAMIN HEWITT have been followed by the children of her youngest son, SAMUEL STERRY by his two wives as above set forth. These seven children are not HEWITT descendants and in deed are of no relation to the HEWITT family. The surname STERRY does not appear in the index. HANNAH PALMER's son, SAMUEL STERRY, died 15 April 1734, aged 60 years, leaving two minor children.

The Wheeler history continues the HEWITT family down through several generations, all descendants from HANNAH PALMER HEWITT's two sons, THOMAS (JR.) and BENJAMIN. HANNAH had only four children but she had thirty grandchildren.

HANNAH PALMER's third husband, JOHN FISH, was a land surveyor and laid out some of the public grants in Stonington; his brother-in-law, GERSHOM PALMER, was associated with him in such work in 1680 and 1681, (Wheeler page 371). When and where HANNAH died has not been ascertained.

8. ELIHU PALMER, first son of WALTER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT) was baptized on 24 Jan 1636 in the First Church in Charlestown, Mass. where he had been born ("Record-Book of the First Church in Charlestown" p. 202 as reprinted in NEHGR in Volume 25, at Page 148, in edition of 1871): "the son of GUALTER PALMER and of REBECKAH his wife." ELIHU died in 1665 at age 29 and was buried in the Wequetequock Cemetery in Stonington.

When ELIHU was aged seven years he accompanied his parents and the family when they removed to Rehoboth where they remained about ten years; when he was seventeen years of age he removed to Stonington, Connecticut with his family, 1652 or 1653, which by now did not include any of the half-brothers or half-sisters--only his own two sisters (HANNAH and REBECCA) and younger brothers (NEHEMIAH, MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM).

In this new community named Stonington there had been a continuing dispute for several years as to whether it belonged to the Massachusetts or the Connecticut Colonies and, therefore, which of these two Colonies had jurisdiction over the area. This controversy has been written about in numerous genealogies and histories but one of the most interesting and yet concise accounts of the problem is contained in the first few pages of "History of the First Congregational Church (Road Church) Stonington, Connecticut, 1674-1974" published by the Road Church and the Stonington Historical Society in 1974, printed by the Franklin Press, Inc. of Norwich, Connecticut.

Included in this publication are reproductions of petitions submitted by the citizens to the General Court, one of which is dated June 30th, 1658 and is signed by members of the pioneer families of Stonington of the 1650's, i.e. the DENISONS, CHESEBROUGHS, STANTONS, and PALMERS; included are the names of WALTER and ELIHU PALMER, at which time ELIHU would have been 22 years of age; (page 33). Another petition bearing the name of ELIHU PALLMER was dated at Southertowne (earlier name for Stonington) 19th day of January 1662 and included also the names of these "Townsmen": GEORGE DENISON, WILLM CHESEBROUGH, THO STANTON and SAMUELL CHESEBOROUGH. By this date ELIHU's father, WALTER, had already died and ELIHU is now the oldest son at home.

This document known as the famous "Asotiation of Poquatuck Peple" which was signed by ELIHU PALMER, his father and also younger brother, MOSES is also reproduced on pp. 13-4 of "The (300-year) Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" by WILLIAMS HAYNES and published by the Pequot Press of Stonington in 1949. This publication on page 15 under date of 18 Dec 1661 has the following:

> "We, THOS. STANTON, SR., SAML. CHESEBROUGH, ELIHU PALMER, NEHEMIAH PALMER, ELISHA CHESEBROUGH, NATHL. CHESEBROUGH, THOS. MINER, SR., and CLEMENT MINER, do bind ourselves each to the other in a bond of twenty pounds to build a mill at Wequetequock upon the river that runs by GOODMAN CHESEBROUGH's between this and MICHAELMAS."

This document was signed the month following the death of WALTER PALMER. ELIHU PALMER is now the oldest of his children remaining at home, and he had been named "full executor" of his father's Will. He also now has the responsibility to care for his mother and carry out the instructions in his father's Will "to bring up my children." It is interesting at this point in time to note the make-up of the family of WALTER PALMER: the oldest daughter,

GRACE MINOR has been married many years and has adult children; the three oldest sons are all living away from Stonington: JOHN in Charlestown; JONAH in Rehoboth and WILLIAM probably in Rehoboth but will soon be settling in Killingworth; ELIZABETH may have been still at home as the date of her first marriage is uncertain; HANNAH has been married two years when her father died; NEHEMIAH is married a year thereafter; and ELIHU is the oldest man in the home now with brothers MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM (ages 21, 19 and 17) at home and a younger sister, REBECCA (age 14), and his widowed mother.

ELIHU's responsibilities were clearly set out for him in his father's Will which provided:

> "Item, for all the rest of my Land goods & Chattells vn-desposed of I Leave vnto my wife, whome with my sonne, ELIHU, I make my full executor to pay my debts, bring vp my Children & to pay them theire portions as my Lands & Estate will beare; but, in case my wife shall marry againe before my Children are brought vp & their portions payd, then my three sons ELIHU, NEHEMIAH & MOSES to enter vpon the ffarme & Estate and pay vnto their mother 10£ . p^r annum dureing hir life, & ye Land & Estate duely valued to be equally distributed among my Children, ELYHU, NEHEMIA, MOSES, BENJAMIN, GERSHAM, HANNAH & REBECCA with Consideration of the tenn pound yearely to be payd to theire mother out of ye Land....."
> The Will was probated 7 May 1662, Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. (NEHGR Vol. 11, p 39, Jan. 1857).

From "The Diary of Thomas Minor" we have the recording of the death of ELIHU PALMER; (p.197) a younger half-brother to his wife, GRACE MINOR:
"The 5th of september 1665 our Brother ELIHU palmer died."

However, this does not coincide with the entry in Williams Haynes' "Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" on page 16:

> "1669 - Twenty yrs. after the settlement, and now the sons of the founding fathers were beginning to take over, so that Mar. 2, the following town officers were elected for 1 yr.: THOS. MINER, JR., clerk; ELIHU PALMER, constable; WM. CHESEBRO, THOS. STANTON, SR., and SAML.CHESEBROUGH, commissioners;"

Wheeler's "History of Stonington" explains about ELIHU: "It is not probable that he ever married, for no children can be traced to him. He left a will in which he gave his property to his nephews. His will was lost in the burning of New London 6 Sept 1781, and the only knowledge we have of it is from a deed on the Stonington Records, where was set to his executor and vested in his nephews certain real estate in Stonington. He died here Sept. 5, 1665."

To further complicate this discrepancy, we have the typescript manuscripts of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER and his Associate, HORACE WILBUR PALMER which allege "ELIHU PALMER died Sept. 19, 1666 (Town Records) and was buried in Wequetequoc Cemetery." Yet the handwritten notes of the former, based on the research he conducted in the early quarter of this century contain the following about ELIHU PALMER: "he died from an accident in which he cut himself with a scythe." He was aged 29 in September of 1665.

9. NEHEMIAH PALMER, bapt First Church, Charlestown, 23 Nov 1637 was "the son of GUALTER PALMER and of REBECKAH his wife" according to page 204 of the "Record-Book" of that church (as published in NEHGR in Volume 25, at page 149 in an edition in 1871). He married HANNAH STANTON 20 Nov 1662 (born 1644 in Hartford, Connecticut, the daughter of THOMAS and ANNA (LORD) STANTON, SR., her father being one of the four founders of Stonington, about 1653). NEHEMIAH died 17 Feb 1717/18 at the age of 81 years in Stonington and his wife died 17 Oct 1727, age 83 years. He (and probably his wife) was buried "in the old burial ground on the east side of the head of Wequetequoc Cove; the inscription on the stone being still decipherable (1900)" according to "Palmer Groups" p. 27.

NEHEMIAH accompanied his parents, brothers and sister when the family removed to Rehoboth, Massachusetts, in 1643, he being then about six years of age. Ten years later he accompanied them when they migrated to Connecticut, settling at Stonington where he continued to reside the remainder of his life. In this new settlement THOMAS STANTON was the first white man to join WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH about 1650; however it was not until 1657 that the members of the STANTON family were moved from Hartford to Stonington; in 1652 THOMAS MINER reached the new settlement where he built a house for his father-in-law, WALTER PALMER, who arrived with his family to occupy it on 15 July 1653.

According to the several references studied for the compilation of this book, it appears NEHEMIAH left behind a more extensive record of his activities and accomplishments than most of his older brothers. Some of these are being set out below chronologically; they appear to commence immediately following the death of his father, WALTER on 10 Nov 1661:

1661 - Dec 18 - joined his brother ELIHU; his brother-in-law, THOMAS MINER and the latter's son, CLEMENT; THOS. STANTON, SR. and three members of the CHESEBROUGH family binding themselves "in a bond of twenty pounds to build a mill at Wequetequock upon the river...." THOMAS STANTON, SR. was NEHEMIAH's father-in-law.

1666 - May (or Oct.) 10 - took the oath of freeman with his three brothers, MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM("Public Records of the Colony of Conn."1850, Vol. 2, p.32)

1668 - July 14 named with a committee to assess the county tax rate; May 15 first elected deputy of the General Court of Conn. and was re-elected to that office for fifteen sessions.

1669 - Oct - The census taken in Connecticut revealed NEHEMIAH and his three brothers, MOSES, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM were freemen.

1674 - June 3 - First Congregational Church (Road Church) was officially established with nine members which included NEHEMIAH and his brother, MOSES (along with the Rev. JAMES NOYES; NEHEMIAH's father-in-law, THOMAS STANTON; his brother-in-law, THOMAS MINER and nephew, EPHRAIM MINER; another brother-in-law, THOS.STANTON,JR.; THOS.WHEELER and NATHANIEL CHESEBROUGH). REV.NOYES became his brother-in-law by marrying DOROTHY STANTON, younger sister of NEHEMIAH's wife. (NOTE HERE: In 1668 a census of the inhabitants of the town was ordered to include heads of families, which totalled 43 and the following were on this list: THOMAS MINOR, MOSES, GERSHOM AND BENJAMIN PALMER and MRS. REBECCA PALMER by her son, GERSHOM. The list appears on pp. 40-41 of "History of the Congregational Church of Stonington", (1974). Why the name of NEHEMIAH PALMER is not on this list is not known since he resided continuously

in Stonington since 1653; apparently two names were omitted from this list in that publication inadvertently and one of those names was that of NEHEMIAH PALMER as only 41 names are given and there should have been 43; however, p. 16 of Williams Haynes' "The Stonington Chronology" 1649-1949 sets out the following for Feb. 2: "Stonington tax lists for allotment of the town lots by lottery enumerated 42 heads of families.")

1674 - Dec 14 - "The children of NEHEMIAH PALMER, JOSEPH, ELIHU, JONATHAN and DANIEL,"were baptized by the Rev. JAMES NOYES in the Road Church. NEHEMIAH is listed as a selectman in Stonington.

1677 - July 8 - NEHEMIAH's son NEHEMIAH, JR. was baptized in Road Church.

1680 - April 11-HANNAH, daughter of NEHEMIAH baptized; he sells land his wife received from her father's (THOMAS STANTON,SR.) Will.

1681 - May - NEHEMIAH was one of the Committee appointed to hear matters on the Indian question and to buy land from the Indians. ("Public Records,"Vol. 2, p. 83; Vol. 3, 4, 5).

1682 - NEHEMIAH is elected selectmen, along with four others; he served continuously until 1689.

1683 - Dec 11 - he bought one hundred acres of land from his brother, BENJAMIN PALMER, at Shownoak in Stonington ("Stonington Land Records" Vol. 2, p. 291).

1684 - June 5 - The three brothers, NEHEMIAH, MOSES and BENJAMIN PALMER, divided the land which "our father left for our mother to divide," but she did not; they agreed to give 500 acres to their brother, GERSHOM (Ibid, Vol. 1, p. 129).

1691 - NEHEMIAH is representative in the Assembly.

1692 - Deacon NEHEMIAH PALMER is elected selectman; now age 55 years.

1694 - Re-elected a selectman; and along with GEORGE DENISON, he represents the town in the Assembly.

1699 - He was again representative and also chosen Town Clerk, replacing Capt. JOHN STANTON who had held that office since 1674!
Dec 3 he deeded 200 acres of land on the Paucatauk River in Shoonuck of Stonington to his son, NEHEMIAH (Jr.) (Ibid, Vol.2,p.183)

1702 - NEHEMIAH is again a selectman. ("The Stonington Chronology" p.28)
(Note here: by this date his son, named for him, would have been age twenty-five; but it is assumed this reference as a selectman still refers to the senior NEHEMIAH. There is no distinction in subsequent references as to whether they refer to the father or the son; and the father did not die until February 1717/18.)

1705 - NEHEMIAH PALMER again represents the town at Hartford, age 68 yrs.

1706 - Apr 23 - NEHEMIAH deeded one-half of his land "where I now dwell" to his son, DANIEL, and two acres of salt marsh to his son, NEHEMIAH (Jr.) and the other one-half of his land where he then dwelt to his son, JOSEPH, provided these sons promise to care for their mother "during her natural life," she to own the old house and one-third of the income from the farm. ("Stonington Land Records" Vol. 2, p.383).

1706 - An interesting item is included in this year in Haynes' "The Stonington Chronology" (p. 29):

> "Baptists and Episcopalians both making headway throughout the Colony; and Connecticut forbade religious meetings in private homes and ordered fines for non-attendance of service in the regular meeting houses."

1708 - Jan. 1 - NEHEMIAH PALMER is again a selectman in Stonington, now at the age of 71 years.

"The Stonington Land Records" reveal numerous deeds exchanged in this family dating from 1716, the year before NEHEMIAH's death:

1716 - Sept 4 - from NEHEMIAH to his grandsons, NEHEMIAH and DAVID (two *eldest sons of his son, DANIEL)"one hundred acres of land near Mr. BILLINGS' dwelling, because they cared for him in his old age." (Vol. 3, p. 163).
from NEHEMIAH to his son, JONATHAN, twelve acre lot and fifty acre grant on the east side of Paucatuck River "not yet laid out". (Vol. 3, p. 164).

1717 - June 27 from NEHEMIAH to his son, DANIEL, "for his dutiful care of him", a deed of one half of all the lands at home "where I now dwell." (Vol. 3, p. 211).

1717 NEHEMIAH gave a deed to his grandsons, JOSEPH, BENJAMIN and **GERSHOM PALMER, of one half of all his home lands, to be divided according to their father's Will, they to take possession immediately after his own decease,provided his son, DANIEL, shall comfortably maintain his mother, and grant his brother, JONATHAN PALMER, liberty to cut the salt grass. (Vol. 3, p. 195).

Following the death of NEHEMIAH PALMER, SR. in February of 1717, the records reveal the following Deeds were exchanged:

1717 - Mar 24 - The heirs of NEHEMIAH, Sr., DANIEL, ICHABOD, with his wife HANNAH, and NEHEMIAH (Jr.) gave a quit claim deed to "our brother, JONATHAN PALMER." (Vol. 3, p. 245).

1717 - Apr 10 - The widow of NEHEMIAH, Sr., MRS. HANNAH PALMER, gave a deed to her daughter, HANNAH (who had married in 1697 her first cousin, ICHABOD PALMER, the second son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, who was younger brother to NEHEMIAH, Sr.) and her son-in-law, ICHABOD PALMER, covering"all the goods and chattels in the house of her son, DANIEL, which were left to her by her deceased husband, together with one-third of all the housings, barns, orchards and lands, to be theirs henceforth." (Vol. 2, p. 501).

The Will of NEHEMIAH PALMER (Sr.) was dated 29 Sept 1716 and probated 8 April 1718 at New London. In it he mentioned his wife, HANNAH, and his sons, DANIEL, JONATHAN and NEHEMIAH and his daughter, HANNAH, and the children of his eldest son, JOSEPH, who had died before the father.

*The above transcripts were copied verbatim from Leavitt's "Palmer Groups." However, that genealogy of NEHEMIAH PALMER, SR., clearly lists the said NEHEMIAH and DAVID as the sons of NEHEMIAH (JR.) and not the sons of DANIEL as above alleged, (pp. 44-48). DANIEL had no son named DAVID although his "two eldest sons" were named NEHEMIAH (II), being named after the grandfather, and DANIEL (JR.).**Also, the above entry under date of 1717 is also in error as NEHEMIAH, SR., did not have a grandson named GERSHOM! (see page 27 of PG). The following two pages list all the sons and grandsons of NEHEMIAH, SR., taken from the Wheeler and Leavitt genealogies, and there is no GERSHOM PALMER listed as a grandson. The said JOSEPH and BENJAMIN did have a third brother but he was named JONATHAN, not GERSHOM PALMER.

There is a discrepancy in the number of children NEHEMIAH and his wife, HANNAH (STANTON) PALMER, had, some sources listing six and one source ("Palmer Groups" by Leavitt p. 28) listing eight. The research revealed in the PALMER MANUSCRIPTS indicates probably six with the two who were baptized in 1674 (ELIHU and JONATHAN) being actually the two who were born in 1666 and 1668, although ELIHU "died young" according to most sources; this ELIHU may have been the one baptized in 1674 at age eight years and still have "died young." Only the six children are being listed below; all were born in Stonington; NEHEMIAH and HANNAH had 43 grandchildren:

(1) JOSEPH PALMER[3] b 3 Oct 1663, m FRANCES PRENTICE 12 Mar 1687 (dau of THOMAS and REBECCA (JACKSON) PRENTICE of Newton, Massachusetts who settled in Stonington); he was known as "Lieutenant JOSEPH PALMER" and died in Stonington 31 Jan 1710; their 8 children born in Stonington were:

- i A son who died in 1688.
- ii A son who died in 1689.
- iii JOSEPH PALMER[4] (JR.) b 14 Nov 1690, m MARY PALMER*.[3]
- iv A dau b 23 Sept 1692, d.y.
- v HANNAH PALMER b 31 May 1695, m GEORGE PALMER*.[3]
- vi BENJAMIN PALMER b 18 Mar 1696, m REBECCA PALMER*.[3]
- vii SARAH PALMER b 28 (or 3) Apr 1698.
- viii JONATHAN PALMER b 2 May 1702.

(*These three were the children of Deacon GERSHOM[2] and ANN (DENISON) PALMER.)

(2) ELIHU PALMER[3] b 12 Mar 1666, bapt 14 Dec 1674, died young.

(3) JONATHAN PALMER[3] b 7 Aug 1668, m MERCY (MARCY, MARY) MANWARING (dau of OLIVER AND HANNAH (RAYMOND) MANWARING) in Stonington on 1 Dec 1706; he died there 26 Aug 1726 leaving a Will drawn 24 June that year in which he mentions his 8 daughters: JUDITH, MERCY, SARAH, ANA, JERUSHA, LOVE, PRUDENCE and ELIZABETH and 2 sons: JONATHAN (JR.) and OLIVER, the first names of his daughters differing slightly from those listed below; the above two underlined names must have been the daus originally named HANNAH and IRENE according to most sources:

- i JUDITH PALMER[4] b 2 Jan 1708.
- ii MERCY (MARCY, MARY) PALMER b 27 Feb 1709.
- iii HANNAH PALMER b 12 Dec 1711.
- iv ANNA PALMER b 15 (26) May 1713.
- v IRENE PALMER b 26 Mar 1715.
- vi LOVE PALMER b 3 (26) Mar 1717.
- vii PRUDENCE PALMER b 31 Mar 1719.
- viii JONATHAN PALMER (JR.) b 23 Dec 1720.
- ix OLIVER PALMER b 7 May 1722/23.
- x ELIZABETH PALMER b 28 Nov 1724.

(Wheeler's "History of Stonington" does not list the last two children, OLIVER and ELIZABETH, but they are listed in "Palmer Groups" and are mentioned in the father's Will according to at least two researchers: NOYES FINK PALMER and DR. BYRON PALMER.)

(4) DANIEL PALMER b 12 Nov (or 12 June) 1672, m (1st) 25 Mar 1700/1 MARGARET SMITH (dau of NEHEMIAH and LYDIA (WINCHESTER) SMITH of Groton, Connecticut); MARGARET died 4 June 1727 in Stonington and DANIEL m (2nd) 12 Jan 1732 Mrs. MARY (AVERY) DENISON (dau of JOHN and ABIGAIL (CHESBOROUGH) AVERY), widow of WILLIAM DENISON; she was born 14 Nov 1680 and died 1762 aged 82 years; DANIEL died 28 Feb the same year, aged 90 years. For fifteen years he was annually appointed Justice of the Peace and thus was known as Justice DANIEL PALMER. His nine children by his first wife, MARGARET SMITH PALMER were:

i NEHEMIAH PALMER b 9 Apr 1702, m SUBMIT PALMER.
ii DANIEL PALMER (JR.) b 10 June 1704, m MARY PALMER.
iii SAMUEL PALMER b 1 Apr 1707, d 5 Aug 1727.
iv NATHAN PALMER b 24 (26) Oct 1711, m PHEBE BILLINGS.
v RUFUS PALMER b 7 Oct 1713, m PHEBE BABCOCK.
vi HULDAH PALMER b 15 Nov 1715, d 25 July 1727.
vii LYDIA PALMER b 16 Aug 1718, d 25 June 1727.
viii JAMES PALMER b 13 (18) July 1720,m HANNAH CHESEBROUGH.
ix REBECCA PALMER b 13 Sept 1725/26.

(5) NEHEMIAH PALMER (JR.) bapt 8 July 1677 (p.195 "Road Church Chronology 1674-1974") m 17 Jan 1700 JERUSHA SAXTON (dau of Captain JOSEPH AND HANNAH (DENISON) SAXTON), who had been baptized 2 Dec 1683 in the same church. After the death of NEHEMIAH, JR. (date unknown) his widow married (2nd) JAMES DEAN b 31 Oct 1674 (son of JAMES AND SARAH DEAN of Stonington) on 29 Dec 1735. The ten children of NEHEMIAH (JR.) and his wife, JERUSHA (SAXTON) PALMER were:

i SAXTON PALMER b 29 Nov 1700, bapt 16 Mar 1701.
ii THOMAS PALMER b 7 July 1703, bapt 25 Jul 1703.
iii JERUSHAPALMER b 30 Apr 1705, bapt 8 Jul 1708.
iv NEHEMIAH PALMER b 4 Feb 1707, bapt 18 May 1707.
v STEPHEN PALMER b 1 May 1709, bapt 7 Aug 1709.
vi ABIJAH PALMER b 29 Sep 1711, bapt 18 Nov 1711.
vii THANKFUL PALMER b 23 Apr 1714, bapt 10 Jul 1714.
viii DAVID PALMER b 11 Dec 1717, bapt 13 Jul 1718.
ix MARY PALMER b _____ bapt 13 Jul 1718.
x BRIDGET PALMER b 8 Apr 1721, bapt 15 Jul 1739*.

*(baptized as "an adult person", p.224 "Road Church History 1674-1974" from which all these baptisms were taken.) It would appear DAVID and MARY PALMER both baptized 13 July 1718 were twins. NEHEMIAH and JERUSHA PALMER admitted 16 Mar 1701 to the church.

(6) HANNAH PALMER was baptized 11 Apr 1680 in First Church (Congregational) Stonington. In 1698 she married her first cousin, ICHABOD PALMER, second son of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. (GERSHOM was a younger brother to her father, NEHEMIAH (SR.).) On 28 May 1699 "HANNAH, wife of ICHABOD PALMER 'owned the Covenant'," (was admitted to the Church). She had six children; these six children are being listed in this volume under their father, ICHABOD (son of Dea. GERSHOM) PALMER and will not be set out here.

10. MOSES PALMER was born in Charlestown where he was baptized on 6 April 1640 in First Church. He was the fourth child of WALTER and his wife, REBECCA PALMER. In 1672 MOSES married in Hartford, Connecticut, DOROTHY GILBERT, the daughter of JOHN and AMY (LORD) GILBERT of that city. He died in Stonington 6 July 1701; his wife died on 10 April 1717. Doubtless they were both buried in one of the Stonington cemeteries; however, MOSES' name has not been found listed in either of the two books which have been issued containing the names of the burials in the many Stonington cemeteries.

When MOSES was about three years of age his family removed to Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and ten years later they settled permanently in Stonington, Connecticut, where MOSES continued to reside the remainder of his life. In 1666 at the age of 26 years, MOSES took the oath of freeman at Hartford on 10 May (or October) along with his brothers, NEHEMIAH, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM ("Palmer Groups" p. 28 and "Public Records of Conn." 1850, Vol. 2, p. 32).

On 30 June 1658 (according to Haynes' "Stonington Chronology", p. 13)"the townspeople drew up a sort of Stonington Declaration of Independence, the famous 'Asotiation of Poquatuck Peple''Which was signed by WALTER PALMER and his sons, MOSES and ELIHU; WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and his sons, SAMUELL, NATHANIEL and ELISHA; GEORGE DENISON; THOMAS STANTON and his son, THOMAS, JR.; and THOMAS SHAW. The community of Stonington at that time was but five years old. Now more than three hundred and twenty-five years later, it is interesting for us to study this Declaration which our ancestors felt obliged to enter into when they pledged to uphold a government of peace, righteousness and safety considering the dangerous times and the uncertainties with which they were daily confronted. It is copied from pages 13 and 14 of the Haynes' book:

> WHEREAS thear is a difference between the 2 Collonyes of the Matachusetts and Conecticoate about the government of this place whearby we are deprived of Expectation of protection from either, but in ways of Curecy, & whereas we had a command from the generall Court of the Matachusetts to order our own business in peac with common consent till further provition be made for us, in obedyience to which commuand we have addressed our selvs thearunto, but cannot atain it in regard of soomm distractions among ourselves, and thear hath bene injurious isolencys done unto soom persons,--the cattell of others threatened to be taken away,--and the chattell of soom others already taiken away by violent.
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> We haveing taken into consideration that in tymes so full of danger as theas are, unyon of our harts and percons is most conducing to the publick good & safety of the place--thearfore in pursuance of the same, the better to confirm a mutual confydence in one another & that we may be perserved in righteousness and peac with such as do commenc with us, & that misdemeanors may be corrected and incorrygable persons punished:--We hose names are hereunto subscribed to hearby promis, testify & declare to maintain and deffend with our persons and estait the peac of the plac and to aid and assist one another acoarding to law & rules of righteousness acoarding to the true intent & meaning of our association till such other provition be maide ffor us

as may atain our end above written, whereunto we willingly give our assent, & nether ffor ffear, hoape or other respects shall ever relinquich this promis till other provition be maide ffor us. And we do not this out of anny disrespec unto either of the aforesaid governments which we are bound ever to honnor, but in the vacancy of any other aforesaid."

The Will of WALTER PALMER dated 19 May 1658 was witnessed by the three previously named CHESEBROUGHS: WILLIAM, SAMUEL and NATHANIEL which took place just the previous month to all of them signing the aforesaid Declaration. MOSES was mentioned in his father's Will and was bequeathed an equal portion of the estate along with his own two sisters, HANNAH and REBECCA, and his four brothers, following probate of the Will on 7 May 1662 in Boston, in Suffolk County, Massachusetts although the family had been residents since 1653 of Stonington. But it was still believed that Stonington was under the jurisdiction of the state of Massachusetts instead of Connecticut and the Will was probated in Boston rather than in New London.

Although the very first religious service ever held in Stonington was conducted in his father's house on 22 March 1657, when MOSES was but seventeen years of age, the formal organization of what became known as First Church (Congregational) of Stonington took place on 3 June 1674, more than a decade after the death of WALTER PALMER. The church was and has been also known as "the Road Church" and the organizational meeting of nine members included MOSES PALMER and his brother, NEHEMIAH.

The first census of the inhabitants of Stonington was ordered held in 1668 to include heads of all families. The list compiled included MOSES PALMER, his two brothers, GERSHOM and BENJAMIN, their mother, MRS. REBECCA PALMER "by her son, GERSHOM, (pp. 40-41 "History of First Congregational Church, Stonington".)

On 12 Feb 1676/77 a tract of one hundred acres of land was laid out to MOSES PALMER in Stonington (Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 234 according to "Palmer Groups").

The Will of WALTER PALMER had made gifts of money and land to several of his children and then an item was included whereby he bequeathed to his wife, REBECCA, certain real and personal property, i.e. ""Item, for all the rest of my Land goods & Chattells undisposed of I leave unto my Loving wife...." Consequently on the death of REBECCA, apparently without a Will, some disposition had to be made of all that she had received from her husband as she had failed to distribute the same during her lifetime. On 5 June 1684 MOSES and his brothers, NEHEMIAH and BENJAMIN and GERSHOM agreed upon a division of their parents' land (Stonington Town Records Vol. 1, p. 129), which had not previously been transferred as a result of the probate of their father's estate.

The Haynes' "300 Year Chronology of Stonington" contains the following additional references to MOSES PALMER: (pages 24-26)

1682 30 Apr Five children baptized, including "1 of MOSES PALMER." (This would have been REBECCA, his youngest child.)

1684 June 30 "Moses Palmer and Thomas and Ephraim Miner reviewed the land boundaries of Elihu Chesebrough '600 acres by the mill brook and 300 at Taugwonk'."
1690 - "MOSES PALMER and JOHN GALLUP replaced SAML. MASON and THOS. STANTON as selectmen...."

Also in 1690, the Will of JOHN GILBERT of Hartford, Connecticut, was probated there; it was dated August 1st and in it he mentioned his daughter, DOROTHY PALMER (wife of MOSES PALMER). DOROTHY had become a member of First Church in Stonington on 2 Dec 1677, the same day her third child, JOHN, was baptized there.

The Will of MOSES PALMER was dated 16 Dec 1700, probated 24 July 1701 in New London, Connecticut, in which he gave his wife the use of the lower rooms in his new house, one third part of the household stuff, one third of the farm produce, etc. To his son, MOSES (JR.) the use of the upper rooms in this same house and the whole after his mother's decease. To his son, JOHN, the upper rooms in the old house, the lower rooms in this old house to be for his son, MOSES (JR.), the porch for their common use; but when MOSES took the new house, then JOHN was to hold the whole of the old home. MOSES (SR.) gave his daughter, DOROTHY, six sheep, and certain legacies to his other two daughters, AMIE and REBECCA," ("Palmer Groups" p. 28).

On 10 April 1717, DOROTHY PALMER, MOSES' widow, died in Stonington and her Will (dated 5 April 1717) was probated 9 July that year in New London. In it she mentioned her children the same as in her husband's Will. Although they were married twenty-nine years, there are only five children recorded for this couple, all born in Stonington and all baptized in the First Church there. The birth of the first three are recorded in Volume one of the "Stonington Town Records." These five children of MOSES (SR.) and DOROTHY had an undetermined number of grandchildren for their parents; references vary considerably in recording the vital statistics and history of these five children; whether AMY had two or three children is not certain; and there seems to be no information at all about the youngest, REBECCA. However, it is certain there were at least 26 grandchildren.

Inasmuch as published sources appear to differ a great deal in the history of these grandchildren, the compiler has also searched several allied family genealogies in an effort to reconcile these discrepancies, and in some instances has included herein a write-up on such allied family not only for clarification but for the historical value of each one.

Following are the children and grandchildren of MOSES (SR.) AND DOROTHY (GILBERT) PALMER: (See Leavitt pp.28-9, 48-51, 81-84, 90)

(1) MOSES PALMER[3] (JR.) born 29 Oct 1673, bapt 15 Nov 1674, m 1 April 1703 ABIGAIL ALLEN (dau of DANIEL and MAY (SHERMAN) ALLEN and a granddaughter of the Rev. JOHN SHERMAN). "ABIGAIL PALMER was dismissed from the church of Newton (Massachusetts) to that of Stonington." His Will was dated 4 Aug 1726 but he did not die until 5 Aug 1744, age 71 years. They had eleven children:

i JOHN PALMER[4] b 19 June 1705, bapt 29 July 1705; m (1st) ANNA CHESBROUGH 18 Jan 1727 who died 3 March 1727; he m (2nd) DOROTHY NOYES 26 Dec 1728 by whom he had eleven children.

ii AMIE (AME, AMEE, AMY) PALMER b 3 Dec 1706, bapt 16 Feb 1707, m 19 Feb 1723 JONATHAN TRACY (3rd) (son of JONATHAN TRACY, JR. and ANNA (PALMER) TRACY) born in Preston, Conn. 30 Nov 1702. They had 9 children and AMIE PALMER TRACY died in Preston 13 Oct 1744; her husband m (2nd) in 1747 LUCY AVERY of Stonington by whom he had two children; ("Tracy Genealogy" pp.49-50).

iii A daughter b 28 Aug 1708, died 5 Sept 1708.

iv ABIGAIL PALMER b 10 Sept 1709, bapt 30 Oct 1709, on 7 July 1721 m NATHANIEL TRACY (son of NATHENIAL, SR. and SARAH (MINOR) TRACY) and had 5 children. Her husband had been born 1707 at Preston, Conn. (See p. 44 "Tracy Genealogy" by E. E. Tracy.) This NATHANIEL, JR. and the above JONATHAN TRACY (3rd) were great-grandsons of the emigrant, Lt. THOMAS TRACY.

v DOROTHY PALMER b 20 Nov 1711, bapt 25 Nov 1711, on 2 Dec 1733 m ABIJAH PALMER (b 29 Sept 1712, son of NEHEMIAH and JERUSHA (SAXTON) PALMER; this NEHEMIAH was a grandson of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and his father was NEHEMIAH PALMER (SR.).) They had four children and DOROTHY died 10 March 1740; NEHEMIAH (JR.) m (2nd) BRIDGET STANTON (dau of WILLIAM and ANNE STANTON) 10 April 1742; they had 5 children. He d in 1793.

vi MARY PALMER b 28 June 1713; bapt 2 Aug 1713.

vii MOSES PALMER (3rd) bapt 17 July 1715; d 3 April 1726.

viii SUBMIT PALMER bapt 3 May 1718, m 29 Apr 1736 NEHEMIAH PALMER (b 9 Apr 1702 son of Justice DANIEL and MARGARET (SMITH) PALMER; DANIEL was the son of NEHEMIAH PALMER (SR.) and had a younger brother, NEHEMIAH (JR.), who m JERUSHA SAXTON (above). SUBMIT died 29 Jan. 1793; her husband died 25 July 1762. They had nine children.

ix REBECCA PALMER b 5 April 1720, bapt 19 June 1720.

x LOIS PALMER b 39 March 1722, bapt 26 April 1722, on 5 Dec 1755 married ABIEL GRAY, resided Coventry, Conn.

xi MOSES PALMER (3rd) b 3 April 1726, m PRUDENCE TURNER, probably the dau of SAMUEL and REBECCA TURNER who reached Stonington in the 1730's; 28 July 1734 PRUDENCE along with SAMUEL and ABIGAIL TURNER were baptized in The Road Church. Record of marriage by the Rev. NATHANIEL EELLS on 13 May 1753 is found in "The Road Church 300-Year Chronology."

(2) DOROTHY PALMER born 11 Aug 1675, bapt 7 Nov 1675, m WILLIAM WILCOX (WILLCOCKS) 25 Jan 1698 (son of STEPHEN and HANNAH (HAZARD) WILCOX from Portsmouth, Rhode Island ("Palmer Groups") but from Westerly, Rhode Island according to Wheeler). They resided Stonington and had 8 children. After the death of DOROTHY, her husband m (2nd) MRS. ABIGAIL PALMER of Stonington, on 1 April 1754 who may have been the widow of DOROTHY's

older brother, MOSES (JR.)who had died in 1744. The baptisms of all of their eight children are recorded in First Church (Congregational) Stonington:

i DOROTHY WILCOX b 28 Oct 1698, bapt 30 April 1699
ii ANN(A) WILCOX b 14 Jun 1701, bapt 27 July 1701
iii WILLIAM (JR.) b 3 June 1703, bapt 25 July 1703
iv JEMIMA WILCOX b 21 Jul 1705, bapt 16 Sept 1705
v MARY WILCOX b 1 Dec 1708, bapt Jan 1709
vi AMY, AMEY b 7 Jul 1711, bapt 26 Aug 1711
vii SARAH WILCOX b 29 Aug 1713, bapt 15 Nov 1713
viii NATHAN WILCOX b 3 Dec 1716, bapt 12 May 1717

The 1974 edition of The Road Church 300-Year Chronology under date of 12 May 1717 has "WILLIAM AND NATHAN, sons of WILLIAM WILLCOCKS baptized" (the spelling used in all these entries) although WILLIAM, the fourth child, had been baptized on 25 July 1703; there is no explanation for this second baptism.

(3) JOHN PALMER[3] born 1 Sept 1677, bapt 2 Dec 1677, married HANNAH _____ about 1696. "Palmer Groups" explains that "He evidently lived in that part of the old township of Stonington which was claimed by the people of Rhode Island as there is recorded in the Westerly, R.I. Town Books the following children for JOHN and HANNAH PALMER" (and their baptisms are not in the Stonington Church records):

i JOHN PALMER[4] born 27 March 1697
ii EPHRAIM PALMER born 21 Feb 1699
iii JOSEPH PALMER born 2 Sept 1704
iv HANNAH PALMER born 5 Sept 1706
v MARY PALMER born 1 Nov 1709

(4) AMIE (AMY,ANNA, ANNIE) PALMER born 23 April 1680, bapt 25 April 1680 First Church, Stonington, m (1st) JONATHAN TRACY (JR.) on 11 Feb 1700 (b 21 Feb 1673 Preston, Conn., son of JONATHAN (SR.) and MARY (GRISWOLD)TRACY of Preston and Norwich, Conn.) and by him had only two children; he died 25 Feb 1704 and AMIE m (2nd) EBENEZER ALLEN 5 Oct 1704 (son of DANIEL and MARY (SHERMAN)ALLEN of Stonington) and they had one daughter. Her.children were: (By her first husband):

i JONATHAN TRACY (3rd)born 30 Nov 1702, m 19 Feb 1723/4 AMIE PALMER, his own first cousin,who was the dau of MOSES PALMER[3] (JR.) and ABIGAIL(ALLEN) PALMER. (See previous page.) MOSES, JR. and JONATHAN's mother, AMIE (PALMER) TRACY were brother and sister, and apparently MOSES PALMER, JR. named his first daughter AMIE after his youngest sister. "
ii ANNA TRACY born 29 Oct 1703;("Tracy Genealogy,p.32).

(By her second husband):

iii AMIE ALLEN born 22 Aug 1705.

AMIE (PALMER, TRACY) ALLEN died 24 Sept 1705.

(5) REBECCA PALMER baptized 30 April 1682. No further information.

The research manuscripts of Dr. Byron Smith Palmer (covering the years 1900 1927) can be credited with enlightening us regarding the first marriage of AMIE PALMER (dau of MOSES (SR.) and DOROTHY PALMER) inasmuch as both the Wheeler and the Leavitt books reveal only her (second) marriage to EBENEZER ALLEN in October 1704 and the birth of but one child, AMIE ALLEN, in 1705. His source has been checked and "The Tracy Genealogy" by Everet E. Tracy, M.D., (1898) page 32 sets out the marriage of"JONATHAN TRACY (JR.) (born 1673 at Preston, Conn.) eldest son of JONATHAN, 1st and MARY GRISWOLD" on 11 Sept 1700 to ANNA PALMER and that his death occurred 25 Feb 1704 and their two children were: JONATHAN (3rd) born 30 Nov 1702 and ANNA born 29 Oct 1703. "Palmer Groups" page 83 traces the marriage of JONATHAN TRACY (3rd) to AMIE (AMY) PALMER, dau of MOSES (JR.) and ABIGAIL (ALLEN) PALMER 19 Feb 1723. Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" page 509 lists the second daughter born to MOSES PALMER (SR.) and his wife DOROTHY as "AMIE or ANNIE" born 1680.

It would appear the confusion here arose due to the many variations of the name of this second daughter, AMIE, ANNIE, ANNA, or AMEE and neither Wheeler or Leavitt ventured to assume that the wife of JONATHAN TRACY, JR. was the daughter of MOSES PALMER (SR.) and DOROTHY (GILBERT) PALMER, which is the conclusion reached in the Palmer Manuscripts. The TRACY family resided in numerous areas of Connecticut: Wethersfield, Saybrook, Norwich and Preston, whereas the PALMER family was mainly located around Stonington. Nevertheless several of the members of these two families intermarried and a resume of the TRACY family has been included in the section of this book devoted to allied families. There were few references to the TRACY family members in the Stonington records; two of special interest were found in The Road Church Book:

(A) 19 Oct 1707 SARAH TRACY was dismissed unto ye Church of Preston.

This doubtless pertains to the SARAH MINOR, a twin, born to JOSEPH MINOR and his first wife, MARIA (MARY) AVERY and baptized in Stonington 30 March 1679 who married 21 May 1706 NATHENIAL (NATHANIEL) TRACY of Preston, Connecticut who, following her marriage removed to Preston where so many of the TRACY family resided. ("The Tracy Genealogy" has the name NATHENIAL.)

(B) 18 Sept 1726 - REBEKAH, dau of JONATHAN TRACY of Preston was baptized.

REBEKAH TRACY was the first child of record born to JONATHAN TRACY (3rd) of Preston, Connecticut, and his wife, AMEE PALMER of Stonington who had been married 19 Feb 1723. Although this couple had nine children, only this first one was baptized in Stonington. After the death of AMEE (PALMER)TRACY, it is interesting to note that JONATHAN returned to Stonington for a second wife, where he married (2nd) 1747 LUCY AVERY of Stonington.

"Old Homes in Stonington" (1930 edition which includes graveyard inscriptions) by Grace Denison Wheeler, page 243 lists a TRACY burial amongst many PALMERS, i.e. "Here lyeth ye body of ANNE TRACY, died Feb.ye 16th,1735,in ye 32nd year of her age" which places her birth year as 1703. The burial was in the Wequetequock Burial Yard, Stonington's oldest. It would appear she was the second child born to JONATHAN TRACY (JR.) and AMY(ANNIE) PALMER.

The Wheeler "History of Stonington" (page 509) contains the following statement about the wife of MOSES PALMER,(SR.)-- "(he)married DOROTHY, daughter of JOHN and AMY (LORD) GILBERT, a direct descendant of WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR in 1672." Research has been conducted in an effort to prove or disprove this statement as the compiler has been reluctant to include statements regarding royal ancestry without having checked the same out herself. However, time does not now allow for the completion of this search and descendants of MOSES PALMER (SR.) may wish to do so. No such connection was found in the LORD GENEALOGY and research back in the GILBERT FAMILY was incomplete. Unfortunately the Wheeler statement lacked any authority for such a statement.

It is in this same family (of MOSES PALMER, SR.) that so much research had to be done (and still incomplete) on THE TRACY FAMILY inasmuch as that family too claims descent from WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR through Lieutenant THOMAS TRACY, the first of that line to reach America. The TRACY family is not included in the Allied Families section of this book but there are at least three different versions of the lineal descent of Lieutenant THOMAS TRACY, some including royal ancestry.

It would appear most unusual for one family (i.e. MOSES PALMER, SR.) to have two different lines descending down from WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR: that of his wife, DOROTHY GILBERT PALMER and that of his grandson, JONATHAN TRACY (3rd), son of JONATHAN TRACY, JR. who married AMIE (AMY) PALMER (bapt 1680), fourth child of MOSES PALMER (SR.) and said DOROTHY GILBERT PALMER.

Great confusion has appeared in published records over the years as the result of two PALMER daughters (granddaughters of MOSES,SR.), AMIE and ABIGAIL,both marrying husbands named TRACY (although they were not brothers) and said granddaughter being named AMIE after her Aunt AMIE PALMER whose first husband was also named TRACY! The son of the latter, JONATHAN TRACY (3rd) apparently married his own first cousin AMIE PALMER.

History tells us that during most of the first half of the life of MOSES PALMER in Massachusetts at least celebrating Christmas was forbidden and anyone who took the day off from work could be fined five shillings:

> "The Puritans of the Mass. Bay Colony were even more restrictive in their views. A law making any celebration of Christmas illegal was enacted in 1659. Anyone violating this edict (would be) subject to a fine... Nor on Christmas Day should any citizen have 'read common prayer,' danced, played cards or played any musical instrument, except the drum, trumpet, or Jew's harp'."

Although the law was repealed in 1681, many carried over until the 1850s the prohibition and schools and businesses were open as usual on Christmas Day. In 1836 Alabama was the first state to declare Christmas Day a holiday and in 1845 it was proclaimed a holiday in Connecticut.

Also soon after MOSES' birth, on 30 Jan 1649 King CHARLES the First was beheaded in England and a Commonwealth proclaimed in England, and on 17 Dec 1653 CROMWELL was declared Lord Protector of England.

11. BENJAMIN PALMER was born in Charlestown on 30 May 1642 and was baptized 6 June 1642 in First Church of Charlestown, the son of WALTER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER. The year following his birth his parents removed their family to Rehoboth, Massachusetts, where they resided the next ten years. "The Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" by Williams Haynes explains this family's next move to Stonington: (in Connecticut)

> 1653 - July 15 - WALTER PALMER bought from GOV. HAYNES his land and moved into house built by his son-in-law MINER (Thomas). PALMER brought with him his 2nd wife, REBECCA SHORT, and his sons ELIHU, age 17; NEHEMIAH, 15; MOSES, 13; BENJAMIN 11; GERSHOM 9, together with two daughters."

BENJAMIN took the oath of freeman at Hartford on 10 May 1666 along with his brothers, NEHEMIAH, MOSES and GERSHOM. On 2 Feb 1668 the first census of Stonington Township which reported 43 households included the name of BENJAMIN PALMER, although he was unmarried. The research article done by Williams Haynes on the granting of the first lots to these householders is especially interesting, (Reprinted Nov 1970 in "Historical Footnotes" Vol. VIII, No. 1 published by The Stonington Historical Society):

> "To each of these (43 householders) there was laid out a 'home lot' of 12 acres, twice as large as a home lot usually granted in Connecticut towns, and the choice was made by drawing numbers. These lots were on each side of The Road between Mistuxet and Stony Brooks with Agreement Hill, the site elected for the new meetinghouse roughly in the middle. All this was in strict accordance with the custom of the times. It was a custom brought over from England where the yeomen's houses clustered around the castle of the lord of the manor and they went out in the surrounding fields to work..... In bestowing these home lots, the town attached to them a long, red string. Title obtained by lottery could only be made valid upon meeting the following conditions: the land must be built upon within six months and inhabited; then each owner must reside on his lot for two years before he could sell it, and even then he must first offer it to the town and be refused before he could dispose of it to any other person and give a good title...."

By the date of this first Stonington census (1668) BENJAMIN's father, WALTER, had died (1661) and he had been mentioned in his father's Will as follows at which time BENJAMIN is nineteen years of age:

> "... my Sonne ELIHU I make my full executor to pay my debts & to bring up my children & <u>to pay them theire portions</u> as my Lands & Estate will beare, but in case my wife shall marry againe before my Children are brought up & their portions payed them my three sonns ELIHU, NEHEMIAH & MOSES to enter upon the ffarme & Estate & to pay unto their mother ten pounds p. annum during her natural life & ye Land & Estate duly valued to be equally distributed among my Children, ELYHU, NEHEMIAH, MOSES, BENJAMIN, GERSHOM, HANAH & REBECCA with consideration of the tenn pounds yearely to be payed to theire mother out of ye land but if my Loving wife pay theire portions according to theire discretion & my three Sonnes ELIHU NEHEMIAH & MOSES possess the Land they shall give twenty pounds apiece out of

the Land to my Sonne BENJAMIN besides his mothers portion, in three yeares after they are possessed of the ffarme...."

An unsigned "Memorandum" was added to the effect "That if ELYHU NEHEMIAH & MOSES decease before they hav any yeares BENJAMIN is to succeed in theire pt of ye ffarme & to give to my daughter ELIZABETH two Cowes."

From THOMAS MINOR's Diary (page 104) we learn that on 15 July 1671 -- a Saturday -- "at night Mother palmer departed this Life" undoubtedly referring to his wife's step-mother, REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER. This may be the only record of her death. The oldest of REBECCA's sons, ELIHU, (who had been the executor of his father's Will) had predeceased the mother in 1665. However, it was not until several years thereafter (5 June 1684) that the three brothers, NEHEMIAH, MOSES and BENJAMIN, signed a deed dividing the land which their "father left for our mother to divide," which she apparently failed to do, and they agreed to give 500 acres to their youngest brother, GERSHOM. (See New London Deeds Vol. 1, p. 129). (There was no Will or administration for REBECCA PALMER and no record of a second marriage.)

BENJAMIN PALMER removed to Northfield, Massachusetts, but the exact year is not known. "The town of Northfield was first settled in 1671 and in 1683 he was granted thirty acres of land there. He was a signer of a petition in that town the same year and took possession of his land two years later. He soon became a leading man of the town and on 16 Mar 1686 was chosen Supervisor and also a Measurer of Land. Soon thereafter the inhabitants of Northfield were driven out and the town was destroyed by the Indians. BENJAMIN did not return to the town at the succeeding settlements and evidently returned to Stonington." (This information is from the BYRON PALMER manuscripts in which his source is listed as "History of Northfield" by Temple, published 1875). Examining these manuscripts further we read that "on 11 Dec 1683 BENJAMIN PALMER received an allotment of 100 acres at Shownoak in Stonington which he gave to his brother, NEHEMIAH (Vol. 2, p. 291) and on 5 June 1684 he divided all of his remaining land with his brothers (Vol. 1, p. 129) (presumably referring to volumes in New London Deeds). BENJAMIN PALMER sold his lands in Northfield to ENOCH RANDALL of Enfield, Connecticut under date of 29 Dec 1702 ('History of Northfield,'pp.107,184). On 29 May 1700 BENJAMIN deeded land to JONATHAN PALMER at Palmer's Neck and on 22 May 1703 he sold 100 acres in the town of Stonington."

"The Diary of Thomas Minor 1653-1684" (1899, reprinted 1976) has a few interesting references to THOMAS' brother-in-law, BENJAMIN PALMER (half-brother to GRACE PALMER MINOR, THOMAS' wife):

p.140 "1676-77 friday the 9 day I payd benjamin palmer for Hanah bodies..
p.166 "1681 the 8 day I received Brother Benjamin his Letter from Antego.
p.167 "1681 about the 10th of Agust Benjamin palmer brought whome his wife"

This appears to be the only reference to BENJAMIN's marriage; the date and place of a marriage have not been found, nor the wife's name and background. She apparently predeceased BENJAMIN and from the contents of his Will it is evident he left no wife or children surviving him. The BYRON PALMER handwritten manuscripts furnish only a clue: "In 1694 a sea captain named GREEN died at Rehoboth leaving a sea chest and contents to 'BENJAMIN PALMER and sister ELIZABETH' from which it might be inferred BENJAMIN had married ELIZABETH GREEN."

BENJAMIN PALMER died 10 Apr 1715/16 aged 74 years and was buried at Wequetequock Cove. The PALMER Manuscripts explain that "his will is dated 8 Apr 1701 and was probated at New London on 9 July 1717 although no copy of said will was ever made, (Stonington Town Records, Vol. 2, p. 32)." However, BENJAMIN apparently disposed of all or most of his land and estate by the giving of a Deed the "seventeenth Day of February one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen sixteen and in ye second year of ye Reign of our soveraign Lord George King ouer Great Britain France and Ireland, etc." From "Palmer Groups" pp. 30-31 the following is copied verbatim:

"To all People to whom These presents shall Come Greeting Know ye that I BENJAMIN PALMER, Junior of Stonington in ye County of New London and Colony of Connecticut Husbandman for and in Consideration of Love and Good Will and affection which I Doe bare Towards my Loving Nephews DANIEL PALMER, Esq. and MOSES PALMER Yeamon and my Loving Cousen JONATHAN PALMER JUNIOR all of ye afores'd Town have given and Granted and by these Presents Do freely Clearly and absolutely Give Grant unto ye aforesaid DANIEL PALMER MOSES PALMER and JONATHAN PALMER, Their heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns for Euer all and singular my Lands being and Lying in Stonington afores'd, viz: I giue to my Cousen JONATHAN PALMER aforesaid six acres of Land Lying in ye Neck next adjoining his uncle JONATHAN PALMER his Land, To enter upon and Take Possession off as a Proper heire when he comes to ye age of Twenty one years, and my Cousen DANIELL PALMER and MOSES PALMER afores'd to have ye Improvement of s'd JONATHAN PALMER's Land till he Comes of age said six acres of land yt I Doe give To my Cousen JONATHAN PALMER JUNIOR is to Run ye whole Breadth of my Land till ye six acres is up, Marsh and Upland, all ye Rest of my Lands I Doe giue to my Loving Nephews DANIEL PALMER and MOSES PALMER aforsaid, To be Equally Divided between themselves as they shall agree, and They ye aforesaid DANIELL PALMER and MOSES PALMER are to Take care of me and Provide for me Comfortably Dureing my Naturall Life and after my Death to burey me in a Christian and Decent manner, and from ye Date hereof ye aforesaid DANIELL PALMER and MOSES PALMER may enter upon and Take Possession as Proper Heires of all my Lands yt now is in my Possession or that Doth belong to me or yt shall foreuer hereafter Belong to me as a Good and Absolute Estate of inheritance in Fee Simple and hauing in myselfe Good Right and full power To Giue Grant and Confirme s'd Premises in manner as above s'd and yt ye s'd DANIELL PALMER and MOSES PALMER theire heires and assigns shal and may foreuer here after by force and virtue of these Presents Lawfully and Quietly Hold Poses and Injoy ye afores'd Giuen and Granted Premises, and in Witness that this is my free and Volluntary act and deed, I haue hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth Day of February one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen sixteen and in ye second year of ye Reign of our soveraign Lord George King ouer Great Britain France and Ireland, etc.

BENJAMIN PALMER.

Signed sealed and Deliuered in ye Presents of
EBENEZER SEARLE
SAM'LL CHESSBOROUGH second
BENJAMIN SHAW

Mr. Benjamin Palmer of Stonington the Subscriber personally appeared and acknowledged the aboue Written Instrument to be his own Voluntary act and Deed before me
NATH'LL CHESEBROUGH,
Justice of Peace."

"In the disturbance which resulted from the demands of the Rhode Island people for lands claimed by the Stonington people in 1670, NEHEMIAH PALMER, Constable of Stonington, sent his brother, BENJAMIN PALMER, on 21 June 1670 to warn the people of Wickford, lying next to Pettequamscutt (R.I. Records, Vol. 2, p. 320); ("Palmer Groups" p.29).

"The following excerpts are from the Winthrop Papers (Mass. Historical Society Collection, Ser. 5):

"a. Letter by WAIT WINTHROP dated New London 6 Aug 1695 which says, 'WHEREAS I did forwarn BENJAMIN PALMER and SAMUEL CLEVELAND and all others that are settled on our lands at Quinebauge from paying rent to any pretender of those lands other than upon our right, etc. (Vol. 8, p. 504)...

"b. Power of attorney of BENJAMIN PALMER and SAMUEL CLEVELAND 'living in the Quaneboge plantation in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, being yeomen' to JOHN GALLUP of Stonington, dated 2 Nov 1695 (Vol. 8, p. 506)...

"c. Letter by WAIT WINTHROP dated 25 Nov 1695 mentions a new plantation at Quinabogue, and that BENJAMIN PALMER and SAMUEL CLEVELAND were two of his tenants living at a place called Pisgcomset near the center of said plantation and that they had been molested (Vol. 8, pp. 514-517).

"d. Letter by WAIT WINTHROP to Gov. ROBERT TRENT of Connecticut, dated 8 Apr 1696 mentions PALMER's family and the destruction of his crops and that PALMER and CLEVELAND lived in the same house in different parts, and that some of the families on the plantation had left and gone to the Carolinas (Vol. 8, p. 518); and from Ser. 6

"e. Power of attorney of FITZJOHN and WAIT WINTHROP to JOHN GALLUP, dated 2 Oct 1705 to act as agent at Plainfield or Canterbury on both sides of the Quinabaige River in New London Co. This land was acquired by JOHN WINTHROP, JR. between 1653-1659 and left to his sons. In December 1706 the Connecticut Assembly granted a Patent of these lands to many persons including BENJAMIN PALMER, beginning at the Norwich line where that line crosses the river (Vol. 3, p. 314)."

The foregoing is set out on pages 18 and 19 of the BYRON PALMER Manuscripts (in typescript); and the following references to BENJAMIN PALMER are found in "The Diary of Manasseh Minor 1696-1720" (1915, reprinted 1976):

p. 40 "Jvne 1700 25 I cam hom & vncle beniman palmor cam home
p. 49 "Sept 1701 14 Benjamen palmor & nathaniel cheesbro war admited into the chh the same day George wood was published
p.123 "Jvne 1715 13 Capt masons chil B : ben palmor publishd".

The item above corresponds with the record published on page 191 in the "History of First Congregational Church, Stonington" (reprinted 1974) in the list of "Admissions" to that church:

"Sept. 14, 1701 BENJAMIN PALMER. The same day, Lieut. NATH CHESEBROUGH."

The PALMER Manuscript (p.19) adds: "and his confession was publicly read on 28 Aug 1714" which may have reference to the above quotations in MANASSEH's Diary wherein he wrote "ben palmor publishd".

The quotation on page 31 concludes with the following:

"Stonington February ye 17th, 1715-16, The Testimony of WILLIAM WILLCOCKS, BENJAMIN SHAW and JOSEPH PALMER all of Stonington of ye County of New London, Being all of Lawfull age, Do Testifie and Say yt they saw BENJAMIN PALMER, JUNIOR of Stonington in ye County of New London afores'd Giue Possession by Turff and Twig, of all his Land in Stonington on ye Sixteenth day of March one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen sixteen unto DANIELL PALMER, Esq. MOSES PALMER and JONATHAN PALMER, JUNIOR of ye aboues'd town and county according to ye tenor of the aboue Written Deed of Gift; They being all satisfied yt ye aboue s'd BENJAMIN PALMER well understood what he did and further saith not.

"WILLIAM WILLCOCKS BENJAMIN SHAW and JOSEPH PALMER all of Stonington Personally appeared and made an oath to the aboue written Testimony before me
NATHILL CHESSBROUGH, Justice Peace.
Stonington March ye 16, 1715-16.

"The above written Instrument Testimony and Affidavit etc. ware Entered upon Record this 17 day of March 1715-16
Pr me ELNATHAN MINOR, Town Clerk."
(See also Stonington Town Records, Vol. 3, p. 144)

BENJAMIN PALMER's older sister, HANNAH (whose first husband was THOMAS HEWITT) named her second son BENJAMIN HEWITT apparently so named for his Uncle BENJAMIN PALMER. He was born in 1662 the same year his father THOMAS was lost at sea. He was the only one of twenty-eight nephews of BENJAMIN PALMER given the first name of BENJAMIN.

Why BENJAMIN PALMER was given the title "Captain" (page 29 "Palmer Groups") is not explained nor was any other reference to this found in any other records or books; however, the title "CAPT." does appear in the title of the BYRON PALMER manuscripts (page 11) in their handwritten form but was omitted when the same was reduced to typescript.

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The month BENJAMIN PALMER became aged 18 years (May 1660) on the 8th CHARLES the Second became King of England. On 22 Apr 1662 in England JOHN WINTHROP, as agent for Connecticut, received a Charter for the colony from CHARLES the Second. Characterized as the most liberal colonial charter ever granted, it gave exceptional rights of self-government which the Colony cherished and later had to defend with vigor. This famous Charter set the Pawcatuck River as the eastern boundary of Connecticut, automatically restoring Stonington from Massachusetts to Connecticut, (WILLIAMS HAYNES' "300 YEAR STONINGTON CHRONOLOGY" pp. 14-15).

12. Dea. GERSHOM PALMER was born in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1644/45 and was probably baptized in Newman Congregational Church now located (due to boundary changes) in East Providence, Rhode Island. He was the eleventh child of WALTER and the sixth by his second wife, REBECCA. GERSHOM married (1st) ANN DENISON on 28 Nov 1667 in Stonington, Connecticut (born 20 May 1649 in Roxbury, Massachusetts ("History of New London, Conn." p.333, by Frances Manwarring Caulkins (1896)). ANN was the daughter of Captain GEORGE and ANN (BORODELL)+DENISON of Stonington; she died 17 Nov 1706 (Minor Diary); he m (2nd) 1707 the widow of Major SAMUEL MASON of Stonington, Mrs. ELIZABETH (PECK) MASON, the daughter of a prominent PECK family in neighboring Rehoboth. ELIZABETH PECK was the second wife of Major MASON by whom she had had three children: SAMUEL born 1695, died 1701; ELIZABETH born 1697, died 1720; and HANNAH born 1699, died 1724. Major MASON had died in March 1705.

GERSHOM was about nine years of age when his parents and siblings removed from Rehoboth to Stonington (formerly Southertown), where he continued to live the rest of his life. He was just seventeen years of age when his father died in November 1661. His father had acquired over one thousand acres of land in Stonington during the years since his arrival there in 1653 and he still owned his farm in Rehoboth. GERSHOM was remembered in his father's Will in this way:

> "... to my Sonne JONAS halfe the Planting Lott at ye now meaddow River by Seacuncke (Rehoboth) & ye Lott betweene John Butterworths according to the fower score pounds Estate & the use of halfe ye housing & halfe of the whole ffarme <u>for foure</u> yeares I give to my Sonne WILLIAM the other halfe of ye same ffarme at Seacuncke forever .... the other halfe of the ffarme at Seacuncke I give <u>to my Sonne GERSHOM forever</u> <u>after the end tearme of fower yeares</u>. ..."

In addition to being bequeathed half of the farm in Rehoboth (after the end of four years), GERSHOM was also a residuary legatee under the Will of his father with his two sisters and four brothers after their mother's death, "and ye Land & Estate duly valued to be equally distributed among my Children, ELYHU, NEHEMIAH, MOSES, BENJAMIN, <u>GERSHOM</u>, HANAH & REBECCA...."

On 10 Oct 1666 GERSHOM and his older brothers, NEHEMIAH, MOSES and BENJAMIN, took the oath of freeman at Hartford, Connecticut.

During our Bi-Centennial year (1976) the "Noank (Connecticut) News" on November 17 in their regularly featured articles by the historian Mary Virginia Goodman, recalled some amusing and interesting aspects of marriage and courtship in Colonial America. This included the great importance once placed on early marriages for both men and women:

> "Bachelors were regarded with great suspicion and general disfavor in the whole community. In some instances a bachelor was regarded in the same light as a suspected criminal. If such an unmarried man appeared in a colonial town, the authorities would immediately look for a place for him to live, a place in a family chosen by the constable or some other officer of the law. He was advised to find a suitable young woman and marry and settle down

> as a substantial citizen without delay or move on. To encourage him into the holy estate of matrimony, a house-lot would be assigned to him. A young woman was not obliged to accept an offer not pleasing to her. The suitor, however, in any case was obliged to ask her father or guardian for the privilege of courting her. The Connecticut Blue Laws laid down rules concerning the matter of courting the young lady. ... If a young man attempted to make love to a young woman without her parents' or guardian's consent, the bold young swain was immediately hailed into court."

As an example of this strict discipline the historian continues:

> "Around 1665, Captain GEORGE DENISON of Mystic brought various charges against a young man by the name of JOHN CARR (for trying to gain DENISON's daughter ANNE's affection without first consulting her parents). He was also accused of trying to influence ANNE to leave her father's house home and marry him. The 'New London County Court Records' give this account of the trouble: 'JOHN CARR for attempting marriage with Captain DENISON's daughter without leave of her parents is fyned to the publique treasury five pounds'."

It appears Captain GEORGE DENISON was more favorably inclined toward the young son of our ancestor, WALTER PALMER, for on 28 November 1667 his daughter ANN was married to GERSHOM PALMER at Stonington. And some twenty-six years later, in 1693 when he made his Will, Captain DENISON named his son-in-law, GERSHOM PALMER, as one of the three overseers (along with the local minister, Rev. JAMES NOYES, and his own son, JOHN DENISON) to serve in the event his son, WILLIAM, should die and leave a widow, SARAH, and young children; he arranged for this daughter-in-law, SARAH, and her children to be cared for, and "for her comfortable supply, and the well educating and bringing up their children in religion and good learning ... by the advice" of these three overseers or any two of them and Captain DENISON specifically provided in his Will that without their "advice she may not act;"and should the daughter-in-law remarry, then the overseers take complete charge of "the whole estate ... and by them to be secured for my son WILLIAM DENISON's children, WILLIAM, GEORGE and SARAH."

In 1668 a census was taken of the inhabitants of the town of Stonington to include only those who were actual inhabitants or heads of families. In that year on February 2nd there were found to be forty-three inhabitants including the newly married GERSHOM PALMER; his mother, MRS. REBECCA PALMER; his brothers, BENJAMIN and MOSES (then aged about 26 and 28); his brother-in-law, THOMAS MINOR (aged 60); his father-in-law, Captain GEORGE DENISON; his nephews, EPHRAIM and JOSEPH MINER (aged 26 and 24); another brother-in-law (brother to his wife, ANN), JOHN DENISON who had married PHEBE LAY of Saybrook on 26 November 1667 just two days before GERSHOM's marriage to ANN DENISON. Thus at least nine of the forty-three listed in the first census were closely related either by birth or by marriage.

"The Diary of THOMAS MINOR 1653-1684" (reprinted 1976 by John A. Miner),

the original of which is at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford, contains some interesting entries about GERSHOM PALMER, younger half-brother to the diarist's wife, GRACE PALMER MINOR, commencing soon after GERSHOM's marriage: (the dates are those of the Old Calendar when March was the first month of the year)

"1667 The tenth month is december and hath .31. days saterday the 7th gerson & his wife was heare sabath day the 8. and 9 day we killed the swine" (GERSHOM and ANN had been married 28 November 1667)
(page 82)

"1670 The seventh moneth is september and hath .30. days the ffirst is Thursday: our Brother ELISHA CHEESBROUGH departed this life in the fforenoone our brother garshoms wife was delivered of a young daughter Thursday the .8." (The deceased was 1st husband of GERSHOM's sister, REBECCA.)
(page 98)

This is the only clue we have found as to the birth of the first child of GERSHOM and ANN PALMER although by this time they have been married almost three years--very unusual for those times. They may have had a child or two between their marriage (of 28 Nov 1667) and the birth of this daughter 8 September 1670, who died young and the entry was never made; the next four children born to this couple were sons. This daughter was named MERCY; the next daughter born to this couple was named ANN, born about 1681-82. (The research manuscripts of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER set out a possible birth year for MERCY, the first child as 1668/69, but the entry in the diary must be accepted as more correct, to wit: 8 Sept 1670.)

"1667 Tusday 26 of november John Denison was maried brother gershom palmer The same week"
"The yeare 1667 is the yeare 19. of the Reinge of our sovereinge lord King Charles the second."
(page 199)

"1670 Mr. (Rev.) Noyce warned a meeting at mother palmers on wensday
(page 100)

"1671 The fift moneth is July and hath .31. days.... the .15 day Saterday at night Mother palmer departed this Life saterday the .22. I had three loade of white pease and Two Loades of oates into the barne"
(page 104) (This seems to be the only record we have of the death of WALTER PALMER's second wife, REBECCA, who was referred to as "Mother Palmer" by the diarist, THOMAS MINOR, who had married REBECCA's oldest step-child, GRACE.)

"1674 The .8. day it snowed and ould wheeler came to Reckon with gershum....
(page 127)

"1681 ... about the .10th. of Agust 1681 Benjamin palmer brought whome his wife." (page167) This is perhaps the only reference available which sets forth the marriage of GERSHOM's next oldest brother, BENJAMIN. (born 30 May 1642). The eleventh moneth is Januarie and hath .31 days. ... the 14 day gershum palmer and Elis aprhended"(page 170).

GERSHOM PALMER is also referred to several times by his nephew, in "The Diary of MANASSEH MINOR 1696-1720" who was a son of the earlier diarist, THOMAS MINOR. Although GERSHOM was a half-brother to MANASSEH's mother, GRACE MINOR, he was 36 years younger than GRACE and in fact was only about three or four years older than MANASSEH. Also GERSHOM had named his first son after himself who was born 1672 and no distinction is made by MANASSEH

in his diary as to GERSHOM the elder or GERSHOM the younger; however, the compiler has endeavored to make this distinction based on the context of the entry:

"1696 Nouember ye: 10 day was A Meeting for The Choyce of A Deacone and they did not (page 20)
Decemr ye: 9 was a meeting for Choyse of a Deacon & Gerfham Palmer was Chose..."

"1697 Jvne 16 ... John denison Jvner dismised from the chvrch & Garshom palmor (page 23) (refers to GERSHOM PALMER, JR. who was moving from Stonington to Killingworth, Connecticut)

"1697 November 3 Thenksgiving day in pvblik
decembar 9 Garsham palmor chos dekon the same day was a colection for the chvrchs vse. (pp.26-27).

"1699 Janèwary 24 I went to dekn (deacon) palmors" (page 37)

"1700 May 31 wee layed ovt land for Gersham palmor & ben hvit(Hewitt)"(p.40)

"1706 november 17 Deaken pallmors wife dyed (page 96)
november 18 She was buryed" (page 96). (Later in this chapter a reference to the death of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER's wife, ANN, taking place in 1694 is set forth; however, it would appear more logical now that the above date of 1706 in the Diary is correct inasmuch as the husband re-married the following year (1707), waiting only one year which was customary for the times.)

"1706 de/bar (december) 22 the congrygation met at Garshvm palmors hovse
29 met again at Dekn Garshvms

"1707 Janvary 15 a lectu at Garshvm palmors" (page 97)

"1718 10 July I bought Gershans lot" (page 142)

"1718 27 Sept deken Gersham dyed (page 143)
30 Sept deken Gersham was buryed (page 143)

Following in the path of his parents, brothers and sisters, GERSHOM was devoutly religious and he and his wife, ANN, were admitted 19 Aug 1677 to First Congregational Church at Stonington (known as "The Road Church") according to the church records (reprinted 1974 in the 300th anniversary edition of the church's History, page 189). All the references in the aforementioned Miner Diaries regarding his church activities relate to GERSHOM's activities in The Road Church. These church records also reveal the following information about GERSHOM AND ANN PALMER's family:

BAPTISMS

1677 Sept 9 - GERSHOM (JR.) and ICHABOD, sons of Dea. GERSHOM PALMER
1678 Apr 25 - WILLIAM, son of Dea. GERSHOM PALMER
1681 May 29 - GEORGE, son of Dea. GERSHOM PALMER
1683 May 20 - ANN, daughter of GERSHOM PALMER
1685 June 7 - WALTER, son of GERSHOM PALMER
1688 May 6 - ELIHU, son of GERSHOM PALMER
1690 June 8 - MARY, daughter of GERSHOM PALMER
1694 July 1 - REBECCA, daughter of GERSHOM PALMER

From the "200th History of First Congregational Church" (1874)(published 1875 by T. H. Davis and Company, Norwich, Conn.) page 100 we read:

> "December 9, 1697 GERSHOM PALMER was chosen deacon, and there was collected two pounds and six shillings in silver and an account of seventeen shillings in ye archdeacon's hands, all which was to buy things necessary for the Church."

The above list of baptisms does not include the first child, MERCY, born to Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER; however, the list of

"ADMISSIONS" includes the following members of his family:

"1689 April 18 - MARCY PALMER (who married 11 April 1689 JOHN BREED);
1690 April 13 - JOHN BREED
1699 May 28 - HANNAH PALMER
1703 June 27 - WILLIAM PALMER and his wife GRACE"(Miner)

In 1675 GERSHOM PALMER, then aged thirty-one years, particiated in King Philip's War and served as a lieutenant of a Stonington company. Wheeler's "Stonington History" (supra) states merely "He served in early Colonial wars." The Byron Palmer typescript manuscripts add this: "His name appears as a soldier in that war on the records of the town of Voluntown, which town was given by the General Court of Connecticut to the soldiers of that war,"(p.997).

The comprehensive account of that conflict was written by George Madison Bodge, A.B. in his book entitled "Soldiers in King Philip's War" reprinted 1976 (by Genealogical Publishing Co. of Baltimore, Maryland). In a chapter headed "The Narraganset Townships, Grantees and Claimants" is recorded (p.406) that on 10th December 1675 a proclamation was made to the soldiers, in the name of the Governor of the Massachusetts Colony that "if they took the fort and drove the enemy out of the Narraganset country, ... they should have a gratuity of land, besides their wages." On 4 June 1685 (ten years later) a petition was presented to the General Court in session at Boston for the grant of land which had been promised but many years passed before this was accomplished. However "Connecticut rewarded her Narraganset soldiers many years before the final action of the Massachusetts Colony. (page 441) In October 1696, Lieut. THOMAS LEFFINGWELL of Norwich and Sergt. JOHN FRINK of Stonington moved the Court of Connecticut 'that they, with the rest of the English volunteers in the former wars, might have a plantation granted unto them.' (Even this date was twenty years after the end of King Philip's War.) The Court ... then granted them a tract six miles square, to be taken up out of some of the conquered land, where it might be had without prejudice to any former grant."

The list of 182 volunteers who drew "cedar swamp" lots (pages 444-446) in Voluntown, Connecticut, included GERSHAM PALMER and the following names of Stonington area pioneers--individuals who were related to or closely associated with our PALMER family at that time:

JAMES, THOMAS and Capt. JAMES and JOHN AVERY
JOHN BABCOCK
EBENEZER and WILLIAM BILLINGS
NATHANIEL CHEESEBRO
Capt. GEORGE DENISON and WILLIAM and JOHN DENISON
JOHN and SAMUEL FISH
JOHN and MATTHEW GRISWOLD
JACOB+JOY (See: JOY FAMILY in Allied Families.)
EZEKIEL+MAINE (See: MAINE FAMILY in Allied Families.)
Lieut. THOMAS, CLEMENT, EPHRAIM, JOSEPH, MANASSAH and SAMUEL MINER
Capt. JOHN, JOSEPH, DANIEL, ROBERT and SAMUEL STANTON
DANIEL and SOLOMON TRACY

For a concise but comprehensive account of the 1675-76 hostilities as they affected and involved the pioneers of Stonington and nearby areas, John Miner's 1981 Miner history "THOMAS MINOR--DESCENDANTS--1608-1981" (pp.816-821) is well worth reading.

"King Philip" was Sachem (chief) of the Wampanoag Indians and son of Massasoit whose large statue stands overlooking Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Harbor in recognition of his friendship and alliance with the Pilgrims fifty years earlier. The older son, Wamsuta died, whereupon Metacomet the next son of Massasoit became the Sachem; and it was Metacomet who became King Philip. Simultaneously another prominent Indian Sachem of the Mohegans, named Uncas "kept his neighbors for some time in doubt which party he would join in the contest"but in due time "the Mohegans were under the command of Captain JOHN GALLOP of Stonington, who was among those slain." (pp.328-329 Miner Genealogy)

We are indebted to Williams Haynes' "300 Year Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" published by the Pequot Press of Stonington (and reprinted for our Bi-Centennial as a 325 Year Chronology) for some informative and interesting items of Stonington's history during that period of conflict:

1675 June 24 King Philip opened his war with a bloody massacre at Swansea, Rhode Island
June 28 Lts. Wetherill and Avery met UNCAS at Preston Plain and secured his pledge of allegiance for himself and the Mohegans, Pequots and Niantics tribes.
Sept. 18 Occurred the Massacre at Deerfield, Mass.
Nov. 3 THOMAS MINER appointed lieutenant of dragoons
Dec. 16 The troops marched off from Stonington and Norwich to the front.
Dec. 19 The Great Swamp Fight, near Kingston, Rhode Island, killing some 300 Indians; English losses: 80 men killed and 150 wounded.
Dec. 20 Returning to Stonington, the troops killed or captured about 30 fugitive Indians.
1676 Feb. 29 JOSHUA, son of UNCAS, bequeathed his land embracing what is now Windham and Mansfield, to Capt. JOHN MASON, JAMES FITCH and twelve others who later became known as 'the JOSHUA legatees'.
(The conflict continued into August with expeditions by the Stonington troops, capturing of prisoners, killings raids and bloodshed.)
1676 Aug. 12 King Philip was killed in a fight near Mt. Hope, R.I. ending a war during which 13 towns had been destroyed, over 600 houses burned and about 750 English men, women and children killed. The dead included Captains JOHN GALLUP and JOHN MASON, Jr., the latter died Sep.16 in New London of wounds received in the Great Swamp Fight.

Numerous contributions were made by the citizens of Stonington toward the war effort against the hostile Indians; some giving or pledging money, some food supplies; and "Lt. MASON and GERSHOM PALMER volunteered each a day's work...."

GERSHOM PALMER was one of the witnesses to the Will of JOSHUA, son of UNCAS, on 27 February 1675 (according to the research of DR. BYRON PALMER recorded in "Palmer MSS." page 997).

On 5 June 1684 GERSHOM received from his brothers NEHEMIAH, MOSES and BENJAMIN 500 acres of land in Stonington as part of their father's estate

(Town Records, Vol. 1, p.129).

The new selectmen elected 1691 for Stonington included GERSHOM PALMER. His father-in-law, Captain GEORGE DENISON, died 24 Oct 1694 in Hartford while attending the Assembly and was buried there; GERSHOM's youngest child was born about 1693 and was baptized 1 July 1694 in The Road Church.

Deacon GERSHOM PALMER's mother-in-law, ANN (BORODELL) DENISON survived her husband sixteen years and died 25 Sept 1712 at age 97; she was buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic; ANN PALMER was buried in Wequetequock Cemetery.

In addition to the 500 acres of Stonington land given to GERSHOM by his brothers in 1684 (following the death of their mother), he received another 50 acres of land on 3 May 1693, followed by another 100 acres and thereafter an additional 50 acres ("Americana" January 1940, Vol. 34, No. 1, page 169) although an explanation of these later acquisitions of land is not set forth. The Byron Palmer Manuscripts explain that "on 3 May 1693 the town of Stonington laid out to GERSHOM PALMER 50 acres, 100 acres, and another parcel of 50 acres (Stonington Deeds Vol. 1)."

GERSHOM's father had died in 1661 and his Will proved in May 1662 in which the farm he owned in Rehoboth (Seacuncke) had been given one-half to son JONAS (JONAH) for the term of four years only, following which that half was given to GERSHOM forever; the other half of that farm had been bequeathed to WALTER's son, WILLIAM, forever. Following WALTER's death, WILLIAM sold his one-half of the Rehoboth farm and after spending some time in Stonington moved to the new community of Killingworth (now Clinton) on the coast beyond Stonington. Here he received an allotment of land from the town in 1667 and here he remained the rest of his life, unmarried. The Will of WILLIAM may have been destroyed but evidence of such a Will is evident in the wording of an instrument given by GERSHOM PALMER (his youngest half-brother) on 27 March 1697 wherein he mentions the house and lands in Killingworth which "my brother, WILLIAM, now deceased, did give and bequeath unto me forever."

Thus by 1697 GERSHOM PALMER has become the owner of much land, situated in Rehoboth, Stonington and Killingworth. The record itemized on page 169 of "Americana" sets out still another transaction on 20 Nov 1711 when GERSHOM PALMER "received 400 acres which had belonged to Mrs. ANNA STANTON, ROBERT and SAMUEL STANTON, MOSES PALMER, deceased, BENJAMIN PALMER, THOMAS HEWETT, deceased, and JAMES DEED, in the 'Purchase of Cattapeset' (Vol. 2, p. 447 Stonington Deeds)."

The Haynes "300 Year Chronology" lists the last public service of GERSHOM PALMER in the year 1704 when he was a representative for Stonington, (page 29.) at which time he would have been about age sixty.

Most published records give the year 1694 as the year of the death of GERSHOM's first wife, ANN, merely adding that he thereafter married the widow MRS. ELIZABETH (PECK) MASON. The Wheeler chronology of families (page 461) in Stonington gives 30 March 1705 as the date of death of ELIZABETH's husband, Major SAMUEL MASON and the year 1699 as the birthdate of her last child by him; MANASSEH MINOR's Diary records for 20 March 1704-5 "mr John masan departed," and also records for 17 November 1706 "Deaken pallmors wife dyed;" and on 18 November "She was buryed." GERSHOM m(2nd) 11 Nov 1707 (13 years after the alleged death date of 1694); ANN was survived in 1694 by eight

minor children, aged 1 to 17 years, four being under aged 10 years; the oldest, MERCY, married 1690 and had a dau born 1693. Who then would have cared for all these young children in 1694? No reference has been found anywhere to this; MERCY may have had to care for them along with her own which increased to a total of six by 1706. The need for widowers to re-marry soon was obvious and customary; why did GERSHOM wait 13 years? This is not explained in GERSHOM's history anywhere. Therefore, it appears at this date more logical that the Diary's death date for ANN of 1706 could be correct; by that time her youngest would have been aged 12 years; the next youngest 16 years and all the others were adults. Wheeler's History (page 510) explains about GERSHOM's two step-daughters:

> " the two minor daughters went with their mother to reside in Dea. Palmer's family, where they were kindly entertained and treated with distinguished consideration by all, in recognition of their father's and grandfather's eminent services in the settlement of the State of Connecticut and also in consideration of the support and education of her daughters, their mother entered into a supplemental jointer with the deacon, by which she released and discharged his sons, WALTER and GEORGE PALMER, from their liability to her for one-half of the twenty pounds mentioned in their first jointure....."

and following the death of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER,

> "... in consideration of the affection and kindness to her daughters, and without any additional payment or favor of any kind to her from his heirs-at-law, she released his said sons from any and all liability to her.... The older daughter in her 23rd year became the wife of the Rev. WILLIAM WORTHINGTON on 13 Oct 1720. The younger sister, HANNAH MASON, ... in delicate health, departed this life in November 1724."

According to the research manuscripts of Dr. Byron Palmer, GERSHOM's last public service was in the year 1706 when he served as Deputy from Stonington to the Court of Elections at Hartford.

In 1706 (in view of his approaching re-marriage and/or his advancing years he then being aged 62 or thereabouts) GERSHOM PALMER began the distribution of some of his land to his sons. Following this second marriage he took up his permanent place of abode on the eastern slope of Taugwonk in Stonington. The following gifts of land were made by him: (Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" pp. 32-33)

> 6 May 1706 he gave "for love of his son ICHABOD and for his wife and children, as his portion of his father's estate, land by the Mill Brook, in Stonington."(Deeds, Vol. 2, p.301).
> 23 Dec 1708 he gave his sons, GEORGE AND WALTER, all his farm, they to allow him, for the rest of his natural life, one-third of the produce of the land, to dwell in the east end of his "now dwelling house" and they to fulfill the agreement he made with "his now wife" (i.e. the second wife) before their marriage (Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 424).
> 9 May 1718 he gave to his sons, ICHABOD, WILLIAM, GEORGE and WALTER a deed to three hundred and twenty-five acres of land

at Puckhunganuck, "during his life; after to the sons of his son WILLIAM, i.e. WILLIAM, ELIHU and WAIT, each one-fourth..."

The disposition GERSHOM made of his one-half of the Rehoboth farm (which he had received in the 1660's from his father's Will) is uncertain. In the foregoing deeds he disposed of his Stonington land to his four surviving sons, ICHABOD, WILLIAM, GEORGE and WALTER who had remained in the Stonington area; and to his oldest son, GERSHOM (JR.) he had previously (1697) deeded over to him the house and all the lands in Killingworth which he (GERSHOM SR.) had received as a bequest from his older half-brother, WILLIAM: (Wheeler's Stonington History page 507)

27 March 1697 GERSHOM PALMER (SR.) entered on record the following instrument: "KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that WHEREAS, my brother WILLIAM, now deceased, did give and bequeath unto me his house, and all his lands in Killingworth, forever, I settling one of my sons thereon, and in compliance with my deceased brother's will, I do order my eldest son, GERSHOM PALMER, JR., to settle in said house upon said land. I, the said GERSHOM PALMER, SENIOR, do give and bequeath the aforesaid house and lot, with all its privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to my eldest son, GERSHOM PALMER, to him forever,according to the tenor of the will of my brother, WILLIAM PALMER, deceased."

In accordance with his father's "order" GERSHOM (JR.) removed from Stonington to Killingworth and on 16 June 1697 the chronicles of The Road Church (at Stonington) reveal that "GERSHOM PALMER recommended unto ye Killingsworth church." Within a year or two thereafter (1698-1699) he married SARAH FENNER (daughter of Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook) and lived the remainder of his life in Killingworth, later to be re-named Clinton.

The Wheeler book (page 509) refers to GERSHOM's second marriage to the widow, ELIZABETH MASON, explaining: "The preliminaries of this union must have been interesting, not only in their reciprocal affections, but in their mutual financial interests as appears by a jointure bearing the date of their marriage." However, the Leavitt account ("Palmer Groups" p.32-33) continues this arrangement by explaining that in mid-1718 GERSHOM "made another deed, in which he stated that he had, before marriage, agreed to give his wife twenty pounds before his own decease and that he had ordered his sons, GEORGE and WALTER, to pay this, but, since he had been boarding his wife's two daughters, ELIZABETH and HANNAH MASON, for some time, he had caused different arrangements to be made. (Deeds, Vol. 2, page 447.)"

Deacon GERSHOM PALMER died 27 September 1718, and(according to Manasseh Minor's Diary)"deken GERSHAM was buryed 30 September 1718" and it is assumed that he was buried near his first wife, ANN, in the Wequetequock Burial Yard, Stonington's oldest cemetery, where his father was also buried. Although many years of research by many descendants has been done, thus far specific mention of his burial place has not been found. In 1903 GRACE DENISON WHEELER published "Old Homes in Stonington" subtitled "With Additional Chapters and Graveyard Inscriptions" (published at Mystic, Connecticut), but there is no inscription included in numerous cemeteries itemized which will enlighten us as to GERSHOM's burial place. Likewise in 1980 The Stonington

Historical Society published "A Guide to Stonington Graveyards" based on the Hale Collection (compiled under the direction of Charles R. Hale as a Works Progress Administration Project during the years 1934-1937). The index to this Guide does not include a GERSHOM PALMER. It would appear that any inscription marking the grave of GERSHOM PALMER has long since been obliterated or the marker itself has been removed.

Dr. Byron Palmer's research (page 998) concludes "There is no Will or administration of GERSHOM or of either of his wives, and it is believed that his property was distributed before his death." This appears especially true in view of the several deeds he signed disposing of his vast land holdings.

Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER had the following children, all born in Stonington:

14. (1) MERCY born 8 Sept 1670, m JOHN BREED 11 Apr 1689, d 1752.
15. (2) GERSHOM born ca 1672, bapt 9 Sept 1677, m 1698/99 SARAH FENNER of Saybrook; d 1733/34 Killingworth.
16. (3) ICHABOD b ca 1674, bapt 9 Sept 1677, m 1698 HANNAH PALMER; died 10 April 1752.
17. (4) WILLIAM born ca 1676 bapt 25 April 1678, m 10 Jan 1701/2 GRACE MINOR.
18. (5) GEORGE born ca 1678, bapt 29 May 1681, m 11 March 1711 HANNAH PALMER; died 28 May 1728.
19. (6) ANN born ca 1681, bapt 20 May 1683, m BENJAMIN HEWITT 3 March 1707.
20. (7) WALTER born ca 1684/85, bapt 7 June 1685, m 7 Aug 1712 GRACE VOSE; died 11 Feb 1726/27.
21. (8) ELIHU born ca 1687, bapt 6 May 1688; probably died young.
22. (9) MARY born ca 1689, bapt 8 June 1690; m 2 April 1711 her cousin, JOSEPH PALMER; died 13 January 1777.
23. (10) REBECCA born ca 1692, bapt 1 July 1694; m BENJAMIN PALMER by 1716; died 22 March 1726 in Coventry, Conn.

No records searched revealed actual birthdates for any of these ten children except the first one which is taken from the Diary of THOMAS MINER; the approximate dates only, therefore, are set out above. However, all baptisms are from the Road Church Records except the first one which is not known. There were no other birth entries in The Minor Diaries for them.

The January 1859 publication for the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (the Register) had an article by J. D. Champlin, Jr., of Stonington entitled "Ancient Burial-Ground at Stonington" in which he set forth the inscriptions taken from some of the very early markers in the Wequetequock Burial Yard (pp.23-29). In addition to those of THOMAS MINER and his wife, GRACE PALMER MINER, these included some of particular interest to those descended from Deacon GERSHOM PALMER although his was not included:

> "A rough unhewn stone, about fourteen inches wide and six feet long, and nearly imbedded in the turf, is supposed to mark the resting place of ANN, wife of GERSHOM PALMER. It is inscribed simply--
>
> ANN
> PALMER

"Next, are the graves of NEHEMIAH and Capt. BENJAMIN PALMER, sons of the first WALTER. NEHEMIAH married HANNAH, daughter of THOMAS STANTON, Nov. 20, 1662:

Here lyeth ye Body of NEHEMIAH PALMER Esqr; dyed Febry the 17th 1717 in the 81st year of his age.

Here lyeth ye Body of BENJAMIN PALMER, Captain who dyed April the 10th 1716 in ye 74th year of his age."

This is followed by the inscriptions of two grandchildren of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER:

PRUDENCE (1705-1716) and ELIAS (1714-1738), children of ICHABOD (second son of Deacon GERSHOM's) and his wife, HANNAH (daughter of Deacon GERSHOM's brother, NEHEMIAH) who were first cousins.

The dates of death of ELIZABETH and HANNAH PALMER (older sisters of Deacon GERSHOM) are unknown; it is possible though he may have been the last surviving child of WALTER PALMER when he died 27 Sept 1718. From the above inscriptions it is noted that the previous year (1717) his brother, NEHEMIAH, had died; and the year before that (1716) another brother (Captain BENJAMIN) had died and shortly before that (1713) the youngest sister (REBECCA) had died. Another inscription noteworthy set forth on page 24 of the Champlin article was that of Deacon GERSHOM's oldest child, the daughter MERCY:

In Memory of a pious pair
This carved stone is erected here
viz. of Mr.JOHN BREED & his wife
MERCY who lived togather in y^{e}
marriage state in a most religious
manner about 64 years & then dec^{d}
leaving a numerous ofspring,he in
year 1751 about 90 years of age &
she in ye year 1752 about 83. erected
in ye year 1772. 6 of their Children
then living.

Inasmuch as the early (1643-1653) records of First Church in Rehoboth, Massachusetts (which, due to subsequent boundary changes placed that church in Rhode Island), have been lost, GERSHOM's baptism in that church cannot be verified. In Arnold's "Vital Records of R.I." (Vol. 9) in the Introduction (p. iv), we read: "It is a deep matter of regret with us that the original records of this (Newman) Church have become lost. The present pastor (Rev. Mr. Ferris in 1897) expressed to us several times his regret at the loss."

For information regarding ANN DENISON PALMER's children, reference is made to THE DENISON GENEALOGY (1963) by E. Glenn Denison, Josephine Middleton Peck and Donald L. Jacobus; and the DENISON SUPPLEMENT (1977) issued by a committee which included: Mrs. Josephine M. Peck (now deceased), Mrs. Dorothy Kellogg Stewart, Mrs. Beverly Jones Pryor, Mrs. Nancy Chesebrough Denison and Joanne E. Langdon.

13. REBECCA PALMER, born Rehoboth, Mass. about 1646/1647 was the youngest child of WALTER PALMER by his second wife, REBECCA, and probably was baptized there 1 July 1647. She married (1st) ELISHA CHESEBOROUGH on 20 April 1665, son of the emigrant progenitor, WILLIAM CHESEBOROUGH and his wife, ANNA STEVENSON, who had married in Boston, England 6 December 1620. ELISHA had been born 20 April 1635 in Boston, Massachusetts and baptized there 4 June 1637. ELISHA died 1 Sept 1670 in Stonington leaving one son; his widow, REBECCA, married (2nd) JOHN BALDWIN 24 July 1672, son of SYLVESTER and SARAH (BRYANT) BALDWIN (born 28 Oct 1635 and died 19 Aug 1683 in New London, Connecticut). REBECCA was the second wife of JOHN BALDWIN; the first wife died 1657, following the birth of the first child.

Inasmuch as REBECCA's father-in-law, WILLIAM CHESEBOROUGH, was such a close friend of her father's over many years, and their life histories paralleled each other in several ways, it is of interest here to set down some of the background and history of this illustrious emigrant progenitor from Boston, England. He had been born in Lincolnshire, England in 1594 and died in Stonington in 1667, whereas WALTER PALMER may have been born as early as 1585 in Dorsetshire (southwest England) and died in 1661 in Stonington. WILLIAM had been a gunsmith in England and worked at this trade there and in this country until he changed his occupation to that of farming and stock raising. While he was living in Boston, Massachusetts, and WALTER was at Charlestown their friendship apparently commenced as WALTER's inclinations also "tended to stock raising and farming" and he soon "found his land was inadequate to his business (although) he purchased additional real estate which he improved in his line of business as best he could." Both men were active in community, civic and religious activities wherever they lived. Both their names were included in the group of men who "tooke the Oath of Freemen 18 May 1631" -- "Freemen of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England"(p. 366 "Records of Mass., Vol. 1).

Both WALTER PALMER and WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH had been acquainted with sadness in the early deaths of their loved ones which was typical of every family of early New England. WALTER had arrived in this country(following the death of his wife) with his five children, the two youngest being only about four and nine years old. WILLIAM and his wife arrived in America with the "Winthrop Fleet" in 1630 with only two of their eight children, SAMUEL age about three years and NATHANIEL six months old;five of their children had been buried in England during the years 1622-1629;JONATHAN died during the voyage. They had four more sons born in America but only one, ELISHA who married REBECCA PALMER, survived to the age of thirty-five; he left but one child, a son, ELIHU born 3 December 1668. Both WILLIAM and WALTER were among the very first members of First Church in Boston and in Charlestown. WILLIAM served as constable in Boston and as deputy to the General Court while living in Braintree. WALTER was elected the first representative to the General Court of Plymouth and subsequently re-elected to that office and also served as selectman and other local offices.

WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH about 1643 became one of the original settlers and organizers of the town bearing the Indian name of Seakunk which became known as Rehoboth and he persuaded WALTER to leave Charlestown and join him in this new settlement. Their two names are included in the group who entered into a "general consent of all the inhabitants" affirming their"intention to settle at Seekonk thereafter renamed Rehoboth". ("Historical Collections, Massachusetts" by John Warner Barber (1840) p. 133.)

The two names of WALTER PALMER and WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH appear as "supervisors" who witnessed the Will dated "4. 4mo 1647" of one ALEXANDER WINCHESTER at Rehoboth which Will was "exhibited at Court June 8, 1648." (NEHGR (1850) Volume iv, page 283.)

By 1653 as a child of six years, REBECCA PALMER was living in Stonington with her parents and siblings and she continued to live there the remainder of her life; she died 1713. The man who eventually would be her father-in-law, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, was instrumental in her father removing from Rehoboth to the seaside village in Connecticut later to be known as Stonington.

The children of REBECCA (PALMER)(CHESEBROUGH)BALDWIN were:

(1) ELIHU CHESEBROUGH b 3 Dec 1668, m HANNAH MINER (b 8 Dec 1676, dau of Dea. MANASSAH and LYDIA (MOORE) MINER who were married 26 Sept 1670 according to THOMAS MINER's DIARY, p. 98) on 4 July 1698. ("Chesebrough Genealogy" gives HANNAH's birth and death dates as 30 Nov 1677 and 22 Aug 1751; ELIHU died in 1750. MANASSAH MINER was the sixth son of THOMAS and GRACE (PALMER) MINER, the latter being an older half-sister of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH's mother, REBECCA PALMER. ELIHU and HANNAH had 6 children:

i HANNAH CHESEBROUGH b 25 Feb 1699, m ELISHA CHESEBROUGH.
ii SARAH CHESEBROUGH b 3 Feb 1700, m ZEBEDIAH MIX.
iii ELIHU CHESEBROUGH b 30 Nov 1704, m ESTHER DENNIS.
iv LYDIA CHESEBROUGH b 10 Mar 1710, m JOHN WILLIAMS.
v REBECCA CHESEBROUGH b 16 Mar 1712, m JOS.CHAMPLIN.
vi ELISHA CHESEBROUGH b 30 June 1714, d 1719

(The names of REBECCA CHESEBROUGH's child and grandchildren are from "History of Stonington, Connecticut" by Richard Anson Wheeler (1900), pp. 293, 295, which have ELIHU as her son's name; however, "Palmer Groups" by Emily W. Leavitt (1901) p. 34 for this son give his name as ELISHA JUNIOR".)

(2) REBECCA BALDWIN b 20 May 1673, m.ELNATHAN MINER 1694, a brother to the HANNAH MINER who married REBECCA's half-brother, ELIHU CHESEBROUGH (above). REBECCA died 12 Mar 1700 but had four children:

i SAMUEL MINER b 12 Dec 1694, m ELIZABETH BROWN.
ii MANASSEH MINER b 1 Dec 1695, m KEZIAH GEER.
iii ELNATHAN MINER (JR.) b 24 June 1697, d 23 July 1758; unmarried.
iv REBECCA MINER b 13 Feb 1699, m 1st) ROBERT LIPPINCOTT; m 2nd) SAMUEL MASON.

(3) MARY BALDWIN b 24 Feb 1675, m JOHN RANDALL 25 Nov 1706 (b 1666, son of JOHN RANDALL (SR.) originally from Newport, R.I. and his wife, ELIZABETH) as his second wife. Their eight children, born in Stonington,were:

i SARAH RANDALL b 10 Nov 1707, d 19 Jan 1713.
ii NATHAN RANDALL b 7 July 1709, m (1st) MARY COTTRELL, m (2nd) ELEANOR COTTRELL, sisters.
iii ICHABOD RANDALL b 21 Oct 1711, d at Havana,Cuba.
iv SARAH RANDALL b 12 Mar 1714, d 6 Sept 1714.

(Children of MARY BALDWIN and JOHN RANDALL, continued)

v JOSEPH RANDALL b 2 June 1715, d 22 June 1715.
vi BENJAMIN RANDALL (twin) b 2 June 1715, m RUTH BROWN.
vii REBECCA RANDALL b 31 July 1717 (or 25 June 1717*).
viii JOSEPH RANDALL b 17 July 1720.

(4) SYLVESTER BALDWIN b 4 Mar 1677, m (1st) LYDIA MINER (youngest child of Dea. MANASSAH and LYDIA (MOORE) MINER and sister to the ELNATHAN MINER who married SYLVESTER's older sister, REBECCA BALDWIN and to the HANNAH who married SYLVESTER's older half-brother, ELIHU CHESEBROUGH.) LYDIA and SYLVESTER were married 8 July 1706; their son was born 18 April 1707 and LYDIA died 22 Apr 1707. SYLVESTER m (2nd) ELIZABETH AVERY of New London 19 May 1724 (dau of THOMAS and HANNAH (MINER) AVERY). ELIZABETH died 17 July 1728; SYLVESTER died 1732 leaving a large estate. He had a son by LYDIA and two daughters by ELIZABETH:

i JOHN BALDWIN b 18 Apr 1707, d 18 Apr 1707.
ii ELIZABETH BALDWIN b 6 July 1725, m Capt.THOMAS PRENTICE.
iii MARY BALDWIN b 14 Sept 1726, m HUMPHREY AVERY 1745.

(5) SARAH BALDWIN b 1680, died unmarried.
(6) JANE BALDWIN b 1681, died young.

(7) THEOPHILUS BALDWIN b 1 June 1683, m PRISCILLA MASON 25 May 1710 (dau of Lieut.DANIEL and REBECCA (HOBART) MASON and granddaughter of Capt. JOHN MASON who had served in the English Army before reaching America in 1632; her maternal grandfather was the Rev.JEREMIAH HOBART of Hingham, Mass.) Following the birth of their 4th child in 1719 PRISCILLA BALDWIN died; THEOPHILUS m (2nd) 1 May 1724 JEMIMA POWERS who died 1733; and he m (3rd) 18 Oct 1733 Mrs. ELIZABETH HASCALL. His children were by his first wife:

i JOHN BALDWIN b 12 July 1711, m (1st) MARY CLARKE; m (2nd) EUNICE SPAULDING.
ii PRISCILLA BALDWIN b 17 Nov 1713, m DANIEL CALKINS 1731.
iii THEOPHILUS BALDWIN (JR.) b 23 Oct 1716, m (1st) SARAH LAMB; m (2nd) ELIZABETH BILLINGS.
iv SYLVESTER BALDWIN b 29 Mar 1719, m (1st) ANNA _____; m (2nd) BRIDGET CHESEBROUGH.

The foregoing list of children and grandchildren of REBECCA PALMER are from: C. C. Baldwin's "The Baldwin Genealogy" pp.239-242; (1881)
Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" pp.224,292,293,295,467-469,546
John A. Miner's "The Lyon's Whelps" pp. 255-256
Emily Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" p. 34 and "Chesebrough Genealogy (p.475) and the typescript manuscripts of Dr. Byron Smith Palmer and Horace Wilbur Palmer (unpublished) which refer to the "Baldwin Genealogy" (1881) p.239-241* and the "Brown Genealogy" (1940) pp.131,145.
Also the "History of the First Congregational Church (Road Church) 1674-1974" published 1974 by that church and the Stonington Historical Society furnishes information about this family's church activities

which are of special interest and reveal the commitment to the church by many members of REBECCA PALMER's family through their Admissions, Baptisms, Marriages and other church activities:

Date	Name	Activity	Page
13 Nov 1687	REBECCA BALDWIN	Admitted	190
24 Oct 1702	HANNAH(MINER), wife of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Admitted	191
7 Aug 1692	ELIHU CHESEBROUGH, and SILVESTER, THEOPILUS, REBECCA, MARY and SARAH BALDWIN (all living children of REBECCA PALMER)	Baptized	198
30 Apr 1699	HANNAH, dau of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Baptized	202
9 Mar 170$\frac{0}{1}$	SARAH, dau of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Baptized	203
25 Feb 1705	ELIHU (JR.),son of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Baptized	205
7 May 1710	LYDIA, dau of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Baptized	208
8 May 1712	REBECCA, dau of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH	Baptized	209
8 Aug 1714	ELISHA, son of ELIHU CHESEBROUGH (the 6 children of REBECCA's son, ELIHU)	Baptized	211
24 Oct 1702	MARY BALDWIN)	Admitted	191
31 May 1702	SARAH BALDWIN) Four children of	Admitted	191
9 Jan 1704	SYLVESTER BALDWIN) REBECCA PALMER	Admitted	191
15 Jul 1705	THEOPHILUS BALDWIN) BALDWIN	Admitted	191
12 Aug 1711	JOHN, son of THEOPHILUS BALDWIN	Baptized	209
17 Jan 1714	PRISCILLA, dau of THEOPHILUS BALDWIN	Baptized	210
30 Dec 1716	THEOPHILUS,son of THEOPHILUS BALDWIN	Baptized	212
29 Mar 1719	SILVESTER, son of THEOPHILUS BALDWIN	Baptized	213
8 Jul 1706	SYLVESTER BALDWIN and LYDIA MINER	Married	215
25 May 1710	THEOPHILUS BALDWIN and PRISCILLA MAIN	Married	215
11 Jul 1726	ELIZABETH, dau of SILVESTER BALDWIN	Baptized	218
6 Nov 1726	MARY, dau of SILVESTER BALDWIN	Baptized	218
19 Feb 1727	Seven members"were dismissed from this Church (it having been by them requested) in order to be embodied in Church Estate in North Stonington in which Society they were inhabitants" and this group included the brothers (sons of REBECCA PALMER) SILVESTER and THEOPHILUS BALDWIN.		228
22 Feb 1727	A church was formed in North Stonington.		
9 Apr 1727	MARY (BALDWIN) RANDALL was among a dozen members who "were recommended to the communion of the Church of Christ in North Stonington, who were desired to receive them, under ecclesiastical watch as members in full communion with them." THEOPHILUS BALDWIN became one of the first deacons of the church in North Stonington and a leader in that community and was elected as a representative. His		229

brother, SYLVESTER, was appointed a committee to bring about the order of the General Court on 28 Dec 1720 for separate churches for North and South Stonington ("Stonington Chronology 1649-1949" by Williams Haynes, (1949, reprinted 1976) pp.30,32-34).

The entry of baptisms 7 Aug 1692 clearly lists REBECCA PALMER's oldest child as ELIHU (not ELISHA); and the entries for the baptisms of his six children (1699-1714) reveal the father to be ELIHU; and that his oldest son was named ELIHU (JR.) and his next son was called ELISHA; this is corroborated with the "Chesebrough Genealogy" page 475.

REBECCA PALMER's second husband, "JOHN BALDWIN of Stonington" also came from an early prominent New England family. His parents, SYLVESTER and SARAH (BRYANT) BALDWIN were en route to the New World in June or July of 1638 when the father died on board the ship "Martin". Their first 8 children had been baptized in Aston Clinton, Bucks County, England, and JOHN was not yet three years of age when his family made the trip to America; he also had a younger sister whose name does not appear in the baptismal record but is verified by the father's nuncupative Will (oral) made 21 June 1638 aboard ship. Three children had died young and only six accompanied them.

On 4 Sept 1638 "SILVESTER BAULDWIN's nuncupative Will was presented unto the Court and his wife SARAH and oldest son, RICHARD (then but sixteen years of age) were allowed executors according to the father's Will." (Mass. Records, Vol, 1, p. 23, marg. 226 according to "The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881" p. 41 by C. C. BALDWIN.)

The ancestors of a very large share of the BALDWINS in the United States lived in County Bucks, England. It is an ancient name and appears in the roll of Battle Abbey; there was a BALDWIN in England as early as 672. The name was also in Flanders, in Normandy, France and existed in Germany as BALDUIN. It is believed to be of Saxon origin and signified "Bold Winner." ("The Baldwin Genealogy" pp.10-11.)

JOHN's widowed mother apparently settled in New Haven, Connecticut as "Among the names of the planters at New Haven in 1643 appears Wid. BALDWIN, five in family (N.H. Col. Rec., 91)" but his older brother became very prominent in Milford and"frequently appeared as attorney before the General Court at New Haven, a profession the BALDWINS of the counties of Bucks and Herts inclined to."

There were some interesting references to SYLVESTER BALDWIN in "The Diary of MANASSEH MINOR" (published by JOHN A. MINER in 1976) who lived 1647-1728.

Page 65: 19 Dec 1703 "Silvister baldwin & prvdence (Prudence?) propovnded"
Page 92: 17 May 1706 June "Silvester balwin pvblished (published) & Clement Neffs published"
Page 93: 8 July 1706 "Silvister balwin and lidia were maryed"

This last entry about the marriage of REBECCA PALMER BALDWIN's son, SYLVESTER, to LYDIA MINER refers to the youngest child of the diarist, MANASSAH MINER. Its brevity of setting down for posterity an important happening is reminiscent of a similar entry MANASSAH's father, THOMAS, made in his own Diary when MANASSAH was married 26 Sept 1670; the father merely recorded "and thursday the 22 I was at Court monday the .26. manaseth was maried," without even recording the name of the girl he married! (From other records, their descendants know the bride was LYDIA MOORE.)

For REBECCA PALMER BALDWIN's descendants through many generations, see The BALDWIN GENEALOGY(p. 239); dates in a few instances therein are different from those already set out herein: 1) JOHN BALDWIN was baptized in Parish Aston Clinton, County Bucks, England 28 Oct 1635; 2) REBECCA MINER was born 13 Dec 1699 instead of 13 Feb 1699; and 3) MARY BALDWIN (dau of SYLVESTER and 2nd wife, ELIZABETH AVERY) was born 26 Sept 1726 instead of 14 Sept 1726.

Further research into the "WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH GENEALOGY" (1903) by Anna Chesebrough Wildey, reveals some interesting and pertinent facts about REBECCA PALMER's first marriage:

She was at least ten years younger than her first husband, ELISHA CHESEBROUGH and this was a first marriage for him also; she was born about 1646/47 and he had been born 1636/37. Although they were married some five years (20 April 1665 to 1 April 1670) only one child is recorded for them, ELIHU.

Although most children born in the new colony were baptized in the newly formed church, few marriages were performed by ministers. REBECCA and ELISHA were married "by WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, Commissioner," father of the groom.

ELISHA CHESEBROUGH died 1 April 1670 at the young age of about thirty-four years but the record reveals he had been made a Freeman of Connecticut in 1666 and in 1658 had been one of the signers of the Pawcatuck Articles and in 1669 had been elected a Deputy to the General Court.

The Chesebrough family, unlike the WALTER PALMER family, had apparently not withdrawn from the Established Church (Church of England) in the homeland, before their emigration to America. The parents, WILLIAM and ANNE (STEVENSON), had been "married by license 15 December 1620 by 'the blessed JOHN COTTON,' in St. Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincolnshire (Parish Register of St. Botolph's Church). However, once settled in Boston, Massachusetts, it appears the family had no hesitancy in joining the non-conformist group which became the First Church there. SARAH CHESEBROUGH, believed to have been the mother of WILLIAM, who accompanied them on the voyage to America, was numbered 78 on the church roll. WILLIAM's son, NATHANIEL (baptized in the parish church in Boston, England in 1630) "was one of the first nine members to form the First Church (Congregational) in Stonington when the family had removed there in the year 1649." And yet during the first ten years of their marriage (1620-1630) WILLIAM and ANN CHESEBROUGH had had eight of their children baptized in the parish church in Lincolnshire at Boston, England; the next three sons, born in America, were baptized in the Boston First Church.

For some unknown, unexplainable reason longevity was not to be bestowed upon any of WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH's twelve children although he lived to the "advanced" age (for those days) of seventy-three (1594-1667). Of the eight children born to them in England, only two (SAMUEL and NATHANIEL) survived to adulthood although they died at ages forty-six and forty-eight. WILLIAM's four sons born in this country (JOHN, JABEZ, ELISHA and JOSEPH) had the same fate; only ELISHA married and had issue (one son); ELISHA died at age thirty-four, leaving a young widow (REBECCA) aged twenty-four years. WILLIAM had sixteen grandchildren from his sons SAMUELL, NATHANIEL and ELISHA. His long-time friend, WALTER PALMER, likewise had had twelve children and all twelve had survived to adulthood, although four of WALTER's sons left no issue. However WALTER PALMER was blessed with forty-eight grandchildren (through seven of his children) and 280 great-grandchildren!

CHAPTER THREE

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14. ≠ MERCY PALMER BREED
15. ≠ GERSHOM PALMER, JR.
16. ≠ ICHABOD PALMER
17. ≠ WILLIAM PALMER
18. ≠ GEORGE PALMER
19. ANN PALMER HEWITT ≠
20. WALTER PALMER (II) ≠
21. ELIHU PALMER ≠
22. MARY (PALMER) PALMER ≠
23. REBECCA (PALMER) PALMER ≠

(Including names of 59 grandchildren for Dea.GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER.)

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO THIRD GENERATION

Chapter Three will contain historical data about the ten children of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER and his first wife, ANN DENISON only. This Chapter will not be including any of the other grandchildren of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER. Numerous other sources have been used to follow through on some of them, i.e. the MINOR GENEALOGY for some of the children of GRACE PALMER MINOR; the DENISON GENEALOGY for others; the covering of all forty-eight grandchildren of the emigrant and their respective descendants would be a monumental task and probably would have to be confined to a relating of vital statistics mainly. The compiler has made the decision to record as much of the history of her lineal ancestors as can be found and, therefore, the choice had to be made to restrict this volume to one line only, i.e. that of the descendants of GERSHOM and ANN PALMER down through their oldest son, GERSHOM (JR.) only who early (1697) removed from Stonington to settle in Killingworth and in the next generation the family removed again into New York settling in Dover in Dutchess County.

Much has been published over the years about so many of the emigrant's descendants who remained for many generations in Stonington; this volume will be unique in that it will continue with the emigrant's grandson who by 1697 had reached Killingworth; by early 1750's a generation settled in New York, along the Eastern border; by 1806 the generations were settled in Western New York; by 1831 two branches had removed to the Territory of Michigan; in the 1840's one member had helped to open up the far west, being a government guide to Oregon; by the 1870's his brother was an established pioneering citizen of Southern California; by 1895 another descendant owned and operated a large fruit orchard in San Diego County; and by 1911 two other branches of the Michigan Palmers had also settled in the Los Angeles area. Thus it appears that when Deacon GERSHOM "ordered" his oldest son (GERSHOM, JR.) to remove from Stonington and settle down on the farm and land in Killingworth inherited from his older half-brother, WILLIAM, a pattern was being established that this was one branch of the family which would continue the westward trend all the way and eventually reside permanently in Southern California and Oregon.

The compiler's research has uncovered four different branches of the emigrant's descendants who settled many decades in Michigan although none were aware at the time of their common ancestry. One female descendant of the Michigan Palmers (Louisa Palmer) removed to the most westerly state, Hawaii, in 1924, where she was a teacher for many years. She descended from Dea. GERSHOM PALMER's son, GEORGE (see write-up for him) and lived out her life in Honolulu where she died in 1982 at the age of ninety-four years.

In addition to including the descendants of the oldest son, GERSHOM (JR.), the write-ups herein on his brothers, ICHABOD (SR.), GEORGE and WALTER will also set forth some history of a few of their descendants which the compiler has found in the Palmer MSS. and elsewhere. For the benefit of the reader and future family genealogists, these are deemed sufficiently noteworthy to be included.

14. MERCY PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 Sept 1670 (Minor Diary, p.98) in Stonington, the eldest child of Dea. GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. She married 11 Apr (or 8 June) 1698/90 as his second wife, JOHN BREED[3] (b 28 Jan 1662 Lynn, Mass., the fourth son of ALLEN[2] BREED and MARY (_____) BREED; the emigrant ALLEN[1] BREED had been born 1601 in Bedfordshire, England, probably in the parish of Westoning, the son of JOHN BREED; the great-grandfather JOHN (for whom MERCY's husband was named) served as a "church warden, was a property owner, a taxpayer and was twice a member of a committee to prepare a survey of the country about Westoning which position indicated without a doubt that he was a leading citizen 'of property.'" (See BREED GENEALOGY, p. 424.)

About the end of the sixteenth century the family surname appears in the parish registers as BREAD and some years later is used interchangeably with BREED. "It is safe to presume that younger brothers and nephews of the emigrant fought under CROMWELL and may have known him as he was a Lincolnshire farmer and the BREEDs were Bedfordshire farmers," p.424.

ALLEN BREED[1] emigrated in 1630, settling in Lynn where he was a farmer and lived near the junction of what became Summer Street and the turnpike. He was one of the Long Island settlers but returned to Lynn before 1646; he was a selectman and constable of Lynn. Nothing is known about his first wife, not even her name apparently; his second wife was ELIZABETH, widow of WILLIAM KNIGHT, who also predeceased him; he died 17 Mar 1690-91 aged about ninety years. His oldest son, ALLEN[2] (JR.) was also a farmer and resided in Lynn and married before 1660 although the surname of his wife is unknown; she died in 1671 and he died 1706/07; they had five sons and two daughters.

JOHN BREED[3] married (1st) MARY KIRTLAND 28 Apr 1686 by whom he had a dau b 1687 who died the next year and the wife died about the same time in Lynn. He thereupon removed to Stonington where he purchased land from GERSHOM PALMER, the father of his second wife, MERCY. He established himself as a leather tanner there and in 1689 built his house there which was described as "large, square and painted white, said to have rooms so large that 51 yards of carpet were required to cover the floor of one room," (p. 28, BREED GENEALOGY).

Some sources give 1668 or 1669 as the year MERCY was born but the Minor Diary records this:

1670

"The seventh moneth is september and hath .30. days...
our brother garshoms wife was delivered of a young
daughter Thursday the .8."

These two diaries do not record the births or deaths of any other of GERSHOM PALMER's children and it seems more likely this recorded birth would then be that of their first child. It is possible this child died young and was not MERCY but another un-named child and that she was not their first child, but indications are this records the birth of the first child named MERCY.

MERCY and her husband were both members of The Road (Congregational) Church in Stonington. The Wheeler Stonington History lists ten children for them but does not include the first two who died young which

is reflected in the BREED GENEALOGY (p. 230). MERCY died 28 Jan 1752 at age eighty-two years and her husband died the previous year, aged eighty-nine years; both were buried in Wequetequock Burial Yard where a monument was erected to them in 1772 by six of their twelve children with this inscription: (p. 29 ibid.)

"IN MEMORY OF A PIOUS PAIR, THIS CARVED STONE IS ERECTED HERE, Viz. OF MR. JOHN BREED AND HIS WIFE, MERCY, WHO LIVED TOGETHER IN Y^{e} MARRIED STATE IN MOST RELIGIOUS MANNER ABOUT 64 YEARS AND THEN DECEASED LEAVING A NUMEROUS OFFSPRING, HE IN Y^{e} YEAR 1751 ABOUT 90 YEARS OF AGE AND SHE IN Y^{e} YEAR 1752, ABOUT 83 YEARS. ERECTED IN Y^{e} YEAR 1772, 6 OF THEIR CHILDREN THEN LIVING.

BEHOLD THE RIGHTEOUS LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH,
AND IN OLD AGE RESIGN THEIR BREATH;
THEY AND THEIR OFFSPRING HERE ARE BLESSED,
WHEN DONE WITH LIFE THEY GO TO REST."

The foregoing inscription was also included on page 242 of GRACE DENISON WHEELER's "Old Homes in Stonington" reprinted in 1930 with additional chapters listing graveyard inscriptions in Stonington.

All children of MERCY and JOHN BREED were born in Stonington:

(1) MERCY BREED bapt 1 Mar 1691, died young.
(2) ANNA BREED bapt 20 Nov 1692, died young.
(3) ANNA BREED b 8 Nov 1693, bapt 1 Apr 1694, m 8 Mar 1714 ISRAEL HEWITT (bapt 24 July 1692), son of BENJAMIN and MARIE (FANNING) HEWITT; they had six children.
(4) MARY BREED b 8 Jan 1697, bapt 18 July 1697, m 21 June 1721 DANIEL BROWN(b 9 Oct 1696), son of THOMAS and HANNAH (COLLINS) BROWN; they had eight children.
(5) JOHN BREED b 26 Jan 1700, bapt 31 Mar 1700, m 14 Oct 1725 MARY PRENTICE (b 12 Apr 1708), dau of SAMUEL and ESTHER (HAMMOND) PRENTICE of Stonington; 2 Aug 1741 admitted to The Road Church there as "Capt. JOHN BREED and wife, MARY;" he had 10 or 11 children.
(6) ELIZABETH BREED b 28 Jan 1702, bapt 9 Aug 1702, m 3 Mar 1725 JOHN HINCKLEY (b Barnstable, Mass. 25 July 1700, bapt 19 Nov 1710), son of SAMUEL and MARTHA (LATHROP) HINCKLEY of Stonington where they were admitted to the Church 16 Feb 1734/35. They had three children and the second son was named GERSHOM BREED after his great-grandfather, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER.
(7) SARAH BREED b 1 Feb 1704, bapt 23 Apr 1704, m 19/20 Aug 1724 JAMES MINOR (b 28 Oct 1705) son of JAMES and ABIGAIL (ELDREDGE) MINOR and a great-grandson of the emigrants, THOMAS and GRACE (PALMER) MINER through their son, EPHRAIM. They had nine children.
(8) ZERVIAH (ZURVIAH, ZERUIAH) BREED b 27 Aug 1706, m 22 Jan 1730 SAMUEL HINCKLEY, brother to the JOHN HINCKLEY who married her older sister, ELIZABETH (above). SAMUEL was b Barnstable, Mass. 4 Mar 1706. Following the birth of their first child, named ZERVIAH

HINCKLEY on 11 April 1731, the mother died on 14 June 1731; her husband m (2nd) MARY WYATT 30 Dec 1736 by whom he had eleven children, including a son he named GERSHOM HINCKLEY b 1753, died the same year. The Road Church's list of baptisms for 22 Dec 1706 include a child named "DESIRE" daughter of JOHN BREED which must refer to this ELIZABETH but the first name was later changed. Her only child, ZERVIAH HINCKLEY survived to adulthood and m THADDEUS COOK of Preston, Conn., 30 Jan 1754.

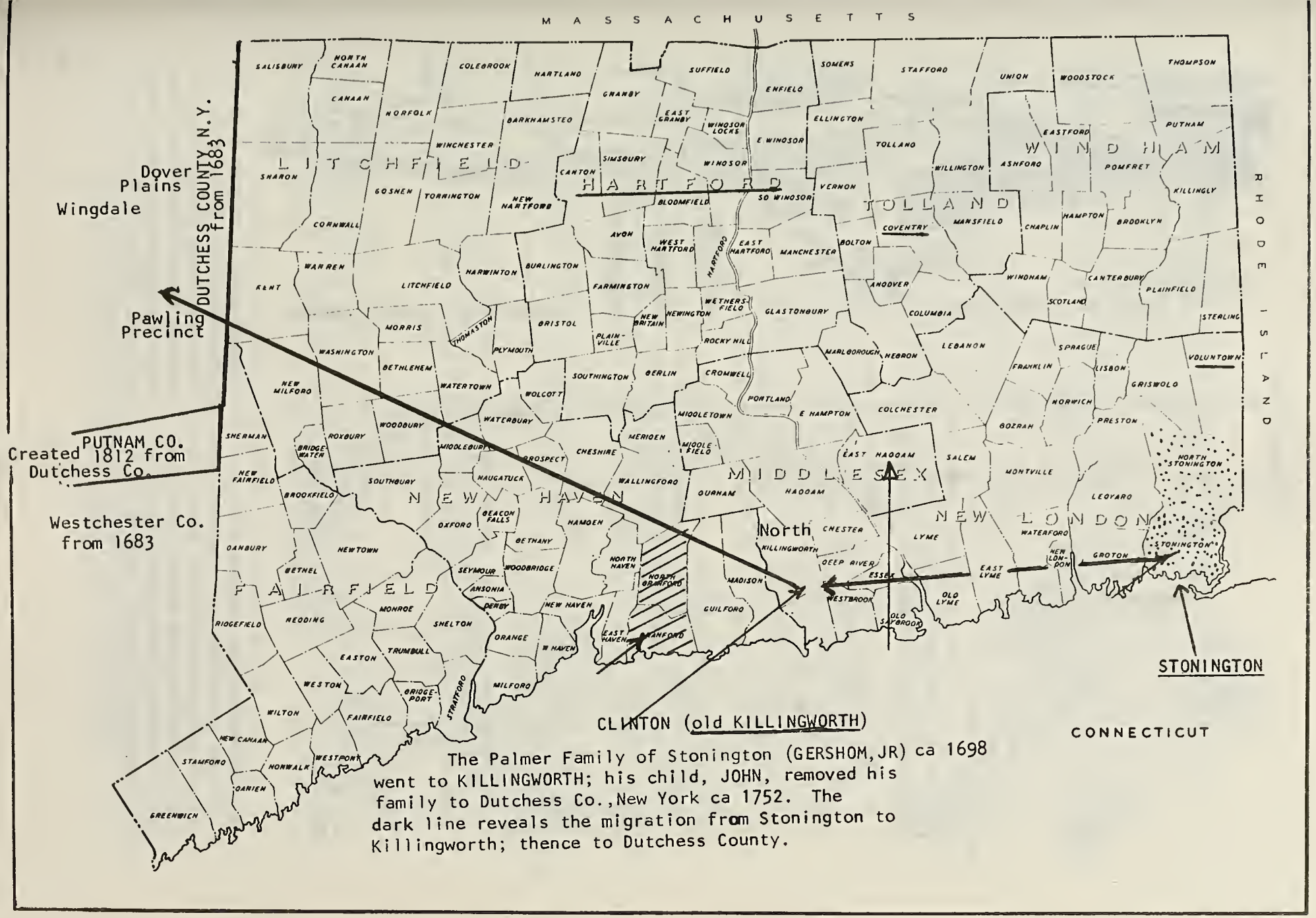
(9) JOSEPH BREED b 4 Oct 1708, bapt 2 Jan 1709, m 2 June 1737 PRISCILLA AVERY (b 29 Apr 1715, dau of CHRISTOPHER AVERY and his second wife, Mrs. PRUDENCE (PAYSON) WHEELER, widow of RICHARD WHEELER). A JOSEPH BREED admitted to The Road Church 4 Oct 1741 (p.235). Wheeler's History lists but two children but BREED GENEALOGY lists six and explains: "He was a member of a small group of Separatists who established Baptist Churches in North and South Carolina and other Southern States; he is buried in Washington County, Georgia." He was also a Baptist preacher.

(10) BETHIA (BETHIAH) BREED b 20 Dec 1710, bapt 19 Mar 1711.

(11) ALLEN BREED (II) b 29 Aug 1714, bapt 5 Sept 1714 as ALLIN (The Road Church, p.211), m (1st) 2 Feb 1737 ANN COLE; they had seven children; m (2nd) 5 Jul 1752 HANNAH DEWEY; resided North Stonington; they had six children including the first son they named GERSHOM BREED who became a minister.

(12) GERSHOM BREED b 15 Nov 1715, bapt 30 Sept 1716, m 10 May 1747 DOROTHY McLAREN, (b 25 Sept 1728) only dau of PATRICK McLAREN. They had ten children, the first two born Stonington; the others born in Norwich. One son b 1751 who died young was named GERSHOM BREED (JR.) and the next son after him b 1753 was also named GERSHOM but he too died young. On 11 Oct 1747 the Admissions to The Road Church reveal: "DOROTHY, wife of Lieut. GERSHOM BREED was admitted by a recommendation from Rev. Mr. DAVID JEWETT, N. London North Parish dated Sept.30."
(All baptisms are in The Road Church 300-Year Chronology; birth dates are from BREED GENEALOGY and Wheeler's "Stonington History.")

"THE DENISON GENEALOGY" (1963) supra, includes numerous generations of descendants for MERCY and JOHN BREED (pp.316-329) covering a span of over two hundred and fifty years (1670-1947). The "1977 Supplement" to that genealogy (1978) includes some additional descendants (pp.183-196) as recent as the 1970's.



The Palmer Family of Stonington (GERSHOM, JR) ca 1698 went to KILLINGWORTH; his child, JOHN, removed his family to Dutchess Co., New York ca 1752. The dark line reveals the migration from Stonington to Killingworth; thence to Dutchess County.

Hamlet of Nottington located on Dorchester Road, Dorsetshire, two miles from Weymouth Harbour where it is possible WALTER PALMER and his children lived awaiting passage to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1628/29.

Sketch used in several publications depicting what it is believed was a true picture of WALTER PALMER's last home, in Stonington, Connecticut, where he died 1661.

15. GERSHOM PALMER (JR.)[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born ca 1672 oldest son of GERSHOM and ANN+(DENISON) PALMER. He and his brother ICHABOD were baptized 9 Sept 1677 in the First Congregational Church of Stonington, known as The Road Church, the formal organization of which had taken place in 1674. He married, probably in Saybrook, Connecticut, SARAH FENNER about 1698 (dau of Captain JOHN and SARAH+(CLARKE)+FENNER of Saybrook). He died 2 March 1727 and was buried in the Congregational Churchyard Cemetery at Killingworth, (now Clinton) Connecticut; his wife had predeceased him.

Reference is now made to page 69 herein pertaining to the chapter on GERSHOM's Uncle WILLIAM PALMER of Killingworth and to page 108 herein pertaining to Deacon GERSHOM's gift to this oldest son of the "house and all the lands in Killingworth" which the Deacon had inherited from his older brother, WILLIAM, in 1697. Thus on 16 June 1697 the records of The Road Church at Stonington reveal "GERSHOM PALMER recommended unto ye Killingsworth church."

The Congregational Church at Killingworth (Clinton) was organized in 1667. The church at North Killingworth was organized in 1738 by fifty members from the previous church. A list of the members of the original church included the following: WILLIAM PALMER (probably one of the first members); GERSHOM PALMER and wife, SARAH after 1697 and before 1711; and GERSHOM (3rd), their son, a member in 1721; JOHN and ANN PALMER in 1725 (Catalogue of the Congregational Church in Clinton 1667-1859).

In addition to the land GERSHOM (JR.) received from his father (which had been the home of his Uncle WILLIAM PALMER) on 28 Dec 1699 at a town meeting in Killingworth,"a grant of land was made to him, being a corner of Rocky Land between WILLIAM's last division and the said GERSHOM's division he paying to the town fifteen shillings." (Killingworth Town Records.)

On 9 July 1707 GERSHOM was deeded three acres of land in that town by WILLIAM WILLCOXSON of Stonington, bounded by the land of SAMUEL BUELL, ISAAC GRISWOLD and the common lands. (Will of ISAAC GRISWOLD 1723; "Griswold Gen'l.")

On 28 Mar 1712 he was deeded a piece of land adjoining his own home lot by DAVID BUELL of Killingworth, his brother-in-law. SARAH (FENNER) PALMER's sister, PHEBE (PHOEBE) FENNER, had married on 11 May 1701 Major DAVID BUELL, member of an early and prominent family in Killingworth.

The date of death of SARAH PALMER has not been found although from other records it has been established she had died by 1732, at which time her mother, SARAH FENNER (widow of Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook) deeded to her heirs some land which she had received under the last will and testament of Captain FENNER. "Palmer Groups" pages 52-53 explains this transaction:

> "In 1732, the widow SARAH FENNER, of Saybrook, New London, County, Connecticut, gave a deed wherein she said, 'WHEREAS my husband, CAPTAIN JOHN FENNER, formerly of Saybrook, did in his last will and testament give to me, SARAH FENNER, one moiety of his estate both personal and real, ... now considering what part of said estate each of my children have had and being mindful that justice should be done,' divided it among her daughter, PHEBE, wife of DAVID BUEL of Killingworth (who held land contiguous to that occu-

pied by his brother-in-law, GERSHOM PALMER), and the heirs of her deceased daughter, SARAH PALMER, namely, JOHN AND GERSHOM PALMER, with her daughter, HANNAH STARKIE of Saybrook."

The wording of this latter phrase underlined above has occasioned an ambiguity inasmuch as SARAH FENNER's daughter named HANNAH had a niece named for her--the only daughter of her sister, SARAH PALMER, wife of GERSHOM. HANNAH FENNER married one THOMAS STARKE (STARKIE, STARKEY) in September 1709. Therefore the question arises,"Who is SARAH FENNER referring to in the above phrase 'with her daughter, HANNAH STARKIE of Saybrook' -- her own daughter, HANNAH or her deceased daughter, SARAH's daughter also named HANNAH?"

"The American Genealogist" Vol. 11, page 104 sets forth the following about the estate of GERSHOM PALMER's father-in-law, Captain JOHN FENNER:

"File No. 1988. WILL 22 Oct. 1708; wife SARAH; son JOHN; daus. SARAH AND PHEBE, who have had part of portions, to have twenty pounds each; dau. HANNAH sixty pounds. Wit. SAMUELL HOUGH, ANDREW WARNER, SAM[ll] WILLARD. Inventory of estate of Capt. JOHN, taken 21 June 1709. GERSHOM PALMER, husband to SARAH, and DAVID BUELL, husband to PHEBY, daus. of CAPT. FENNER, object to Will."

Volume 15, page 84 of the same reference furnishes us the names of some children of CAPTAIN JOHN FENNER -- "all probably born in Saybrook":

i JOHN FENNER died unmarried; before 1732.
ii SARAH FENNER married GERSHOM PALMER
iii A Daughter who married THOMAS STARKE
iv PHEBE FENNER born 6 Sept 1673 married 1701 Major DAVID BUEL
v A Daughter; married _____ HAZELTON.

Volume 17, page 19 of TAG explains further:

"Captain FENNER's daughter, HANNAH, who was single when her father made his will, married in Sept. 1709 THOMAS STARKEY."

According to most references, GERSHOM (JR.) and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER had only three children; all born in Killingworth:

24. (1) GERSHOM PALMER (3rd) born about 1701, m 3 Oct 1733 HANNAH WILCOX, died 14 June 1770 in Killingworth; no children.
25. (2) JOHN PALMER born about 1705, m 15 Jan 1729/30+MARY WARD.
26. (3) ANNA (HANNAH) PALMER born about 1705, died 1734 unmarried.

"Palmer Groups" (supra) page 85 refers briefly to the death of ANNA:

"ANNA PALMER, daughter of GERSHOM and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER. Her will was given into Probate Court in 1734."

She is not referred to as ANNA STARKIE, suggesting that she died unmarried. Page 53 of that reference also gives the death date for her father, GERSHOM

PALMER, as 1733/34 whereas the burial record book examined in June 1975 in the Clinton Library for the cemetery surrounding the Congregational Church there listed two GERSHOM PALMERS: one died 2 March 1727 aged about 56 years, which must be GERSHOM (JR.) and one who died 14 June 1770, aged about 70, which must be his son, GERSHOM (111).

The research of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER (as shown by his handwritten pages) and his Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER (who prepared the typescript) must be in error therefore in listing the only daughter of GERSHOM and SARAH PALMER as HANNAH(or ANNA)STARKIE, and no research done in recent years has brought to light the first name of her husband. It is observed that page 53 of "Palmer Groups" (which is based on the forty years' research of NOYES FINK PALMER (during the years 1870-1910)) and page 85 referring to the admittance of her will into Probate Court, both list her as ANNA PALMER (as though she were unmarried). In addition, the record reveals that her aunt by the same name did marry one THOMAS STARKE in 1709. It appears, therefore, to this compiler that the widow, SARAH FENNER, was referring to her own daughter by that name when in 1732 she gave a deed in favor of her daughter, PHEBE BUEL, her daughter, HANNAH STARKIE of Saybrook, and in favor of her deceased daughter, SARAH's two sons, JOHN and GERSHOM. In view of the giving of that deed and the admittance into probate in 1734 of her granddaughter, HANNAH PALMER's Will, it would appear these two events took place in a very short space of time; and would seem to indicate that possibly the granddaughter even in 1732 was ill and not expected to survive and inasmuch as she was unmarried and had no children, she was not included in the grandmother's gift.

Page 1001 of the typescript manuscripts above mentioned have one additional sentence which tends to the same conclusion:

> "The Killingworth deeds show an agreement dated Dec. 20, 1734 between GERSHOM and JOHN PALMER as co-heirs of the estate of their mother, SARAH PALMER, deceased, late of Killingworth (Killingworth Deeds Vol. 2, pp.382-4; Vol. 6 or 8, page 388)."

It is to be noted that in this agreement in December 1734 (the year their sister, ANNA, died), there is no mention of her, nor of any children of hers nor of a surviving spouse.

(Reference here is also made to the chapter on ANNA(HANNAH) PALMER, the only daughter of GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) and his wife, SARAH (FENNER), in the fourth generation section of this book for additional data on research done into the STARKIE FAMILY ; see page 162 herein.)

According to the typescript manuscripts of Byron and Horace Palmer, page 1001, they concluded "There is no Will or administration of GERSHOM or of his wife and we are uncertain as to the exact date of death of GERSHOM. 'P.G.' gives his death as 1733/34 but it is quite possible that he died previous to 1732, when his mother-in-law gave property to his children." "Middlesex County, Connecticut Inscriptions: Killingworth and Clinton" by Glenn B. Griswold (1936) lists these burials (p.44) in Old Killingworth Cemetery: "CAPT. GERSHOM PALMER, Mar. 2, 1727, ae 55 yrs. - MR. GASHAM PALMER, June 4, 1770, ae. 73 yrs. - S. P.,died. Lies Here." This last entry could pertain to SARAH PALMER, wife of the older GERSHOM, i.e. SARAH FENNER PALMER of Saybrook.

16. ICHABOD PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born about 1673/74 and baptized 2 Sept 1677 in The Road Church, Stonington, Connecticut; he was the third child born to Dea. GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. In 1698 he married his first cousin, HANNAH (baptized 11 Apr 1680 in the same church); she was the daughter of ICHABOD's Uncle NEHEMIAH PALMER (brother to Deacon GERSHOM) and HANNAH STANTON, whose father, THOMAS STANTON, was one of the four founders of Stonington. HANNAH died 19 July 1751 or in 1757 and ICHABOD died 10 April 1752, aged 79. They lived their entire lives in Stonington and their six children were born there. On 28 May 1699 "HANNAH wife of ICHABOD PALMER owned the Covenant, and their daughter LUCY baptized."

Thomas Minor's Diary makes no mention of ICHABOD PALMER but the Diary of his son, MANASSAH (written 1696-1720) on page 24 has this: "4 Jvly 1697 icabod palmor pvblished."

ICHABOD PALMER first served as a Selectman in 1709 when he would have been about 36 years of age; he was elected to this position in the years 1713, 1721 and 1731. (Haynes' "300 Year Chronology" pp. 30,31,32,34.)

"The Road Church Chronology" (1674-1974) reveals the baptisms of all but one of the children of ICHABOD and HANNAH PALMER, that of NATHANIEL born 1 October 1709. This source also lists the parents' admission to that church: (pp.235-36) 23 June 1734 HANNAH, wife to Capt. ICHABOD PALMER;
13 June 1742 CAPT. ICHABOD PALMER.

"Palmer Groups" by Leavitt (supra) sets out the following land transactions involving ICHABOD PALMER: (pp. 53-54)

19 March 1715/16 Captain ICHABOD PALMER had 100 acres of land laid out to him which were a former grant to Mrs. REBECCA PALMER.
1715 - he received a mortgage deed together with HENRY CRANE of Milton, Massachusetts, from THOMAS SHAW (Land Records, vol. 3, page 167).
24 March 1717 he, with his wife, HANNAH, and DANIEL PALMER, as heirs to NEHEMIAH PALMER, deceased, gave a quit-claim deed to their brother, JONATHAN PALMER.(Ibid, vol. 3, page 24).
1 Nov 1727 50 acres of land were laid out to him which formerly belonged to MRS. REBECCA PALMER in that part of Stonington which was called Cotopeset. (Ibid, vol. 2, page 159).
23 Dec 1723 "WHEREAS, there has a dispute arisen between Captain ICHABOD PALMER and Ensign JOHN BREED, cordwainer, regarding a tract of land in Stonington which GERSHOM PALMER of Killingworth bought of JOHN FRINK and assigned to Captain ICHABOD PALMER and JOHN FRINK, a division was made by JOHN BADCOCK, HENRY COBB and JOSEPH PALMER. (Ibid, vol. 2, page 448).
10 April 1717 HANNAH, widow of NEHEMIAH PALMER, gave a deed "to my son and daughter, ICHABOD and HANNAH PALMER, of all the goods and chattels in the house of my son, DANIEL PALMER, which were left to me by my late deceased husband, together with one-third of the housings, lands, barns, orchards, to be theirs henceforth." (Ibid, vol. 2, page 501).
28 August 1727 ICHABOD PALMER drew a deed in which he gave his son, ICHABOD, junior,"land at Puckhunganuck which was given me by my father, GERSHOM PALMER, with my three brothers, on May 1718, with a right I bought of my brother, WALTER PALMER, deceased, on December 1, 1721." (Ibid, vol. 4, page 108).

"Palmer Groups" (pp. 53-54) concludes with information about the Wills of ICHABOD and his wife, HANNAH:

> "Captain ICHABOD PALMER made his Will 8 May 1746; in it he mentions his wife, HANNAH PALMER; his son, ICHABOD, deceased; son, NATHANIEL; his grandson, ELIAS PALMER, and his granddaughters, LUCY DENISON and HANNAH CHESEBOROUGH, whose mother, his daughter, was also dead; MARVIN PALMER, his granddaughter, sister of his grandson, ELIAS PALMER. He gave his son, NATHANIEL PALMER, the sword and cane which had belonged to Captain SAXTON."

ICHABOD died 10 April 1752, being then in his late seventies. According to "Palmer Groups" his wife, HANNAH, died 19 July 1751, aged 77 years, having made her Will 21 May of that year in which she mentions her granddaughters, LUCY DENISON and HANNAH PALMER; her grandson, ELIAS PALMER, son of NATHANIEL PALMER and the granddaughter, MARVIN PALMER.

However, the research manuscripts of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER give the year of HANNAH's death as 1757 and the same year for the making of her Will, which indicates she survived her husband by some five years; his research revealed HANNAH's Will was proved at New London, Connecticut, 30 July 1757.

The inconsistencies in dates of birth of their children is even more pronounced; the four main sources consulted all seem to differ (i.e. "The Denison Genealogy", "Palmer Groups", "History of Stonington, and the Byron Palmer Manuscripts). Only the baptismal dates, therefore, are being set out below as they are taken from the records of The Road Church; some sources give 1 Oct 1709 as birthdate for 4th child, NATHANIEL:

(1) LUCY PALMER[4] baptized 28 May 1699, m 18 Sept 1720 WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH,2d (b 1 Feb 1701, son of WILLIAM and MARY (McDOWELL) CHESEBROUGH); LUCY died 2 Mar 1736/37 and her husband preceded her in death on 23 February. Their first three children had also predeceased them. Their daus LUCY (b 1729) and HANNAH (b 1732) survived.

(2) ICHABOD PALMER (JR.) baptized 10 Jan 1703 (born probably 25 Oct 1702), m 29 April 1723 ELIZABETH SANFORD NOYES (b 11 Oct 1706, dau of Capt. THOMAS and ELIZABETH (SANFORD) NOYES)of Westerly, R.I.where they were married. They had ten children, three dying young. He died 1749 and Elizabeth in 1760, both in Stonington.

(3) PRUDENCE PALMER, baptized 29 July 1706, died 1716.

(4) NATHANIEL PALMER born probably 11 Oct 1707, m 1st MARY (MERCY) CHESEBROUGH 1 June 9, 1731 (b 1708, dau of SAMUEL and MARIE (INGRAHAM) CHESEBROUGH; bapt 10 Sept 1710) and had six children; they removed to Groton, Connecticut where MARY died 15 June 1768; he m (2nd) 18 June 1769 in New London, Conn., ANNA WAY. He d 30 May 1790, aged 83 years and was buried in family lot in Groton.

(5) DANIEL PALMER baptized 18 Dec 1709. May have died young as there is no information about him in any sources checked.

(6) ELIAS PALMER baptized 15 May 1715, m 26 Feb 1734 MARY HOLMES in North Stonington by the Rev. JOSEPH FISH. She was born 13 Mar 1713, dau of JOSHUA AND FEAR (STURGES) HOLMES. They had two children: ELIAS b 1735 and MARVIN (MARION) b. 1739. ELIAS,SR. died 1739, Stonington.

"The Denison Genealogy" (1963) supra, includes two hundred years of descendants of ICHABOD PALMER (baptized 1677) to the year 1877 (pp.329-332). The "1977 Supplement to Denison Genealogy of 1963" (1978) continues with descendants of ICHABOD PALMER (pp.200-205) down to and including the year 1970.

ICHABOD PALMER (SR.) was a Deputy to the Court of Elections at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1707 (Public Records of the Colony of Conn., Vol. 5, p. 30). He was called "Ensign," as appears in Vol. 1, p. 147 of the Stonington Town Records and later Captain which may have been due to his service in the local Stonington Militia.

Two of the sons of ICHABOD and HANNAH (PALMER) PALMER (SR.) had some most interesting events in their family which will be briefly set out for historical purposes; first about the oldest son, ICHABOD (JR.) and second about the younger brother NATHANIEL whose descendants became quite famous as sea captains.

According to a very romantic and interesting account of the marriage of ICHABOD (JR.) to ELIZABETH NOYES on 29 Apr 1723 we learn from the author, CHARLOTTE THORNDIKE NORTH, that BETTY's (as she was called) father, Captain THOMAS NOYES of Stonington was much opposed to the alliance. The account is the lead story in the Nov 1981 quarterly "Historical Footnotes" publication of the Stonington Historical Society:

> When ELIZABETH SANFORD NOYES was 17 in 1723 she fell in love with ICHABOD PALMER, aged 21, of Pendleton Hill, North Stonington, much to the distress and anger of her father. BETTY came of an imposing family. Her mother was the dau of PELEG SANFORD, Governor of Rhode Island from 1680 to 1683, a lieutenant colonel in King Philip's War....
>
> BETTY's father was commissioned captain of the First Company, or Train Band, of Stonington, and appointed a justice of the peace, and he was deputy of the General Court from 1713 to 1733... a man of considerable property and he it was who sent to England and had the NOYES coat of arms cut upon a stone to be shipped across the Atlantic and placed over the grave of his father, Stonington's first minister -- The Reverend JAMES NOYES, who is buried in the ancient Wequetequock burying ground... The Rev. NOYES graduated at Harvard College in 1659 and was one of the first trustees and founders of Yale College. (JAMES NOYES was ordained 11 Sept 1674 and the next day he married DOROTHY STANTON, dau of THOMAS and ANN (LORD) STANTON.)
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> Considering her high-born background, it is perhaps not hard to understand the dismay of her father when he discovered his 17-year-old daughter had fallen in love with a stalwart young backwoodsman. Yet ICHABOD's family was not without distinction. He was a direct descendant of WALTER PALMER, one of Stonington's first settlers...

The conclusion of the story tells of the elopement of the young couple, their reaching a "country clergyman (who) was within call" and the bride BETTY NOYES became BETTY PALMER. Doubtless this was the first ever of elopements in the PALMER family.

ICHABOD, JR.[4] was said to have been over six feet, six inches in height and called "the tallest and strongest man in all the town." They had ten children born to them in Stonington, including the second son they named ICHABOD (III). The author of their love story has in recent years re-visited their graves and viewed again their inscriptions:

This death date may have been 1749 or the age 39) = In Memory of Lieut. ICHABOD PALMER
Who Died Nov. 5, 1741
In the 47th year of his life -

ELIZABETH PALMER
Wife of Lieut. ICHABOD PALMER
Who Died Jan. 6, 1761
In the 56th Year of her life.

The descendants of NATHANIEL PALMER,[4] younger brother of ICHABOD (JR.)[4] had a somewhat different type of story to pass along to descendants. From the PALMER MSS. (pp. 1270-1279) the following excerpts are quoted; of their six children, it is the story of their oldest son, NATHANIEL (JR.); his son, NATHANIEL, III, two of the latter's two sons: NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER and younger brother ALEXANDER SMITH PALMER, both of whom became famous sea captains:

NATHANIEL PALMER (SR.)[4] b 1 Oct 1709 and his wife, MARY (MERCY) CHESEBROUGH married in Stonington 9 June 1731; after 1744 they removed to Groton, Connecticut, (pp. 1270-1271), with their six children, one being:

NATHANIEL PALMER (JR.)[5] b 17 Apr or 19 Aug 1740, m 18 Aug 1765 in Stonington GRACE NOYES (b 10 Dec 1746, d 28 Nov 1818, both Stonington), dau of JAMES and GRACE (BILLINGS) NOYES of that town; he d 27 Sept 1819, having been a soldier in the French and Indian War and also in the Revolutionary War ("Conn. Men in the Revolution.") They had eight children, the oldest surviving child being named for his father and grandfather: (pp.1272-1273)

NATHANIEL PALMER (III)[6] b 15 Dec 1768, m (1st) NANCY ANNE PHELPS 11 Nov 1790 (b 8 Aug 1772, d 29 Oct 1791, both Stonington), dau of Dr. CHARLES and HANNAH (DENISON) PHELPS; m (2nd) 11 (or 18) Mar 1798 MERCY BROWN (b 22 Feb 1777, d 8 Aug 1826, both Stonington), dau of Captain PELEG and MERCY (DENISON) BROWN of that town. NATHANIEL (III) resided his entire life in Stonington where he d 27 Sept 1819; he and his wife and other members of the family are buried in the Harbor Graveyard in Stonington ("Old Homes in Conn.,"pp.108, 301-3, according to pp.1274-1275 PALMER MSS.) NATHANIEL's first wife died the year following their marriage; his eleven children were by his second wife; the first child being:

NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER[7] b 8 Aug 1799 at Stonington, m 7 Dec 1826 there ELIZA T. BABCOCK (b 13 Feb 1810, d 17 Apr 1872, both in Stonington), dau of Major PAUL and LUCY (BELL) BABCOCK; he died in San Francisco, California 15 June 1877; buried in Stonington. Pages 1276-1277 follow:

> NATHANIEL[7] went to sea in 1813 and by 1818 was Second Mate on the brig "Herselia" to the South Seas. In 1819 he was Captain of the sloop "Hero" and made a second voyage to the South Seas where he discovered "Palmer's Land" in latitude 67°, longitude 70°.

Captain NATHANIEL PALMER[7] next commanded the "James Monroe" in an expedition to the South Shetland Islands and later the "Cadet" on several voyages to Cartagena and the Spanish Main where he was employed by the Columbian Government to transport a portion of General Bolivar's army to the River Charges and prisoners to Santiago de Cuba. In 1826 he took the brig "Tampico" to Cartagena. In 1827 he took the brig "Francis" to the South Seas and the "Anawan" on a voyage of discovery in 1829 east of Cape Horn. On the next voyage he touched at Juan Fernandes Island for water and was captured by Chilian convicts. His identity as a Mason saved his life but the convicts forced him to carry them out of captivity.

In 1833 he commanded the packet ship "Huntsville" between New York and New Orleans, and in 1835 the "Hibernia" to Rio de Janeiro. In 1837 he commanded the "Garrick" to Liverpool; in 1838 the "Siddons" to Liverpool; and in 1841 the "Paul Jones" to China. Later Captain PALMER took the clipper "Hoqua" to Canton and the "Oriental" and "Sam Russell" in the China tea trade; and in 1848 the steamer "United States" to Germany. He retired from the sea in 1849 and was a charter member of the New York Yacht Club for over thirty years.

Captain NATHANIEL PALMER was a typical New England seafaring captain. His biography has been thoroughly and characteristically written by JOHN R. SPEARS in a book entitled, "Captain NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER, An Oldtime Sailor of the Sea," published 1922 by MacMillan Company. A further account of him is given in a book "Stonington by the Sea," written by HENRY ROBINSON PALMER, SR. 1913, page 88,(reprinted 1957 by HENRY R. PALMER, JR. and the "Discovery of Antarctica" appears on pp. 59-61).

Following his retirement, Captain PALMER made his home both in New York City and in Stonington. On his last voyage in 1877 on his way home from a trip to China, he was accompanied by his nephew, also named NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER, who was then aged 37 years;(the nephew had married 1872 HARRIET WILDER in Stonington) and neither one had had children. The nephew had not been well and died 16 May 1877 at sea on board the "City of Peking," and was subsequently buried in Stonington. After landing in San Francisco, Captain PALMER also died, aged 78 years, on 15 June 1877; he too was buried in Stonington; his wife,ELIZA, survived him, and his brother, ALEXANDER SMITH PALMER, administered his estate; ALEXANDER was the father of the nephew who died en route home from China.

The "Discovery of Antarctica" supra includes some interesting and different comments from those in the Palmer MSS:

"The 'Hero" was one of a little squadron of Stonington vessels sent out to the sealing grounds in the South Shetlands in 1820... the command of the sloop 'Hero' had been entrusted to NATHANIEL PALMER. The vessels reached Yankee harbor, Deception Island, during the season of 1820-1821 and from that place a lookout on a day of unusually clear atmosphere discovered from

his post aloft a volcano in operation. The fiery mountain was many miles distant to the southward, but Captain PALMER, despite his youth, was dispatched in the 'Hero' a mere shallop, to examine the region. ... he found little except rocks and ice in the volcanic country. There was hardly any animal life and no vegetation. But as a matter of geographical interest the voyage was of first importance, because it brought a new continent to light. ... the discovery of Antarctica belongs to 'Cap'n Nat.' (and) the new-found country (was) named Palmer Land."

From the "National Cyclopaedia of American Biography" (Vol. 25) additional information about the sea captain NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER appears:

"He was trained in his father's shipyard at Stonington and at fourteen went to sea as a sailor on a blockade runner during the War of 1812. He became sailing master of the schooner 'Galina' in 1818. .... During 1835-1839 he designed a fleet of packets, the Dramatic Line, to sail between New York and Liverpool, England, notably the 'Garrick,' 'Sheridan,' 'Siddons' and the 'Rochis,' which were some of the most profitable and dependable packets engaged in the Liverpool trade. In 1840 he sailed the 'Siddons' from Liverpool to New York in fifteen days which was a record voyage at that time. Becoming associated with the New York tea house of A.A.Low & Bro.,in 1844, he designed for that firm the 'Houqua' which sailed for China in June of the same year with PALMER in command. The eighty-four day passage of the 'Houqua' to Hong Kong was another record for several years. He later designed the clipper ships 'Samuel Russell,' 'Contest,' 'David Brown,' 'Oriental' and the 'N.B.Palmer,' all of which were famous in their day. With the introduction of iron ships, PALMER retired from active service in 1854. He also designed seventeen pleasure yachts and was one of the founders of the New York Yacht Club.

"A man of large physique, great courage, practical vision and commanding personality, he made a notable reputation in the history of American shipping before the Civil War. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Protestant Episcopal Church," (pp.79-80).

The name of Captain NATHANIAL PALMER is always seen in articles written about the Antarctica. The Nov 1971 "National Geographic" (Vol.140, No. 5) is an example. In an article entitled "Antarctica's Nearer Side" by Samuel W. Matthews with photographs by William R. Curtsinger we read:

"... A stubby little trawler flies a blue flag with the initials USARP--U.S. Antarctic Research Program. Her name is 'Hero.' ... Through these waters, just 150 years before, another wooden ship named 'Hero' sailed south. Only 47 feet long (we measure 125), she was the scouting sloop of a sealing flotilla from Stonington, Connecticut. Her captain NATHANIEL BROWN PALMER, was 21 years old. Historians are not sure who first saw and recognized the mainland of Antarctica, last of earth's continents to be found. NAT PALMER has been credited with the discovery, just north of the Antarctic Circle, that southern summer of 1820-21. But so have two British mariners, ... who were there earlier in 1820. Two Russian exploring ships,

the 'Vostok' and the 'Mirnyy', reached these waters in January 1821 under Capt. THADDEUS BELLINGSHAUSEN.... he met and spoke with PALMER. Years later PALMER recalled that BELLINGSHAUSEN, upon learning the extent of the young American's discoveries, exclaimed to him:

"'What do I see and what do I hear from a boy ... that he is commander of a tiny boat the size of a launch for my frigate, has pushed his way ... through storm and ice, and sought the point I ... have for three long, weary, anxious years searched day and night for? ... What shall I say to my master (Czar Alexander I); what will he think of me?'"

The fifth child of NATHANIEL PALMER[6], III and his second wife, MERCY BROWN, born in Stonington (Town Records) was named ALEXANDER SMITH PALMER[7] and was born 26 Jan 1806 in the old Palmer homestead at or near "Pine Point" (p.1278-9 Palmer MSS.); "but moved with his parents when still young to their home on Water Street in the village of Stonington. He started to study law but soon took to the sea and became a famous sailor in the South Sea and whaling trade."

We are indebted to the Stonington Historical Society's quarterly publication "Historical Footnotes" (Feb 1979) for a more complete history of ALEXANDER PALMER:

"He attended local schools until he was 15 when he signed aboard the sealing brig 'Alabama Packet,' Captain WILLIAM A. FANNING of Stonington, on a voyage to the South Shetland Islands. The ship returned to Stonington two years later. He then made two coasting voyages to Philadelphia in the schooner 'Alonzo,' Captain RICHARD F. LOPER, followed by a voyage to the West Indies in the brig "Thetis.'

"PALMER next sailed from New York on July 4, 1824, in the schooner 'Cadet,' Captain NAT PALMER. On the return voyage a vicious storm drove the 'Cadet' ashore on the New Jersey coast. With the vessel breaking up and the crew panicking, PALMER and another man launched a small boat and headed for shore towing behind them a line attached to the ship. Halfway to land the little boat capsized, but the men managed to swim the remaining distance, dragging the line behind them. With the line secured, all the men aboard 'Cadet' made it hand-over-hand to safety.

"PALMER made seven more voyages to the Spanish Main as mate aboard the 'Tampico,' NAT PALMER master. He took over command of the vessel in 1826 and made two voyages to Porto Cabello and Cuba. Between 1827 and 1831 he made several sealing voyages from Stonington to Cape Horn and the Shetland and Falkland Islands as captain aboard the ships 'Charles Adams' and 'Penguin.' He commanded the New York-New Orleans packet ship 'Louisville' from 1834 to 1838; the packet 'Shakespeare' from 1838 to 1839; the 'Garrick' (New York to Liverpool) from 1839 to 1841 and the 'Southerner' from 1841 to 1845. That year he sailed Captain NAT's clipper ship 'Houqua' to China, the second ship to enter Shanghai after that port was opened to commerce. ALEXANDER

PALMER is credited with having been the first person to bring a Shanghai fowl back to America. He made his last voyage aboard the 'Southerner' from Liverpool to New York in 1847.

"During his many years at sea, Captain ALEXANDER PALMER was instrumental in saving the lives of several dozen seamen. In addition to his daring rescue of all hands aboard the 'Cadet' in 1824, he saved the 24-man crew of the sinking British schooner 'Dorothy' in 1833, and seven years later he rescued the crew of the British bark 'Eugenia.' During the winter of 1865 he pulled seven men ashore from a ship stranded on the beach at Currituck, North Carolina. ... he was a modest man not given to boasting. However, his bravery did not go unrecognized. Some time after the sinking of the 'Dorothy,' he received a large silver vase, gold-lined and inscribed as follows:

> " 'Presented by the owners of the ship "Dorothy" to Captain ALEXANDER S. PALMER of the ship 'Charles Adams' of Stonington, in testimony of his humane and generous conduct toward Captain GARNOCK and the crew of the ship 'Dorothy' of Liverpool, which foundered at sea Lat. 29 S, Long. 20 W on the 4th of July 1833, who after having been exposed in open boats for 20 days were picked up by Captain PALMER, and experienced from him the greatest possible kindness during four days they were on board the ' Charles Adams,' and safely landed at Pernambuco, Liverpool.

"Captain ALEXANDER PALMER's rescue of the 'Eugenia' crew won him special recognition from Queen Victoria who sent him a medal in token of her esteem and admiration. ....

"Although Captain PALMER was a lifelong Democrat living in a Republican district, he was voted into many political offices during his later years. He was First Selectmen of the Town in 1858 and 1859. He was State Representative in 1857, 1858 and 1875 and State Senator in 1876 and 1877. He served as Chairman of the committee on temperance, the committee on capital punishment and on agriculture and the state boundary and finance committees. He was junior warden of Calvary Episcopal Church from 1868 to 1876."

ALEXANDER SMITH PALMER married 19 June 1837 in Westerly, Rhode Island PRISCILLA DENISON DIXON (b 17 June 1815, Westerly; d 12 Jan 1851 in Stonington), the dau of NATHAN FELLOWS and ELIZABETH (PALMER) DIXON of Westerly. NATHAN DIXON was United States Senator from R.I. from 1838 to 1842. ALEXANDER and PRISCILLA had three sons and one daughter, the oldest son died 16 May 1877 at sea en route home with his uncle from China.

In 1723 if Captain THOMAS NOYES had been able to look ahead one hundred years and witness the accomplishments of the two Palmer sea captains, he might have encouraged rather than object to his young daughter's marriage into the PALMER family.

17. WILLIAM PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born about 1677 in Stonington and baptized 25 Apr 1678 in The Road Church there, the fourth child of his parents. On 10 Jan 1701 he married GRACE MINOR (born Sept 1683, dau of EPHRAIM and HANNAH (AVERY) MINOR and granddaughter of the emigrant, THOMAS MINOR, a co-founder of Stonington). GRACE had been baptized in The Road Church 14 Nov 1683 and on 27 June 1703 WILLIAM and GRACE PALMER were admitted to that church as members, the same day their oldest child, GRACE, was baptized.

Manasseh Minor's Diary records the marriage without naming the bride: " ? Janvary 1701 william palmer maryed." He also recorded their being examined preparatory to joining the church: (pp. 50,61)

24 June 1703 William palmor & his wife were examined at mr. Noyses hoyse
27 June thay were admited & warning for the sacrament.

"WILLIAM and GRACE PALMER first lived in Taugwonk and later moved to Pun-hun-gue-nuck Hill in North Stonington," (Palmer MSS.).

"Palmer Groups" (supra) sets out the following land transactions for WILLIAM PALMER: (pp. 33, 55)

9 May 1718, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER gave to his sons (including WILLIAM) a deed of three hundred and twenty-five acres of land at Puckhunganuck, during his life; after, to the sons of his son, WILLIAM, namely, WILLIAM, ELIHU and WAIT PALMER, each one-fourth thereof. (Land Records vol. 3, page 261).
29 Dec 1719 WILLIAM, senior, mortgaged this tract, which was bounded by land of his brother, WALTER PALMER, to ELIHU CHESEBOROUGH. (Ibid. vol. 3, page 320).
In 1728-29 WILLIAM PALMER, senior, assigned to his three sons, WILLIAM junior, ELIHU and WAIT PALMER, rights in two parcels of land, and two of the sons, WILLIAM, junior, and WAIT, in their turn gave a deed of it to their brother, ELIHU. (Ibid, vol. 4, page 161).
8 Oct 1729, a deed was given stating that 'WHEREAS Deacon GERSHOM PALMER gave to his sons ICHABOD, WILLIAM, GEORGE and WALTER, certain parcels of land, and ICHABOD had purchased his brother WALTER's share for his own part, WILLIAM, senior, made a quit-claim deed to his own sons, WILLIAM, junior, ELIHU of Westerly, Rhode Island, and WAIT of Stonington; then, as GEORGE PALMER, in his Will, had made his wife, HANNAH, his executrix with his sons, CHRISTOPHER and JOSEPH, at this same date they agree on a division." (Ibid. vol. 4, page 204).

WILLIAM and GRACE PALMER had the following four children; their baptismal dates are recorded in "The Road Church 300-Year Chronology":

(1) GRACE PALMER[4] baptized 27 June 1703, m 30 Mar 1721 DAVID FISH (bapt 18 Apr 1695, the son of JOHN FISH (JR.) and MARGARET (_____) FISH; on that date JOHN FISH, the father, joined the church and his first four children were all baptized). Wheeler's "Stonington History" lists eight children born between 1722 and 1740; (p.372); however "The Denison Genealogy (p.333) lists only the

first four children, explaining that GRACE died 1728/29 and that DAVID, her husband, married (2nd) 1730 MARY SEARLES.

(2) WILLIAM PALMER (JR.)baptized 10 Mar 1705, m 16 Dec 1728 ABIGAIL WYATT (dau of _____) who died 1784/85. He died North Stonington in 1781 aged 76 years; they had twelve children.

(3) ELIHU PALMER was baptized 22 Dec 1706, m 19 Jan 1726/27 at Westerly, Rhode Island, DEBORAH REYNOLDS (page 333 "The Denison Genealogy"); resided Westerly.

(4) "Elder" WAIT(E) PALMER baptized Stonington Congregational Church 27 May 1711, m 1727 MARY BROWN (b 28 Nov 1703, dau of EBENEZER AND ANN (PENDLETON) BROWN; ANN was the dau of Capt. JAMES PENDLETON of Westerly, Rhode Island). Resided Stonington area on Pendleton Hill;"was devoted to the church interests there." (Palmer Groups p. 90) However "The Denison Genealogy" and Haynes "300 Year Chronology" explain that the First Baptist Church was organized at Pung-hun-we-nuck (Pendleton Hill) in North Stonington in 1743 and WAITE PALMER was its first pastor, and was ordained the same year. They had eight children.

"The Denison Genealogy" (1963) supra, includes some descendants of WILLIAM PALMER covering a span of over two hundred and fifty years, from 1678 to 1961 (pp. 333-336). The "1977 Supplement to Denison Genealogy of 1963" (1978) includes a few additional 20th century descendants of WILLIAM (pp.205-206).

The Indian name for what became Pendleton Hill appears spelled in several different ways; "The Romantic Saga of BETTY NOYES and ICHABOD PALMER" (Historical Footnotes, supra) has it PAUCHUNGANUC. According to that Quarterly, (carrying a photograph of the farm house ca 1720)

> "This property on top of Pendleton Hill on Route 49 was land received by (Deacon) GERSHOM PALMER, son of WALTER, one of the founders of Stonington, through 'Ye Purchase of Cattapesett' from the Indians in a deed dated Nov. 20, 1711. The original settler was WILLIAM PALMER, a son of GERSHOM (the subject of this write-up). PAUL MAIN purchased the farm from WILLIAM's descendants Nov 15, 1796 and sold it to LUTHER PALMER, a descendant of the original WILLIAM's brother, ICHABOD (SR.) June 23, 1807, a great-grandfather of the present owners. The one and one-half story middle part, which may date to 1720 and was modified somewhat in the 1880's, has summer beams, feather edge paneling with red paint, latch string door, cooking fireplace with oven and a caboose with cauldron in the old woodroom."

18. GEORGE PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was baptized 29 May 1681 in The Road Church, the fourth son of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER of Stonington, Connecticut. He married 11 March 1711 in Stonington HANNAH (dau of JOSEPH and FRANCES (PRENTICE) PALMER), born 31 May 1694, baptized 12 August 1694. GEORGE and HANNAH's father (JOSEPH) were first cousins, JOSEPH being the oldest child of NEHEMIAH PALMER; NEHEMIAH and GERSHOM were brothers. Thus GEORGE married his first cousin's daughter who was some thirteen years his junior. (The Wheeler book gives the marriage date as 24 March 1711.)

The Road Church "300-Year Chronology" reflects the baptisms for GEORGE and those for his five sons and his wife in addition to the following entry:

"1717 Jul 28 - HANNAH, wife of GEORGE PALMER, owned the covenant and her children, CHRISTOPHER and ZEBULON were baptized."

GEORGE died in 1728 and (according to "Palmer Groups", supra) in his Will he made his wife, HANNAH, his executrix with his sons, CHRISTOPHER and JOSEPH although at that untimely death of their father JOSEPH was but a lad of about 11 or 12 years and the oldest son, CHRISTOPHER was probably sixteen years of age. It is to be remembered that being a son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, GEORGE had inherited considerable land by deeds given by his father prior to his decease only ten years earlier. The Will of GEORGE PALMER was dated 26 April 1728 and probated 11 June 1728.

Under the Will of Captain GEORGE DENISON, GEORGE had been given a bequest as follows:

> "Unto my grandson, GEORGE PALMER, I give the grant of one hundred acres of land, which was granted unto me by the town of Stonington, not yet laid out, or forty shillings out of my stock, as pay, at the discretion of my executor to choose which." (Wheeler's "History of Stonington" p. 713).

GEORGE's father on 23 December 1708 had given to him and his brother, WALTER "all his farm, they to allow him, for the rest of his natural life, one-third of the produce of the land, to dwell in the east end of (the) dwelling house." However, the brother, WALTER, predeceased GEORGE by one or two years; he died 11 February 1726/27 at the age of forty-three years; GEORGE too was in his forties when he died 28 May 1728.

The only reference found revealing a second marriage for GEORGE PALMER's widow, HANNAH, is in "Palmer Groups" by Leavitt (page 56) indicating her second marriage took place February 22 1729/30 to WILLIAM YORK when she would have been age 36 and have had five sons aged seventeen and under.

The children of GEORGE and HANNAH PALMER, born in Stonington, were:

(1) CHRISTOPHER PALMER[4] b 13 Feb 1712, bapt 28 July 1717, m 27 Oct 1731 ESTHER PRENTICE (dau of SAMUEL and ESTHER (HAMMOND or HARMON) PRENTICE) and she was born 12 Dec 1713 in Stonington; resided Westerly, R.I. but died in North Stonington, she in 1782 and he in 1790, aged 69 and 78 years. They had ten children, although Wheeler's "Stonington History' lists but nine.

(2) ZEBULON PALMER[4] b 4 Feb 1714, bapt 28 July 1717, m 25 May 1737 COMFORT FAIRBANKS (dau of JONATHAN and LYDIA (HOLBROOK) FAIRBANKS of Sherborne, Massachusetts), born 8 Feb 1720; she died 20 Oct 1741; ZEBULON m (2d) 3 Apr 1743 DEBORAH YORK. He received 8 July 1735 his share of his father's lands which were divided among the five brothers. He had two daus and a son, ZEBULON, JR. by his first wife and seven children by his second wife. His Will dated 27 Dec 1785 was probated 4 Apr 1786 at Voluntown, Conn. He may have resided for a time at Ste hentown, Rensselaer County, New York (BYRON PALMER's handwritten mss. which also list eleven children for ZEBULON PALMER). "Palmer Groups" list a total of ten children for ZEBULON and does not include COMFORT PALMER born 1748 who married CYRUS KINNIE.

(3) JOSEPH PALMER b 16 Aug 1717, bapt 1 Sept 1717, m 10 July 1737 (1st) ZIPPORAH BILLINGS (dau of JAMES and MARY (HEWITT) BILLINGS), born 23 Oct 1715, bapt 21 Oct 1716 and died 1765/66. They resided at Pendleton Hill in Stonington. JOSEPH m (2nd) Mrs. ELIZABETH (STEVENS) STEWART by whom he had one child; he had nine or ten children by his first wife. He was usually known as "DR. JOSEPH." His Will was dated 25 Sept 1790;he died 12 Apr 1791; Will pro.1791.

(4) GEORGE PALMER (JR.)b 6 Sept 1719, bapt 30 Aug 1719, m (1st) 13 Apr 1739 HANNAH MARSH (dau of JAMES MARSH),b Plainfield, Connecticut on 10 July 1721, died 21 July 1797; he m (2nd) AMY BLODGETT as her third husband. AMY m (1st) JOSHUA WHITNEY and (2nd) _____ LAWRENCE; she died 1818 in Canaan, Conn. He died 15 Dec 1809, Stillwater,Saratoga Co., New York. GEORGE resided 1739 Coventry; 1745 Plainfield; 1751 Canaan; 1760 Norfolk (all in Connecticut) and finally settled in New York at Stillwater where he died. GEORGE and HANNAH had seven children.

(5) GERSHOM PALMER b 12 Oct 1723, bapt 13 Sept 1724, m 5 Nov 1747 DOROTHY BROWN of Preston, Conn. and sold the land in Stonington inherited from his father; apparently removed to Preston; in 1786 removed to the part of Preston now known as Griswold in New London County, where he died 6 Nov 1810; DOROTHY died 1 March 1808; they had ten children. He was usually known as "Rev. GERSHOM" PALMER.

"The Denison Genealogy" (1963) (pp.337-338) includes some descendants of GEORGE PALMER and his wife, HANNAH, through their sons, CHRISTOPHER and GERSHOM. "The 1977 Supplement" to that Genealogy (published 1978) also includes more recent GEORGE PALMER descendants (pp.206-207) through the 1960's. "Palmer Groups" (pp. 91-95, 153-155) sets out descendants of GEORGE and HANNAH PALMER in the fourth and fifth generations.

"Palmer Groups" (page 56) has birthdate of 12 Oct 1725 for the youngest son, GERSHOM PALMER instead of 1723 which is given in the Wheeler book.

"Palmer Groups" (pp.56) has a lengthy paragraph about GEORGE PALMER[3], son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, who was baptized and married as set out in paragraph one of this chapter and includes the following in conclusion:

> "As his widow was married in the next year (after his death) we know that he died in 1729. January 25, 1738-9 HANNAH, former wife of GEORGE PALMER, now wife of WILLIAM YORK, gave a quit-claim deed of her right to one-third of the estate.--(Land Records, Vol. 5, page 85). GEORGE PALMER married March 11, 1711, in Stonington, HANNAH, daughter of JOSEPH and FRANCES (PRENTICE) PALMER, who was born May 31, 1694. He died May 28, 1728; she married (2) February 22, 1729-30 WILLIAM YORK.--(Stonington Town books.)
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> "Children of GEORGE AND HANNAH PALMER:
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> i CHRISTOPHER born February 13, 1712.
> ii ZEBULON born February 4, 1714.
> iii JOSEPH born August 16, 1716-7.
> iv GEORGE junior born September 6, 1719.
> v GERSHOM born October 12, 1725.
>
> "Children of HANNAH (PALMER) by WILLIAM YORK:
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> vi AMOS YORK born October 13, 1730.
> vii MOLLY YORK born April 30, 1732.
> viii JONATHAN YORK born August 29, 1735."

It is to be noted that GEORGE PALMER (bapt 1681) was some thirteen years older than his wife, HANNAH (born 1694).

Judge Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" gives us a somewhat different record of this GEORGE PALMER and his wife (pages 512, 514 and 697):

> "GEORGE PALMER (No. 35) m. HANNAH PALMER (No. 84) March 24, 1711.
>
> Children:
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> "(Same listing of five sons as above except giving a birthdate for the 5th one of 1723 and listing spouses for three of them.)
>
> "HANNAH was born 31 May 1695, the daughter of JOSEPH PALMER and FRANCES PRENTICE."

However, also on page 512 the Wheeler book has the following:

> "JONATHAN PALMER m. MARY (or Marcy) MANWARRING Dec. 1, 1706.
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> Children:
>
> (8 are listed including the third child who was:)
>
> "No.90 HANNAH born Dec 12, 1711, married WILLIAM YORK(No. 16) that family.

(Page 697):

> " WILLIAM YORK (No. 16) (son of THOMAS and MARY (BROWN) YORK) born 3 Oct 1705, married COMFORT BURDICK May 18, 1727 and had one child: WILLIAM YORK (JR.) born Feb. 22, 1728. MRS. COMFORT YORK died July 22, 1728, and her husband

married (2nd) HANNAH PALMER (No. 90 that family)Feb. 22, 1730
and had children:

i AMOS YORK born Oct. 15, 1730, m. LUCRETIA MINER.
ii MARY YORK born April 30, 1732.
iii JONATHAN YORK born Aug 29, 1735."

(Parents of HANNAH #90 were JONATHAN and MARY (MANWARRING) PALMER.)

The Wheeler book has been found to have had other errors, some of which had been corrected in an addendum at the front of the book. It is noted too that page 512 of the Wheeler book lists on the same page the parents of the two HANNAHS: JOSEPH and FRANCES (PRENTICE) PALMER whose daughter is No. 84 in that family and JONATHAN AND MARY MANWARRING PALMER whose daughter is No.90 in that family, the first HANNAH PALMER (No. 84) married GEORGE PALMER (No.35 that family) and the second HANNAH PALMER (No. 90) married WILLIAM YORK(No.16 that family). It is to be noted that the Wheeler book was published first, in 1900 and a probable explanation is that in referring to this page 512, the error was made in copying the information for the Leavitt book by someone not too careful. Discrepancies in genealogies published are inevitable.

The Wheeler book rarely carries forward the female lines, whereas in the Leavitt book these female lines are sometimes continued in the next generation. Pages 44-45 of the latter lists the ten children of JONATHAN PALMER[3] and MARY (MERCY, MARCY) MANWARRING,of which the third daughter was HANNAH, born December 2, 1710-11. However, nothing further appears in that book about that HANNAH! It is unclear why she was omitted in the following (fourth) generation when the following of her siblings were continued, including five of her sisters:

No. 125 - MARCY (MERCY) born Feb 27, 1708-09.	(p.70-71)
No. 128 - IRENE born March 26, 1715.	(p.71)
No. 129 - LOVE born March 26, 1717.	(p.71)
No. 130 - PRUDENCE born March 31, 1718-19	(p.71-72)
No. 131 - Captain JONATHAN born December 23, 1720.	(p.72.73)
No. 132 - OLIVER born May 7, 1722.	(p.73-74)
No. 133 - ELIZABETH born November 28, 1724.	(p.74)

Leavitt has included a narrative write-up on all these female lines; why was HANNAH not included?

A search of "The Road Book" 300-Year Chronology, Haynes' "300-Year Chronology of Stonington" and John Miner's volume on the Miner Family yields no information to corroborate either, the latter volume dealing solely with the male lines of that family; however, page 257 does have the birth and marriage of LUCRETIA MINER, born 16 February 1733, who married AMOS YORK (above). "The Denison Genealogy" (page 337) verifies the death of GEORGE PALMER in 1728 and the listing of his (and HANNAH's) five children without any additional information.

An established practice in many families in this period of time was to name their children after family members; it is, therefore, interesting to note the names HANNAH (and GEORGE) PALMER named their three youngest sons: JOSEPH (for her father), GEORGE, junior,(his own father) and GERSHOM for the grandfather (Deacon GERSHOM PALMER being the father of HANNAH's husband). However, the HANNAH PALMER who married WILLIAM YORK named her two sons AMOS and JONATHAN; WILLIAM's only child by his first wife had already been named WILLIAM (JR.) YORK. There is no explanation for the name AMOS and it does

not appear in the Chapter on the YORK FAMILY in Wheeler's book except for this child and his son born 1775 who died young and another son born in 1777 was also named AMOS. It is significant that HANNAH YORK named a son JONATHAN which could indicate her father was JONATHAN PALMER and her only brother was also named JONATHAN. The names given these children might be taken as an indication that the Wheeler book is correct. JONATHAN's wife was MARY (also MERCY which is also MARCY) MANWARING or MANWARRING.

The Wheeler genealogy has another interesting and perhaps significant listing, that of AMOS PALMER (son of Elder WAIT PALMER and MARY BROWN of Stonington) born 27 August 1729 who married 15 November 1749 MARY YORK although no further information is found therein about that couple. The YORK FAMILY in the Wheeler book lists but one daughter for the HANNAH PALMER and her husband WILLIAM YORK, to wit: MARY YORK born 30 April 1732, her older brother being the AMOS YORK born 1730 and her younger brother being the JONATHAN YORK born 1735. "AMOS" was not an uncommon first name in the PALMER family and might be an explanation for HANNAH (PALMER) YORK giving it to her son born 1730. It would appear from the foregoing that the two above listed MARY YORKS were one and the same individual. Unfortunately, however, the Leavitt book (pp.151-152) carries forward a brief accounting of AMOS and MARY (YORK) PALMER who had sixteen children (four of whom were Baptist ministers) but fails to further identify MARY YORK.

There was a difference in age between these two HANNAHs, to wit: #84 (daughter of JOSEPH PALMER) was born in 1695 whereas #90 (daughter of JONATHAN PALMER) was not born until 1711. This indicates GEORGE PALMER (born 1680/81) was about fourteen years older than his wife; but if it were JONATHAN's daughter, HANNAH, he married, he would have been about thirty years older(!) which seems very unlikely. Here again, the evidence seems clear that it was not JONATHAN's daughter who married GEORGE PALMER, but JOSEPH's.

However, there is still the contention in the Leavitt book which we have to grapple with, to wit: (page 56) quoted on a previous page that GEORGE PALMER's widow "now the wife of WILLIAM YORK, gave a quit-claim deed to her one-third interest in his estate on 25 January 1738/39". Did she sign this deed as HANNAH YORK? Leavitt seems to indicate that she did without saying so; she would have been HANNAH YORK at that time for some eight or nine years. Further research into the Land Records and Town Books of Stonington might settle this contradiction. And the question arises, "Why did she delay so long (ten years after the death of her first husband) before quit-claiming her one-third interest in his estate (presumably over to her five sons)?" By 1738 four of her sons were adults and three of them had been in their twenties for several years; the oldest son, CHRISTOPHER, had married in 1731 and by 1738 had had four children! Leavitt's write-ups on these five sons fail to clarify the problem. She records (page 91) that in 1735/36 CHRISTOPHER and his wife sold fifteen acres of land and in 1737 they sold another four acres since they were "now of Westerly, Rhode Island," and"on the same date he sold another tract of land to NATHANIEL and ELIAS PALMER." It would appear that on these three occasions CHRISTOPHER sold land he had received from his father's estate but in which his mother still retained a one-third interest!

Leavitt's write-up on the second son, ZEBULON (pp. 91-92) alleged that "On July 8, 1735, lands of GEORGE PALMER, deceased, were divided between his sons, CHRISTOPHER, ZEBULON, JOSEPH, GEORGE and GERSHOM which were lying in

Palmer's Neck by Paquetock Bay." Here the write-up again asserts that HANNAH YORK gave a quit-claim deed, to wit:

> "March 1738/39 ZEBULON PALMER sold to RUFUS MINOR his own division of his late deceased father's estate fifty acres, and WILLIAM and HANNAH YORK also gave a quit-claim deed at the same time (Land Records, Vol. 5, page 104)."

The previous quotation regarding the quit-claim deed alleged it had been recorded in Land Records of Stonington, Volume 5, page 85.

The age difference between HANNAH PALMER, the widow, and WILLIAM YORK is also significant. She was baptized (The Road Church Records) 12 August 1694 having been born the previous May 31 (Palmer Groups) (although the Wheeler book shows the year to be 1695). This last reference has a birthdate for WILLIAM YORK of 3 Oct 1705 indicating he was eleven years younger than that HANNAH! and would have been age 25 when he married the second time. This appears equally unlikely, therefore, as marriages during that period of time have rarely (if ever) been noted to have been between couples when the man was that much junior to the wife.

Another age feature which appears even more unlikely has already been pointed out previously herein, that is, for GEORGE PALMER (born 1680/81) to have married the daughter of JONATHAN and MERCY (MANWARING) PALMER -- the HANNAH born 1710 (baptized 19 March 1711 according to The Road Church Record), as she would have been about thirty years younger than her husband--again very unlikely in that period of time.

It is interesting to note that in "Palmer Groups" the historical write-up of Lieutenant JOSEPH PALMER who married FRANCES PRENTICE whose oldest surviving daughter was #120 - HANNAH born 31 May 1694, (pp.43-44) is followed immediately by the write-up of JONATHAN PALMER who married MERCY MANWARING whose third daughter was #126 - HANNAH born 2 December 1710-1711, (pp.44-46). (These numbers 120 and 126 refer to her number of descent in the PALMER family which differs considerably from the family numbers of the two HANNAH PALMERS in the Wheeler book.) The Leavitt book has not carried either of these two daughters forward into the Fourth Generation. It is to be noted that Lieutenant JOSEPH and JONATHAN PALMER were brothers, sons of NEHEMIAH PALMER; both named a daughter HANNAH; one of these daughters married WILLIAM YORK--but which one?

If Leavitt's subsequent research (along with the records of the first PALMER genealogist, NOYES FINK PALMER, to which she had access) is more accurate, it would appear that the HANNAH PALMER (#126 "Palmer Groups") born 1710/11 may have remained unmarried and, therefore, it was her cousin, HANNAH, the widow of GEORGE PALMER (another cousin) who married WILLIAM YORK. Page 45 reveals that JONATHAN PALMER died in Stonington 26 Aug 1726, leaving 8 daughters and but two sons, the oldest being only age twenty and the youngest three being ages two, four and six years. (JONATHAN had not married until he was age 38.) His Will drawn 24 June 1726 provided that all eight of his daughters, "JUDITH, MERCY, SARAH, ANNA, JERUSHA, LOVE, PRUDENCE and ELIZABETH, were each to receive fifty pounds; ... his son JONATHAN, was to receive one-half of the lands when he came of age; his son, OLIVER, to have the other half when of age." (The first names "SARAH" and JERUSHA" must have been used in referring to his daughters HANNAH and IRENE as the latter two names do not appear in the Will.)

Stonington Deeds, volume 7, page 222 (according to the Leavitt book, page 45) has the recording of a quit-claim deed from: WILLIAM HERRICK with his wife MARCY of Preston, Conn., JONATHAN and LOVE SHEPHERD of Killingly, Conn., HENRY and IRENE ROWLING (ROWLAND), MATTHEW and ELIZABETH DORR of Lyme, Conn., "together with HANNAH PALMER, 'spinster,' of Stonington"(being five of the eight daughters of JONATHAN PALMER and the husbands of four of them) to their brother, JONATHAN PALMER,"of all their rights to the land lying on the east side of the Pawcatuck River, which were a part of the estate of 'our parents, JONATHAN and MARCY PALMER, both deceased'." This indicates that in 1748 the sister HANNAH, daughter of JONATHAN and MERCY (MANWARING) PALMER is still unmarried at which time she would have been age thirty-eight.

The need for such a quit-claim Deed is unclear from the information set forth on page 45 about the father's Will; JONATHAN "gave his wife, MERCY, one-third of his housings and his personal estate" -- not any of his land of which he had received considerable (along with his brothers) from their father, NEHEMIAH, son of WALTER PALMER. JONATHAN's sons, JONATHAN and OLIVER when they"came of age" in 1741 and 1743 had each received one-half of the land of their father. Their eight sisters each received fifty pounds; why was it necessary for five of them to quit-claim any interest they might have had in their parents' land over to the brother, JONATHAN in 1748?

The Leavitt book (p. 45) lists the children of JONATHAN and MARY (MERCY) MANWARING PALMER in the following order and a paragraph on that page regarding the deed they signed with their husbands (above) reveal they married as follows:

JUDITH PALMER,,born 1706/07
MARCY (MERCY) PALMER married WILLIAM HERRICK of Preston, Conn.
HANNAH PALMER b 1710/11, "A spinster," in Nov 1748.*
ANNA PALMER b 1713
IRENE PALMER b 1715 m HENRY ROWLING (ROWLAND)
LOVE PALMER b 1717 m JONATHAN SHEPHERD of Killingly, Conn.
PRUDENCE PALMER b 1718, m THOMAS SHAW, JR. (pg.512 Wheeler)
JONATHAN PALMER b 23 Dec 1720.
OLIVER PALMER born 7 May 1722.
ELIZABETH PALMER b 1724, m MATTHEW DORR of Lyme, Conn.

*The Wheeler book (page 512) clearly has this HANNAH PALMER b 1711 married to WILLIAM YORK. How then could she be "a spinster" in 1748?

The three children of WILLIAM YORK by one HANNAH PALMER were born during the years 1730-1735 (p. 56 Leavitt). Obviously then it remains for some of the descendants in these families to conduct more research to clarify the confusion generated by the Wheeler and Leavitt books.

In concluding with the line of GEORGE[3] and HANNAH (PALMER) PALMER, the compiler is including information she feels the readers will be interested to see which was given her by one of their descendants, LOUISA PALMER (born Michigan 1886, died Honolulu 2 Feb 1982 soon after celebrating her 96th birthday).

LOUISA PALMER is a direct descendant from GEORGE and HANNA PALMER's son known as "DR." JOSEPH[4] PALMER who resided on Pendleton Hill at Stonington. LOUISA, a teacher, devoted many years researching and compiling data on her own branch of the Palmer family; after her retirement she traveled to England in search of more information about the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and eventually she compiled for private distribution a book she entitled "THE PALMER LETTERS." It pertained to the "pioneer life as revealed chiefly in the letters of the three sons of JOSEPH PALMER (III) which were sent during the 1830's and 1840's between Madison County, N.Y. and Southern Michigan." Her book was out of print many years ago but she loaned her own copy to the compiler and copies were made of pertinent pages which set forth the story of one of the descendants of GEORGE PALMER, younger son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER. There follows a brief sketch of this family which began in Stonington, traveled to New York, subsequently settling in Michigan and finally their descendant, LOUISA PALMER, permanently taking up residence in Honolulu in 1924! This continues the line down from DR.JOSEPH PALMER through his son, JOSEPH PALMER, JR.:

JOSEPH PALMER[5] (JR.) b Stonington 1 Feb 1745, m 1770 SUSANNAH KENNY of Voluntown, dau of Justice JEREMY KENNY (she was born 1748, died 8 Dec 1851, aged 103 years, in Lenox, N.Y.); their eleven children were born in Stonington, including the fourth son they named JOSEPH (III). In 1797 the family removed to Lenox, N.Y. where the father died 1829, aged 85 years.

JOSEPH PALMER[6] (III) b 18 Nov 1778 in Stonington, m 12 May 1805 ABIGAIL WHEELER (b 22 Nov 1789, d 24 July 1847); he died 29 Aug 1855; they had four children born in Stonington:

(1) DAVID WHEELER PALMER[7] b 5 June 1807. (see below)
(2) ABIGAIL PALMER b 7 Sept 1809, m DAVID BALDWIN, had one son; she and the infant son died in 1833 in Lenox Township, N.Y.; a dau,LUCY BALDWIN survived her.
(3) HARRY MINER PALMER b 22 Nov 1813, m SARAH RICE and had one dau, LAURA PALMER who married ARNOLD SCAMMELL: HARRY died in 1859.
(4) RUSSELL DENISON PALMER b 26 Dec 1818, m JULIA HOUSE, had three children; he died 1895.

DAVID WHEELER PALMER[7] b 5 June 1807, m (1st) FLORA LOUISE RANDALL in March 1829; (she was b 1811 and d Oct 1833, Lenox, N.Y.). FLORA was the dau of ROSWELL RANDALL and PRISCILLA (MORGAN) RANDALL (who had married in 1801 and removed to New York State in 1797). DAVID and FLORA had a son:

(1) FRANCIS MARION PALMER born Dec 1829,married OLIVE SOPER.

In Oct 1833 shortly after the death of DAVID's sister, ABIGAIL BALDWIN and her infant son, his wife, FLORA, also died. In 1833 and 1834 he taught school in Lenox Township at a town named Clockville; from 1834 to 1835 his school record lists 42 names which included that of his younger brother, RUSSELL PALMER, aged sixteen, as well as nine others surnamed PALMER. His wages were $15. a month. During those years DAVID also entered the Academy of Munnsville, Oneida County, N.Y. under the superintendence of the celebrated mathematician, TOBIAS OSTRANDER, who soon offered him the position of teaching his large grammer class and rewarded him with special instructions in higher mathematics. A vacancy recurring, DAVID took a place as Assistant in the chemical department of Hamilton College the summer of 1835.

In 1837 DAVID WHEELER PALMER[7] married (2nd) his late wife's younger sister, FIDELIA RANDALL by whom he had six children. Following the death of his first wife, his young son, FRANCIS, had been taken to the home of his maternal grandparents, ROSWELL and PRISCILLA RANDALL, where young FIDELIA DRUSILLA (then aged thirteen years) assumed much of his care. Four years after his wife's death, when the young sister would have been but seventeen years of age, DAVID and FIDELIA were married on 21 Dec 1837. Their last child (of record) was born 4 Oct 1856 named ARA HERBERT PALMER[8] who married FLORINE WOODWARD; they were the parents of three daughters, the oldest being the Palmer genealogist who settled in Honolulu:

(1) LOUISA FIDELIA PALMER[9] born 1886 in Michigan, died 1982 in Honolulu, unmarried.
(2) ADNEE PALMER married ROBERT PEARSON.
(3) RUTH PALMER married CLAYTON BEERS, d 1982 Honolulu.

Following the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 many from New York were able to make the journey into the Territory of Michigan and LOUISA's account of her Palmer-Randall families removing from Lenox, N.Y. to Michigan was taken from letters written by members of her family:

> "So it was on the great adventure that a party from Lenox, Madison County, N.Y. departed on 7 Sept 1836. Included in the Party were Deacon ROSWELL RANDALL and his wife, PRISCILLA; their son, ROSWELL RANDALL, JR. and wife, LURA RANDALL and son SHERMAN RANDALL; daughters HULDA and FIDELIA RANDALL; and HARRY MINER PALMER, a hunter with his dog, and his young cousin, WILLIAM PALMER, now aged seventeen years. DAVID WHEELER PALMER accompanied the party for two days on the canal--for the very good reason that he was now 'courting' the youthful FIDELIA, his sister-in-law.
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> "After reaching Michigan Territory, the party continued west from Detroit, passing through Ann Arbor and on to Clinton--about fifty miles along the Old Chicago Turnpike. Bridgewater was the little settlement on the Raisin River not far from Clinton where the RANDALL family settled in their log house and where DAVID PALMER later bought his farm and built his home. Manchester was the third town nearby in Washtenaw County; Clinton was just over the line in Lenawee County; but in the adjacent

Jackson County to the west was Brooklyn where HARRY PALMER and later generations of the PALMERs settled. Some of the New York emigrants landed at Monroe on Lake Erie and came to the Clinton area by way of Adrian and Tecumseh."

(These "emigrants" included from Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. the PALMER descendants of this subject's (GEORGE PALMER) older brother, GERSHOM PALMER (JR.), namely, JOHN C. and FENNER PALMER who reached the Tecumseh-Ridgeway area of Lenawee County earlier, in 1831.)

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LOUISA FIDELIA PALMER was born 21 Jan 1886 in Brooklyn, Michigan. She graduated from the Brooklyn High School (about 1904) and accepted a teaching position at a country school in order to earn enough money for a college education. She attended (1928) Teacher's College, Columbia University; then Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in Ypsilanti; her great interest was in the youngest of the school children--the kindergarten. She studied the life and books of FROEBEL, the founder of kindergartens. After two years of college she moved to a town near Detroit to teach kindergarten. HENRY FORD was starting to build his plant there and was bringing in Eastern European laborers and their families. LOUISA PALMER started five kindergartens for each of the five new schools that were built there. This she has explained was "another experience which broadened my understanding of human nature--teaching in kindergartens for foreign children." She then went to the University of Chicago and returned eventually to the Highland Park area of Detroit and began her supervisory work in the kindergartens of the many schools that had been built during her two years' absence.

In 1920 LOUISA was asked to head the School of Childhood, the demonstration school for the Department of Education at the University of Pittsburgh where she worked under Dean CHAMBERS who was instrumental in leading her to Hawaii. On an educational mission to the Orient, he had stopped at Honolulu en route and met with the founder of the Hanahauoli School which had been started in 1918. In 1923 LOUISA was in Hawaii at the Hanahauoli School where it has remained a small school--one class of each grade from the kindergarten through the sixth grade. A class of four-year-olds was added in 1937. She remained there until her retirement in 1957 and lived on in the Islands until her passing in 1982. In the 1960's she took time for traveling to England to further her research into her family's English heritage. On 21 Jan 1971 the school dedicated the Louisa Palmer Library.

LOUISA's younger sister, RUTH BEERS, who resided in later years in Bradenton, Florida, visited her often and following LOUISA's death in 1982 was on hand to settle up LOUISA's affairs which took considerable time. During her stay in Honolulu, RUTH PALMER BEERS was killed in an automobile accident just a day before she planned to return to her home in Florida.

19. ANN PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) born about 1681/82 was baptized 20 May 1683 and married 3 March 1707 BENJAMIN HEWITT(Jr.)son of BENJAMIN and MARIE (FANNING) HEWITT of Stonington; baptized 24 July 1692 although he was probably born about 1684; his parents were married 24 Sept 1683 and he was their first child. BENJAMIN HEWITT (SR.) was the second son of HANNAH (PALMER) and THOMAS HEWITT, she being an older sister of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER. Thus ANN PALMER was a first cousin to BENJAMIN (SR.) and she married her aunt's grandson! (See write-up on page 77 herein on HANNAH PALMER, oldest child of the emigrant WALTER PALMER and his second wife.) ANN (PALMER) HEWITT was in the third generation down from the emigrant whereas her husband was in the fourth generation down from WALTER.

ANN and BENJAMIN probably lived out their lives in Stonington; however, the various references consulted furnished no other information about this family other than the names of their ten children and the birthdates as set out in "Palmer Groups" (page 57), Wheeler's "Stonington History" (page 420) and Dr. Byron Palmer's handwritten manuscripts all of which birthdates seem to be identical; baptismal dates for some of their children were taken from The Road Church Chronology; however, no baptisms were shown in that church for KESIAH born 1708, OLIVE born 1720, JABISH born 1725 and CONTENT born 1727. The Road Church "Admissions" list did not contain the names of ANN and BENJAMIN HEWITT; nor was their marriage recorded therein. The date and place of death of ANN and BENJAMIN likewise were not noted in any of these references; nor any information about the disposition of their estates. Their ten children, presumably born in Stonington, were:

(1) KESIAH HEWITT[4] born 13 Aug 1708, m SAMUEL STOCKWELL 18 Nov 1735.
(2) WALTER HEWITT born 20 Mar 1710, m. ELIZABETH DECTHIC, or DETHIC, 26 Dec 1746 (see page 338 "The Denison Genealogy") He was bapt 28 May 1710. Had six children.
(3) NATHAN HEWITT born 11 June 1712, bapt 13 July 1712.
(4) GERSHOM HEWITT born 6 Sept 1714, bapt 10 July 1715.
(5) BENJAMIN HEWITT (3rd) born 7 Mar 1717, bapt 7 July 1717.
(6) ABIAH (ABIJAH) HEWITT born 13 Jan 1719, bapt 3 May 1719.
(7) OLIVE HEWITT born 13 Dec 1720.
(8) EDMUND HEWITT born 28 May 1723, bapt 5 Apr 1724.
(9) JABISH HEWITT born 28 May 1725.
(10) CONTENT HEWITT born 26 Mar 1727.

"The History of Stonington, Connecticut" (pp. 421,423) sets out some of the descendants of ANN (PALMER) HEWITT and her husband BENJAMIN into the sixth and seventh generations. "The Denison Genealogy" (page 338) lists one line of descent from their son WALTER HEWITT born 1710 down through more than two hundred and fifty years to a descendant born in 1951.

20. WALTER PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1683/84 in Stonington, the fifth son of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER; baptized 7 June 1685; and married 7 Aug 1712 GRACE VOSE (dau of EDWARD and WAITSTILL VOSE of Milton, Massachusetts). On 31 Aug 1718 GRACE, wife of WALTER PALMER, was admitted to The Road Church ("300 Year Chronology" page 193), and their son, WALTER PALMER (3rd) was baptized. WALTER died 11 February 1726/27.

The emigrant, WALTER PALMER, had a total of forty-eight grandchildren of which twenty-eight were grandsons; yet one of the very youngest, this WALTER PALMER, was the only one given the first name of the emigrant which was very unusual for that period of time when each family named children for the parents and grandparents. WALTER, the emigrant, must have been a very modest individual and refrained from naming any of his eight sons WALTER. The deeply religious nature of this emigrant is indicated in almost exclusively selecting Biblical names for almost all of his twelve children. However, he was well remembered as generations passed through Deacon GERSHOM's son, WALTER; for the next two hundred years in that direct line there was a son named WALTER PALMER! A small book (84 pages) published in 1887 and compiled by WALTER PALMER and MRS. LYDIA C. DORRANCE (daughter of SAMUEL PALMER and LYDIA R. ORMSBEE) emphasizes this direct lineage from WALTER PALMER the second (born 1678 according to their research instead of 1685/85) concluding with WALTER MILLARD PALMER born 9 July 1861 in Michigan who in 1883 was employed at Grand Rapids in that state; he was of the tenth generation from the emigrant. (The statistics in this book published in 1887 are at variance with later research pertaining to the other children of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN PALMER.)

By deed dated 23 Dec 1708 Deacon GERSHOM PALMER had given over to two of his sons, WALTER and GEORGE, "all his farm, they to allow him during his lifetime one-third of all the produce, with the east end of the dwelling house..." The father died Sept 1718; by 1726/27 (on 11 February) WALTER II died; and the brother, GEORGE, followed him the next year. Thus the home place and farm would pass to their heirs. "The bond for the administration of the estate of WALTER PALMER, deceased, was given by his widow, MRS. GRACE PALMER on 11 April 1727 with his brother, GEORGE," ("Palmer Groups" page 57 which lists but three children: GRACE, WALTER and WILLIAM). Wheeler's "Stonington History" lists only these first two children, which is identical to "The Denison Genealogy." (Unfortunately the most recent 1978 book which is "Supplement to The Denison Genealogy" has no descendants of this WALTER.) The oldest research (the 1887 Genealogy, supra) has this: "We have no record of any other children"(than their son, WALTER who married MERCY HINCKLEY 29 Dec 1736), "yet doubtless there were others."

The <u>handwritten</u> manuscripts of Dr. Byron Palmer contain the following:

> "GRACE PALMER gave bonds as adm. of her husband's estate 11 April 1727. Deacon JOSEPH PALMER and GEORGE PALMER of Stonington were appraisers. WILLIAM, WAIT, JOSEPH and THOMAS PALMER sign in 1727 a receipt for a share which will indicate they were all children of WALTER PALMER."

The Palmer-Dorrance Genealogy furnishes the inscriptions found on the gravestones of WALTER and his son, WALTER, without naming the cemetery:

HERE LIETH THE BODY OF
WALTER PALMER,
Who Died
February 11th, 1726
IN THE 43d YEAR OF HIS AGE

IN MEMORY OF
MR. WALTER PALMER,
WHO DIED NOV.1, 1785
IN THE 69th YEAR OF HIS AGE

From the 1930 reprint of "OLD HOMES IN STONINGTON" by Grace Denison Wheeler we learn these burials were in the Wequetequock Burial Yard, Stonington's oldest cemetery. On page 243 are recorded the inscriptions from numerous PALMER tombstones or markers including the following:

> HERE LIETH THE BODY OF WALTER PALMER, WHO DIED FEB. 11th, 1726-7 IN THE 43rd YEAR OF HIS AGE. THE INSCRIPTION IS IN A HEART SHAPED ENCLOSURE ON THE STONE WITH THE CHERUB'S HEAD AND WINGS ABOVE. (Therefore he was born in 1683.)
>
> IN MEMORY OF MR. WALTER PALMER, WHO DIED NOV. 1ST, 1785, IN YE 69TH YEAR OF HIS AGE. DEATH IS A DEBT TO NATURE DUE, WHICH I HAVE PAID AND SO MUST YOU. (He was born in 1716.)
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> IN MEMORY OF MRS. MERCY, WIFE OF MR. WALTER PALMER, WHO DIED DEC. 25th, 1786, IN YE 71ST YEAR OF HER AGE. THE SWEET REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUST, SHALL FLOURISH WHEN THEY SLEEP IN DUST. (She was born in 1715.)

The Minor Diaries have one brief reference to WALTER PALMER (the second) on page 102: "30 Oct 1707 - walter palmor hvrt hmslf".

The records of The Road Church of Stonington reveal the following entries for this family of WALTER PALMER (II):

7 Aug 1712 - WALTER PALMER married GRACE VOSE (page 215).
29 Dec 1736 - WALTER PALMER (3rd) married MERCY HINCKLEY (dau of SAMUEL and MARTHA (LATHROP) HINCKLEY) (page 252).
29 Jul 1739 - WALTER, son of WALTER and MERCY PALMER baptized (page 241).
26 Aug 1739 - GRACE, dau of WALTER and GRACE PALMER baptized (page 241).
29 Nov 1741 - WALTER PALMER and wife, MERCY, admitted (page 235).
21 Mar 1742 - MERCY, dau of WALTER and MERCY PALMER baptized (page 242).
31 Jul 1743 - BATHSHEBA, dau of WALTER and MERCY PALMER baptized (page 243).
19 Jan 1746 - VOSE, son of WALTER and MERCY PALMER baptized (page 244).
22 May 1760 - WALTER PALMER, jun. married MARGARET FRINK.

The following are being listed as the children of WALTER PALMER (II) and his wife, GRACE VOSE PALMER, although as explained previously, there is considerable variation in the different books and manuscripts as to just how many children they actually had and their names:

(Children of WALTER PALMER, II, and GRACE VOSE PALMER:)

(1) GRACE PALMER b ca 1714, bapt 1739 "as an adult."

(2) WALTER PALMER (III) bapt 31 Aug 1718, m 29 Dec 1736 MERCY HINCKLEY (bapt 7 Oct 1716, Road Church), dau of SAMUEL (II) and MARTHA (LATHROP) HINCKLEY. SAMUEL HINCKLEY (SR.) with his wife, SARAH, and four children, arrived in this country from Tenderden, County of Kent, England, in the ship "Hercules of Sandwich" in 1635 and settled in Scituate, Mass. ("Stonington History" by Wheeler p. 429). Their youngest child, JOHN HINCKLEY b Barnstable, Mass., 26 May 1644, married 1668 BETHIA LATHROP, dau of THOMAS LATHROP, and were the parents of SAMUEL HINCKLEY (II); JOHN's next older brother was named SAMUEL HINCKLEY (JR.), born 1642, married 1662 MARY GOODSPEED. SAMUEL HINCKLEY (II) and his younger brother, JONATHAN HINCKLEY, joined First Church at Stonington in 1708 and 1710. WALTER PALMER (III) died 1 Nov 1785 and his wife, MERCY PALMER died 23 Dec 1786. They had five children:

i GRACE PALMER who m _____ BREED.

ii WALTER PALMER (IV) bapt 24 July 1739, m 22 Mar 1760 MARGARET FRINK; settled in Plainfield, Conn., ca 1765; died 6 Jan 1775; six children including the oldest they named WALTER PALMER (V) born 19 Sept 1760.

iii MERCY (also MARY) PALMER bapt 21 Mar 1742, m 10 Jan 1762 SIMON PENDLETON; two children.

iv BATHSHEBA PALMER bapt 31 July 1743, m SANDS NILES.

v VOSE PALMER bapt 14 Jan 1746, believed to have predeceased his father.

(3) WILLIAM PALMER - about whom nothing further is known.

Although the handwritten mss. of Dr. BYRON PALMER came to the conclusion that there were also children named WILLIAM, WAIT, JOSEPH and THOMAS inasmuch as they had signed in 1727 "a receipt for a share (of the estate of WALTER, II)" no other clues have surfaced to substantiate this premise. In reviewing the history of the land inherited by the brothers WILLIAM, GEORGE and WALTER PALMER from their father, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER (which would eventually be passed on to the grandsons of Deacon GERSHOM, which included grandsons named WAIT and JOSEPH) and considering the many deeds and quit-claim deeds which must have had to be signed in order to vest the title correctly, it seems possible the WILLIAM, WAIT and JOSEPH described by BYRON PALMER may have merely signed a receipt to clear the title to the land in question. Deacon GERSHOM's older brother, NEHEMIAH, had a grandson named THOMAS and at one time GERSHOM and NEHEMIAH would have owned land they simultaneously inherited from their father, WALTER, the emigrant.

21. ELIHU PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was the 8th child of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER and was baptized 6 May 1688 in the Road Church in Stonington. He died young according to all published records, probably as an infant. He was obviously named after his father's older brother, ELIHU, born 24 Jan 1636 who died in 1665 at the young age of twenty-nine years,unmarried, and although he left no issue three of his siblings named a child for him; in addition to the above ELIHU, son of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, baptized 1688, there were these two:

NEHEMIAH PALMER[2] named his second son ELIHU PALMER[3] (b 12 March 1666, bapt 14 Dec 1674) but he also died young! (page 86 this volume).

REBECCA PALMER[2] named her first son ELIHU CHESEBROUGH (b 1668) her only son by her first husband, ELISHA CHESEBROUGH who died in 1670. This was the only one of four named ELIHU who survived to adulthood, married and had issue, and he named his first son ELIHU CHESEBROUGH (JR.), born 30 Nov 1704. It seems significant that the three ELIHU PALMERs all died young.

It is interesting to note here an excellent example of the usual pattern of naming children in those times which was followed by Deacon GERSHOM and ANN PALMER, in addition to naming a son after a deceased older brother:

The oldest son was named for the father, GERSHOM PALMER (JR.);
A dau was named for the mother and maternal grandmother, ANN DENISON and ANN BORODELL DENISON;
A son was named for the paternal grandfather, WALTER PALMER;
A dau was named for the paternal grandmother, REBECCA PALMER;
A son was named for the maternal grandfather, GEORGE PALMER (after Captain GEORGE DENISON);
A son was named for the paternal Uncle WILLIAM PALMER who had bequeathed all his Killingworth estate to Deacon GERSHOM PALMER.

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From the Haynes' "300-Year Stonington Chronology" (supra), we learn that during this period 1688-1690 the following history was being made: 8 Feb 1690 - King William's War (part of English struggle with Louis XIV of France as ally of the deposed JAMES II) broke out with a surprise massacre by the French and Indians at Schenectady, N.Y. and on 27 Mar a similar bloody attack on Salmon Falls, N.Y.

11 Apr 1690 - Massachusetts called a special meeting of the United Colonies of New England and sent two companies of troops to the defense of Albany.

1 May 1690 - First American Congress - Commissioners of the United Colonies and representatives from New York - met in New York City to plan the French War and agreed to attack Quebec overland by way of Lake Champlain and by Ship up the St. Lawrence. (See Page 151.)

22. MARY PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) born in Stonington, Conn. 14 March 1690 was next to the youngest of ten children of Dea. GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. On 2 April 1711 she married at Stonington JOSEPH PALMER (JR.)[4] who was the oldest surviving son of JOSEPH and FRANCES (PRENTICE) PALMER. JOSEPH (SR.) was a first cousin to MARY PALMER, their fathers being the brothers NEHEMIAH and GERSHOM, sons of the emigrant, WALTER. Thus MARY who was in the third generation married her first cousin's son who was in the fourth generation, although MARY and her husband had been born the same year. Her husband had been baptized in The Road Church 29 March 1691 and MARY on 8 June 1690.

MARY's younger sister, REBECCA, married the younger brother of JOSEPH (JR.), BENJAMIN; and MARY's older brother, GEORGE had also married in March 1711 a sister of JOSEPH and BENJAMIN, HANNAH. Thus three of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER's children had married three of the children of their older cousin, JOSEPH (SR.)! (And as previously set out, MARY's older brother, ICHABOD, had married a first cousin, HANNAH PALMER, who was the only sister to the aforementioned JOSEPH (SR.).)

"Palmer Groups" by Leavitt, supra, sets out numerous transfers of land by MARY and her husband: (pages 68-69)

5 Dec 1716 they sold to JOHN STANTON of Newport, Rhode Island, four hundred acres of land in Stonington (Land Records, Vol. 3, page 174), the other sellers being these members of their Palmer family: JOHN and MARY BREED, BENJAMIN and ANN HEWETT, BENJAMIN and REBECCA PALMER.

11 Aug 1728 JOSEPH PALMER sold to WILLIAM BELL his own dwelling house with fifteen acres of salt marsh. (Ibid, Vol. 4, page 140).

In 1746 JOSEPH PALMER sold twenty acres of land at Salt Cove to which deed MARY and FRANCES PALMER were witnesses. (Ibid, Vol. 4, page 608).

28 June 1743 "for love of his son, JOSEPH PALMER, Lieutenant JOSEPH sold him six acres of land lying by the land of DANIEL, JOHN and MOSES PALMER. (Ibid, Vol. 5, page 360).

18 Feb 1744 JOSEPH PALMER of Voluntown, Windham County, Connecticut, sold to WILLIAM COATES, four acres of land in Stonington, bounded by land "of my son, JOSEPH PALMER." (Ibid, Vol. 5, page 360).

2 Jan 1722 JOSEPH PALMER of Stonington with BENJAMIN PALMER of Coventry, Windham County, Connecticut, sold to DANIEL PALMER of Stonington, one hundred acres of land at Pucklagonuck. (Ibid, Vol. 3, page 398).

MARY's husband, JOSEPH (JR.) had inherited much land from his grandfather, NEHEMIAH whose Will was dated 29 Sept 1716 and probated 8 April 1718 at New London, inasmuch as JOSEPH (SR.) had died before NEHEMIAH, and the latter in his Will remembered "the children of his eldest son, JOSEPH." Lieutenant JOSEPH PALMER (SR.) died 31 Jan 1710 and his Will dated 9 Jan 1709/10 was probated 31 June 1710 in which he mentions his wife FRANCES (PRENTICE), sons JOSEPH (JR.), BENJAMIN and JONATHAN and daughters, HANNAH and SARAH. His brothers, JONATHAN and DANIEL, witnessed his Will. Lieutenant JOSEPH had inherited from his father, NEHEMIAH, one-half of the home place and land, the other one-half being given to the brother, DANIEL, "providing they should care for their mother," (HANNAH STANTON PALMER).

The Uncle DANIEL PALMER to MARY's husband (JOSEPH, JR.) was known as JUSTICE DANIEL and lived to be ninety years of age. He was a highly respected member of the community and was appointed to the Commission to determine and settle the dispute in 1724 between the people of Stonington and the citizens of Rhode Island. He was annually appointed to serve as a Justice of the Peace for a period of more than fifteen years, and was a Deputy to the Connecticut Assembly.

MARY's husband, JOSEPH (JR.) had a career which paralleled that of his illustrious Uncle DANIEL both in longevity and civic duties. He served as Representative to the General Assembly, May and October, 1736, 1738, 1739, May and July 1740 and May 1742. From 1739 to 1743 he was annually appointed Justice of the Peace. JOSEPH (JR.) died in Voluntown 12 June 1789 at age ninety-nine years! MARY, his wife, died there 13 Jan 1777, aged 87 years; he married (2nd) 12 June 1779 (at age eighty-nine) HANNAH BILLINGS.

During the 1740's MARY and JOSEPH appear to have removed from Stonington to Voluntown; it was in 1746 on 19 Mar that still another deed was recorded in the Stonington Land Records, Vol. 5, page 535: ("Palmer Groups" pp.68-69).

> "JOSEPH PALMER, junior, of Voluntown, for a deed of even date with this of one-half of the farm my father, JOSEPH PALMER, of Voluntown, where he now lives, receives a grant of sixty acres of land in Stonington, bounded by land belonging to MOSES and JOHN PALMER, and by STANTON's line, together with all the buildings, "etc.

MARY and JOSEPH had either eleven or twelve children, apparently all born in Stonington; however, there were discrepancies in the sources available to this compiler regarding their children. "The Denison Genealogy" and Wheeler's "History of Stonington" list eleven children; Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" and Dr. Byron Palmer's handwritten ms. list twelve children; only nine are recorded in the baptisms of The Road Church Book. All twelve are being listed below:

(1) SARAH PALMER[4] b 17 Jan 1712, bapt 13 Apr 1712.
(2) MARY PALMER bapt 21 Mar 1714, m DR.W.MOORE; d 12 Dec 1810.
(3) PHEBE PALMER bapt 24 Nov 1717, m 26 Oct 1735 GEORGE DARROW in Stonington; ten children.
(4) JOSEPH PALMER (3rd) b 30 Oct 1719, bapt 22 Nov 1719, m 7 Nov 1741 CATHERINE (KATHARINE) COATS; twelve children; he was drowned 26 May 1760, aged 41 years.
(5) FRANCES PALMER born 21 Oct 1721, bapt 26 April 1722 in The Road Church, Stonington by Mr. Stephen Williams, the Pastor (page 214) but no further record of her.
(6) AMOS PALMER born 11 Apr 1724, bapt 19 Apr 1724; died at Cape Briton in 1754.
(7) MOSES PALMER "born and died 11 May 1725" ("Palmer Groups").
(8) MOSES PALMER born 13 Apr 1726, bapt 17 Apr 1726.
(9) HANNAH PALMER born 2 Aug 1727, bapt 13 Aug 1727, died young.
(10) JONATHAN PALMER born 18 Mar 1730, bapt 22 Mar 1730, m 5 May 1749 by JOSEPH PALMER, Justice of the Peace, FREELOVE HERRICK; he d Voluntown 5 Aug 1765; five children.
(11) ANN PALMER born 23 Dec, 1732. No further record.
(12) ASENATH PALMER born 26 Mar 1734/35.

"Palmer Groups" by Leavitt (pp. 117-119, 177-178) includes the names of some of the descendants of MARY and JOSEPH PALMER (JR.).

(Inasmuch as MARY PALMER was in the third generation down from the emigrant, her children listed on the preceding page are numbered in the fourth generation; however, their father, JOSEPH (JR.) was in the fourth generation down from WALTER PALMER, and in that line these children are to be considered in the fifth generation.)

The deed dated 18 February 1744 signed by JOSEPH PALMER[4] (MARY's husband) "of Voluntown, Windham County, Connecticut" could be an indication of the date when that couple departed Stonington and settled in Voluntown, leaving their son, JOSEPH[5] PALMER (3rd) (married since 1741) still in Stonington. (See page 68 "Palmer Groups".)

The naming of this daughter "MARY" after already having named the first daughter "MERCY" is interesting in that it is one of the very few instances noted when one family has named a daughter MARY and another one MERCY. In many instances it has been observed that these names were used interchangeably in the early days and listings in some records would give a daughter's name as MARY while in another record she would be named MERCY. Similarly the names ANN, ANNE, ANNA and HANNAH were used interchangeably and often one female would be listed in one book under one of these names and in another publication under one of the other variations.

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(Continued from p.148 re: the French-Indian War of this period)=

In July 1690 a party of French privateersmen, having overrun Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island, landed on Fisher's Island and after burning the only house were attacked and "handsomely routed" by seventeen men from Stonington.

In Aug 1690 a land army under FITZJOHN WINTHROP of Conn. rendezvoused with the Five Nations at Lake George, but only seventy Indians were on hand. A fleet of thirty to forty small ships sailed from Nantasket, Mass. under Sir WILLIAM PHIPPS.

In Sept 1690 the land army, lacking supplies, withdrew to Albany; General WINTHROP was arrested but released by the troops; later exonerated by the Conn. Assembly. The Conn. troops maintained at Albany and Deerfield all winter.

Oct 5-11 1690 the fleet attacked Quebec and was repulsed. This year the French founded Vincennes, Indiana.

25 Jan 1691 - York, Maine, destroyed by French and Indians; 75 were killed; 75 were captured; attacks continued in Maine, New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts. During the summer the French raided Block Island and troops were sent to Stonington to defend the town.

29 Aug 1692 ... Jealous rivalries between colonies much hampered the conduct of the war against the French and Indians...

1693 - A strong French and Indian force attacked Mohawks in Western N.Y. who were rescued by Maj. Schuyler with 200 Conn. and N.Y. troops, (Haynes' 300-Year Chronology, supra). (See p.154.)

23. REBECCA PALMER[3] (Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Stonington about 1692/93, baptized 1 July 1694 in The Road Church (Congregational), and was the youngest child of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. She was so named for her grandmother, the second wife of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, just as her aunt REBECCA PALMER had been named a generation previously, having been the youngest child of the emigrant.

REBECCA married BENJAMIN PALMER prior to 1717 although the date of their marriage was not found; their first child was born early in 1717. BENJAMIN was baptized in the Stonington Church 14 June 1696, being the son of JOSEPH and FRANCES (PRENTICE) PALMER (SR.). On 11 Mar 1711 BENJAMIN's older sister, HANNAH, had married GEORGE PALMER, older brother of his wife,REBECCA; and on 2 Apr 1711 his older brother, JOSEPH (JR.) had married MARY PALMER, sister of his wife. BENJAMIN's father, JOSEPH (SR.) (born 1663) was a first cousin of his wife, REBECCA (born ca 1693). Thus three children of Deacon GERSHOM PALMER married three grandchildren of his brother, NEHEMIAH!

BENJAMIN and REBECCA PALMER removed from Stonington, settling in Windham County, Connecticut at Coventry "where he was called 'sergeant'." ("Palmer Groups" page 70). Thereafter his older brother, JOSEPH (JR.) had also removed from Stonington, settling in the same county but at Voluntown; much later the new county of Tolland was created which encompassed Coventry.

JOSEPH (SR.) had named his first surviving son (the first two had died probably at birth) after himself, JOSEPH, JR. and had named his second son, BENJAMIN, doubtless after his Uncle BENJAMIN PALMER who had left no issue; this Uncle BENJAMIN had been his father's (NEHEMIAH) next youngest brother, and was at times referred to as "Captain BENJAMIN."

"The Diary of Manasseh Minor" has only one reference to BENJAMIN PALMER:

"June 1715 - ben palmor publishd"

at which time he would have been about the age of nineteen and probably at that time joined or was admitted to the church.

JOSEPH (SR.) is referred to as "Lieutenant" in some published records. However, there was no explanation found for these titles of captain, lieutenant and sergeant bestowed upon these PALMERS.

REBECCA PALMER did not receive anything from the estate of her parents although her father had owned considerable land and houses in Killingworth, Stonington and Rehoboth. This was also true of her three sisters, MERCY BREED, ANN HEWITT and MARY who married another PALMER. This was probably also true of her mother, ANN DENISON, who was mentioned in the Will of her own father, Captain GEORGE DENISON as follows: "Unto my daughter ANN PALMER, besides that I have formerly given her, I do now give her ten pounds out of the stock as pay...." REBECCA's father, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, had disposed of all his properties by gift to his five sons made by deeds given before his death.

However, as in most families during those times, the daughters were usually married to a local man who in turn would be receiving (or had received) considerable land from his own father and thus the practice was to deed before death or bequeath by Will all ones land, houses and estate to the sons equally, with strict duties imposed on them to care for their mother should she survive the father.

"300-Year Chronology of Stonington" by Haynes, supra, reported for the year 1728 that:

> "The Connecticut law which permitted a man to leave his estate to any or all of his heirs (was) annulled by royal order that the English law of intestate estates (to oldest son only) must be observed."

It is interesting to read the many Wills made by these first Englishmen to reach New England and observe how their estates were divided equally among their sons, completely contrary to the law they had left behind in England which fostered the law of primogeniture--"an exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the first-born."

Thus REBECCA's husband had inherited land which formerly belonged to his own father and to his grandfather (NEHEMIAH PALMER) and to his great-grandfather, WALTER PALMER. "Palmer Groups" (pp. 69-70) sets out numerous land transactions involving REBECCA and her husband, BENJAMIN:

> "In 1717 the grandfather, NEHEMIAH, gave his grandsons JOSEPH, BENJAMIN and GERSHOM, one-half of all his own home lots to be divided among them according to their father's Will, they to take possession immediately after his death provided that his son, DANIEL should comfortably maintain 'my wife and that his son, JONATHAN, should have liberty to cut the salt grass.' (Land Records, Vol. 2, page 195).
> "16 Sept 1719 BENJAMIN PALMER gave his brother, JOSEPH (JR.) his own right to the land, 'where DANIEL PALMER, Esq., and his brother, JOSEPH now dwell,' by virtue of a deed 'from my father, Lieutenant JOSEPH PALMER, by his Will and by a deed of gift from my grandfather, NEHEMIAH PALMER and his Will.' (Ibid, Vol. 3, page 307).
> 3 Jan 1723, JOSEPH PALMER, with BENJAMIN PALMER of Coventry, Connecticut, sold to DANIEL PALMER, Esq. two-thirds of a tract of land at Pucklawgonuck, one hundred acres. (Ibid, Vol. 2, page 398).
> 5 Dec 1716, 400 acres of land in Stonington sold to JOHN STANTON of Newport, Rhode Island, for 80 pounds by Deacon GERSHOM PALMER's four daughters and their husbands: MARY (MERCY) and JOHN BREED; ANN and BENJAMIN HEWITT; MARY and JOSEPH PALMER; REBECCA and BENJAMIN PALMER (Ibid, Vol.3, p.174).

REBECCA PALMER died in Coventry 22 Mar 1726, aged about thirty-four years leaving four small children. Her husband married (2nd) 14 Nov 1726 RUTH BIDWELL by whom he had three more children. REBECCA and BENJAMIN's children born in Coventry:

(1) GERSHOM PALMER[4] born 13 Feb 1717, m 2 Feb 1737/38 MEHITABLE BADGER Coventry, who died there 22 Sept 1760; he m (2nd) ELIZABETH _____; 8 children by first wife and one dau by second wife.
(2) ANN PALMER born 5 Feb 1720.
(3) NATHAN PALMER born 27 Nov 1723, m 6 Nov 1745 GRACE PALMER, of the same family; they had six or seven children.
(4) JOHN PALMER born 14 Feb 1725, m 7 Sept 1748 ABIGAIL BOYNTON; they had four children; he died 1755.

(REBECCA PALMER was in the third generation; her children would have been in the fourth generation as indicated on the preceding page. However, her husband, BENJAMIN PALMER was in the fourth generation and in his line his and REBECCA's children would be in the fifth generation. His children by his second wife, therefore, are listed in the fifth generation.)

BENJAMIN[4] PALMER's children by his second wife, RUTH BIDWELL, born in Coventry, Connecticut:

(5) BENJAMIN[5] PALMER (JR.) born 10 Oct 1729, m 11 Nov 1755 ESTHER HAYWARD; he entered Yale College, graduated 1750 and later received his doctor's degree; settled at Ashford, Windham County, Conn. He died 1789 and had nine children ("Ashford Town Records").
(6) RUTH PALMER born 20 Feb 1733/34.
(7) REBECCA PALMER born 20 Feb 1737/38.

"The Denison Genealogy" (pp. 340-341) includes a few descendants of REBECCA and BENJAMIN PALMER through their son, GERSHOM, spanning a period of over two hundred and fifty years, i.e. 1694-1954. "Palmer Groups" (pp. 119,178-180) also lists some of that GERSHOM's descendants. This latter book also includes many descendants of BENJAMIN and his second wife, RUTH (BIDWELL) (pp. 120-121, 180-184).

REBECCA's father-in-law, Lt. JOSEPH PALMER (SR.), (according to p. 44 of "Palmer Groups") drew his Will 9 January 1709 in which he bequeathed to his wife, FRANCES, one-third of the "house stuff, one-third part of the lands;" Son JOSEPH (JR.) to have the housing; the land was divided between the sons (of which he had three: JOSEPH, JR., BENJAMIN AND JONATHAN);"the daughters, HANNAH and SARAH, to receive ten pounds each; more than his sons." He died 31 January 1710.

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(Continued from p. 151 re: the French-Indian War of this period)=

21 Feb 1693 - Connecticut ordered 150 men to Albany; 50 marched at once.
6 Mar 1693 - Capt. WILLIAM WHITNEY, commanding 80 English and 40 Indians, sent by Connecticut to aid Maine.
19 Apr 1693 - the King ordered 120 Conn. militiamen for service under Fletcher outside the colony.
11 Aug 1693 - Strong British fleet with force of British regulars arrived in Boston for the Canadian expedition.
24 Oct 1694 - Captain GEORGE DENISON (maternal grandfather of our subject) died, aged 74, in Hartford while attending the Assembly and was buried there; surviving him for 16 years was his widow, ANN BORODELL who died 26 Sept. 26, 1712, aged 97 years, and was buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.
28 Dec 1694 - Queen Mary died.

(Haynes' "300-Year Stonington Chronology" supra.)

CHAPTER FOUR

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CHILDREN OF GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) AND SARAH (FENNER) PALMER

of Killingworth, Connecticut

24. ≠ GERSHOM PALMER (111)

25. ≠ JOHN PALMER

26. ≠ ANNA PALMER

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO FOURTH GENERATION

Commencing with this fourth generation, this volume will pertain only to the descendants of the second son (JOHN) of GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) and his wife, SARAH (FENNER) PALMER of Killingworth, Connecticut.

The compiler's research has failed to establish that their first child (GERSHOM PALMER, 111) and their third (and last) child, ANN, left issue. The Killingworth marriage records establish that GERSHOM PALMER (111) married 3 Oct 1733 HANNAH WILCOX, another pioneer Killingworth family but only one reference has ever been found which listed children for them. The listing of children in "Encyclopedia of Massachusetts" (published by The American Historical Society, Inc., Chicago and N.Y.) for the two couples, GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER and for their son, GERSHOM(111) are at variance with all other published records and with research done the past eighty-five years. The compiler feels these errors were made due to the confusion existing over many decades because so many PALMER descendants were given the first name of GERSHOM. (Commencing with the first ever given that name, Dea. GERSHOM in the 2nd generation, there have been at least a total of seventeen Walter Palmer descendants given this first name down to and including the 7th generation!)

Saybrook, Connecticut, was the home of the FENNER family, and the records there and also in Old Killingworth (now Clinton) and in North Killingworth have been searched without finding birth or baptismal records for children of GERSHOM PALMER (111).

From the fourth generation down this volume will include only the descendants from the only child of said GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER who left issue, to wit: JOHN PALMER, born ca 1705 in Killingworth, married 1729 MARY WARD (another early family of that town) who had three sons and two daughters who survived to adulthood:

1. FENNER PALMER (Captain) b 1735.
2. JOHN PALMER (JR.) b 1737.
3. GERSHOM PALMER b 1740.
4. ANN PALMER TOWNSEND b 1742.
5. MARY PALMER b 1743.

This history will then continue in the fifth generation down through Captain FENNER PALMER and several of his sons; however, inasmuch as the manuscripts of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER contained some interesting research on FENNER's younger brother, JOHN PALMER (JR.) and a few of his descendants, these are also being included in this volume for only a few generations as the compiler has not initiated any research in this line of JOHN PALMER (JR.) From the time (1697) of the removal from Stonington to Killingworth of this branch of the Palmer family, the Stonington records ceased to include any information about them. However, research in other records has been carried on since 1900 by many including:

1900-1927 - by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, New York.
1915-1954 - by Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City.
1955-1985 - by Doris PALMER Buys, the compiler.

24. GERSHOM PALMER[4] (111), (Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut ca 1700/01, the oldest child of GERSHOM (JR.) and his wife, SARAH +(FENNER) PALMER. On 3 Oct 1733 he married HANNAH WILCOX (WILCOXSON, WILLCOCKS), oldest child of JOSEPH[3] and HANNAH (KELSEY) WILCOX also of Killingworth (now Clinton). HANNAH (WILCOX) PALMER was born 16 Jan 1694 and was aged 39 years when she married GERSHOM, aged 33 years.

JOSEPH WILCOX was the grandson of the emigrant, WILLIAM WILCOX born St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England 1601; sailed from London in the ship "Planter" 2 Apr 1635/36 with his wife, MARGARET WILCOX, aged twenty-four, and their son, JOHN WILCOX, aged two years, arriving at Concord in the Massachusetts Bay Colony 26 May that year. WILLIAM became a freeman of the Colony the same year. In 1639 he removed to Stratford and was a deputy from that town to the Connecticut Legislature (which met at Hartford) in 1647. His Will was dated 29 May 1651 in which he named his wife, MARGARET, his eldest son, "the rest of my sons," his daughters, and bequeathed forty pounds to the church at Concord; he died at Stratford in 1652.

Information about this WILCOX family is from "The Wilcoxson-Wilcox, Webb and Meigs Families" by Reynold Webb Wilcox (1938, published by The National Historical Society); the ancient origin of the WILCOX family is explained on page 17:

> "The family is believed to have been of Anglo-Saxon origin, and it is said that fifteen generations of its lineage were recorded as living in Suffolk, at Bury St. Edmund's. In the reign of King Edward 111 (1327-1377), Sir JOHN WILCOX was entrusted with several important commands, and led the cross-bow men from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex against the French at the Battle of Crecy in 1346. ..."

However, the exact lineal descent of HANNAH PALMER's great-grandfather, WILLIAM WILCOXSON[1] of Hertfordshire, England and Stratford, Connecticut, to this ancient, noble family is not set out in this genealogy.

HANNAH (WILCOX) PALMER's grandfather, JOSEPH, was born ca 1636 and had a sister born about 1646 named SARAH WILCOX who married JOHN MEIGS (b either Weymouth, Mass. or East Guilford, Conn.) in Killingworth on 7 March 1665/66. +JOHN MEIGS was the son of the emigrant, JOHN MEIGS (SR.) who came to America with his father VINCENT in 1637, settling first in Weymouth and later removing to East Guilford. JOHN MEIGS (SR.) had married in England in 1632 TAMAZINE FRY, dau of WILLIAM FRY of Weymouth, England, who accompanied him to America with their first two children. JOHN (JR.) and a younger sister, TRYAL MEIGS, were born in America and TRYAL was to become the ancestor of a long line of this PALMER family through her marriage about 1667/68 to +ANDREW WARD (111), (See MEIGS and WARD Families in the allied lines of this volume).

GERSHOM PALMER (111) and his wife, HANNAH, may have lived out their lives where they were both born--in Killingworth. It had been

HANNAH PALMER's grandfather, JOSEPH WILCOX, who removed to Killingworth where his surname appears in the records as WILCOX and his branch of the family adopted that spelling. HANNAH's mother was HANNAH KELSEY, another old Killingworth family. GERSHOM PALMER of Killingworth was a witness to the Will of SARAH KELSEY of Saybrook dated 13 July 1764 ("KELSEY GENEALOGY" Vol. 1, page 110, pub 1928).

Information about this GERSHOM PALMER (111) has been difficult to uncover and numerous discrepancies appear in the different references to him. The "Palmer MSS." (page 1002) have little information about him or his wife and what is included is confusing in that it cannot be ascertained therefrom whether HANNAH survived her husband.

In 1975 the compiler searched the records at Clinton (the original Killingworth) and at North Killingworth. The Clinton Library has a typewritten book listing numerous burials in the local cemetery which surrounds the Congregational Church (established about 1667) including the following:

GERSHOM PALMER died 2 March 1727 - aged 56 years;
GERSHOM PALMER died 14 June 1770 - aged 70 years.

It would appear that the latter is the son born in Killingworth who married HANNAH WILCOX and that the former is the father (GERSHOM, JR.) who was the oldest son of Dea. GERSHOM of Stonington. There was no record of the burial of the wife, SARAH FENNER PALMER, nor of the daughter-in-law, HANNAH WILCOX PALMER. The Killingworth Records do contain a marriage record 31 Jan 1786 of one HANNAH PALMER to SOLOMON DAVIS but there is no indication she was a widow. A paragraph in the Palmer MSS. contains the following notation: "Papers on file in the administration of a STEPHEN PALMER show only a bond of HANNAH PALMER OF Killingworth with ZADOC WELLMAN as security, dated 29 Apr 1783 (copied from records of the District of Saybrook in Hartford State Library). We think there has been an error in copying and that this estate should be that of GERSHOM PALMER (111) and that HANNAH was his widow." A further paragraph from these manuscripts has the following:

> "A deed dated 18 Jan 1771 recited that the land lately owned by GERSHOM PALMER, deceased, had been conveyed by GERSHOM to his brother, JOHN PALMER, of Killingworth, and by him to his son, JOHN, JR. We have no further record of this GERSHOM, but in view of this deed it would appear that he left no children. At any rate, none appear on record."

"Palmer Groups" (pp. 84-85) also refers to this transfer of property by GERSHOM PALMER (111) as follows:

> "A deed dated January 18, 1771, <u>was drawn in Saybrook</u>, Conn., ... in which the land lately owned by GERSHOM PALMER, deceased, was conveyed from GERSHOM PALMER to his brother, JOHN PALMER of Killingworth, and by him to his son, JOHN PALMER, junior."

These quoted references would tend to substantiate the death of

GERSHOM PALMER (111) without leaving issue. However, if it was his widow, HANNAH, who subsequently married SOLOMON DAVIS, what provision was made for her by her first husband, GERSHOM PALMER, who died in 1770? The marriage to DAVIS did not take place until 1786 when HANNAH PALMER, the widow, would have been aged 92 years! It appears unlikely to this compiler that the wife of GERSHOM PALMER (111) survived him and, therefore, his deed transferring his land to his only surviving kin (his brother, JOHN) was made since he left neither a surviving widow nor issue.

The death of GERSHOM PALMER (111) was corroborated by a letter from the First Church of Christ (Congregational) at Clinton, signed by the Clerk, Josephine E. Eagen, advising: "GERSHAM PALMER died 1770."

By letter dated 11 June 1979 the Genealogical Unit of the State Library at Hartford advised: "We have checked the Killingworth Vital Records and find no children of GERSHOM and HANNAH PALMER listed."

It is to be remembered also that both GERSHOM (111) and his brother (JOHN) received land from their maternal grandmother, SARAH FENNER ("Palmer Groups" page 53):

> "In 1732 the widow SARAH FENNER (widow of Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook), New London County, Conn., gave a deed wherein she said, 'WHEREAS my husband, Captain JOHN FENNER, formerly of Saybrook, did in his last Will and Testament give to me, SARAH FENNER, one moiety of his estate both personal and real, ... now considering what part of said estate each of my children have had and being mindful that justice should be done,' divided it among her daughter, PHEBE, wife of DAVID BUEL of Killingworth (who held land contiguous to that occupied by his brother-in-law, GERSHOM PALMER), and the heirs of her deceased daughter, SARAH PALMER, namely, JOHN and GERSHOM PALMER....."

GERSHOM PALMER (111) and his brother, JOHN, would have been the only heirs to whatever estate their father, GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) had accumulated during his approximately thirty years' residence in Killingworth (1796-1727) and also to any of his land which he still might have owned which he had received from his own father, Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, as a gift. The only other sibling of GERSHOM and JOHN was their younger sister, ANNA, who it is believed died unmarried in her twenties.

As further corroboration of the compiler's conclusion that HANNAH (WILCOX) PALMER predeceased her husband, the following marriage record was found in "Early Connecticut Marriages" (Prior to 1800) by Frederic W. Bailey which took place at Killingworth: "STEPHEN PALMER and HANNAH WELLMAN married 26 Feb 1783." Perhaps this is the STEPHEN PALMER referred to in the Palmer MSS. (see page 157) wherein there was issued "a bond of HANNAH PALMER of Killingworth with ZADOC WELLMAN as security, dated 29 Apr 1783." This HANNAH (WELLMAN) PALMER could also be the one who married in 1786 the said SOLOMON DAVIS (above), her husband STEPHEN having died a few months after their marriage. The compiler's additional research appears to have answered the questions which were raised by the Palmer MSS. regarding the deaths of GERSHOM PALMER (111) and his wife, HANNAH (WILCOX) PALMER.

25. JOHN PALMER[4] (Gershom[3], Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born about 1705 in Killingworth, Connecticut, second son of GERSHOM (JR.) and SARAH + (FENNER) PALMER. He married 18 Jan 1729 MARY +WARD (born 10 Apr 1713,Killingworth), dau of Captain PETER WARD and his wife, MARY +(JOY) WARD of that town. Records of First Church of Christ (Congregational), Clinton (the original Killingworth), reveal: "JOHN PALMER, son of GERSHOM, and sister, ANNE, were baptized there 30 Oct 1709." The earliest records of that church "were apparently lost," according to a letter received from the Clerk.

JOHN's grandfather (Dea. GERSHOM PALMER[2] of Stonington) had given to JOHN's father all the land, houses, tenements, etc. located in the town of Killingworth received by him from his older half-brother, WILLIAM PALMER, in 1697 on the death of the latter without issue or surviving wife. From 1697 JOHN's parents had lived out their lives in the village of Killingworth where JOHN, his older brother, GERSHOM (111) and younger sister, ANNE (ANNA, HANNAH) were born in the years 1701,1705 and 1707.

JOHN's parents had both died before his marriage to MARY WARD and, therefore, had never known their grandchildren; neither of JOHN's other two siblings left issue. The following six children were born to JOHN and MARY PALMER in Killingworth according to the Town Records, Vol. 2, page 156; also the WARD FAMILY GENEALOGY by GEORGE K. WARD, A.M.:

(1) ANN PALMER b 20 Nov 1730, died young.
27. (2) *PRINCE PALMER b 15 Sept 1735, m ca 1754 LYDIA _____.
28. (3) JOHN PALMER b 25 May 1737, m 1759 HOPE THOMAS.
(4) GERSHOM PALMER b 27 Aug 1740, d before 1771.
29. (5) ANN PALMER b 20 Sept 1742, m ROBERT TOWNSEND.
(6) MARY PALMER b 3 Oct 1743, or 1745.

At some unknown future date the name of the oldest son was changed from *PRINCE PALMER to FENNER PALMER; in the years before his birth his paternal grandmother, SARAH FENNER PALMER, had died, but he was the first in a long line of Palmer sons to be named FENNER PALMER; his name in the Ward book is given as FENNER PALMER. Research done in 1985 for the compiler in Killingworth is set forth below:

"One deed with the name FENNER PALMER when he and his father, JOHN PALMER (SR.) sold or conveyed to JOHN PALMER, JR., property which had formerly belonged to GERSHOM PALMER. This deed is in Vol. 11, page 383 Killingworth Records under date of 18 Jan 1771; they were both of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N.Y.
"In Killingworth Deed Book 20, page 522 under date 8 Apr 1774 JOHN PALMER 2d of Dover, Dutchess Co., N.Y. sold to DAVID BUELL. In the copy of the original Deed Book 2, page 156 it was noted that JOHN PALMER and MARY WARD had a son, PRINCE born 15 Sept 1735; PRINCE had been crossed out and "FENNER" written in in pencil."

About 1750-52 JOHN and MARY with their five young children moved to N.Y. settling in Dutchess County in the then Precinct of Pawling. In 1761 JOHN was a Justice of the Peace in Dover. Their names appear in the first members register of the Dover First Baptist Church in 1761 (in what is now Wingdale.) Although previously being Congregationalists, it appears the

area of Dover in Dutchess County had only a Baptist Church, and they seemed to have no hesitancy in joining it since it was the only Christian-Protestant Church nearby. Smith's "History of Dutchess County" explains about the first meeting house at Dover which "became known as the 'Red Meeting House,' and for many years was the only place of worship in this part of the valley."

It is a very moving experience to visit the (still) small villages or towns in the area of Dover and Wingdale in Dutchess County, New York. In 1975 the compiler visited the Dover First Baptist Church (now at Wingdale), visited with the current minister, the Rev. Earl J. Dakin (who was busy re-painting the church building with the assistance of his young son) and was privileged to check through the original membership register and note the names of JOHN and MARY PALMER and FENNER and LYDIA PALMER, first members. From the brochure printed for the 210th anniversary of the church we learn many interesting things about this particular church which was the church home of our ancestors during the years 1757-1788:

> "The oldest church book in our possession states on its first page that, considering the irregularity of the church records being kept on loose papers, Elder SAMUEL WALDO and Brother TIMOTHY BABCOCK should collect and transcribe the records into a book, which they did in the most beautiful hand writing of that day. ... New members were added to the church and plans went forward to build the meeting house. ... The meeting house became known as the 'Red Meeting House.'
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> "Elder SAMUEL WALDO was said to be a powerful preacher and an influential man. ... According to Smith's 'History of Dutchess County' after evacuating Boston, GEORGE WASHINGTON passed through here with a portion of his command, by way of a road leading west from Wing Station. His troops camped for the night on the hill across the brook from PHILIP HOAG on both sides of the road. WASHINGTOON took up his quarters in the HOAG house. Elder WALDO, who lived nearby, carried all the milk produced by several cows into camp, with other provisions, and distributed them to the soldiers. Elder WALDO told the soldiers where he lived, and he invited them to come to his house and get whatever they wanted to eat. Many of them partook of his generous hospitality."

Across the street from the Baptist Church is the large cemetery, in the front section of which are numerous very old markers which are now almost illegible. However, it would appear logical that JOHN PALMER and his wife, MARY are both buried there. MARY died in 1788, aged 75 years.

According to the Palmer Manuscripts, their oldest son, FENNER, removed to the Hoosick District in then Albany County (now Rensselaer) before the Revolutionary War but their son, JOHN (JR.) and his wife, HOPE THOMAS remained in Dover the rest of their lives. Their daughter, ANN, probably also remained in the area as her husband's Will (ROBERT TOWNSEND) was probated in Dutchess County in 1782.

Many doing research today have agreed with the statement made by Attorney Horace Wilbur Palmer (of New York City and New Jersey), (page 125) "PALMER FAMILIES IN AMERICA" Volume 1: "We have found it quite difficult to trace some of the Dutchess County families." Writing about the PALMER families,

(pp.125-128) who were in Dutchess County, he names many of them and the dates they reached that area, including our JOHN PALMER from Killingworth:

"There was another PALMER family in Dutchess County, JOHN PALMER who came from Killingworth, Connecticut and settled in Pawling Town, in the southeast section of the County. He had sons, FENNER, JOHN and GERSHOM. FENNER and GERSHOM moved on later to Washington County, New York and their descendants to the northern and western parts of the state. JOHN, JR. remained in Pawling with descendants in Dover and Beekman towns. (This PALMER family is descended from WALTER PALMER of Stonington, Connecticut, the original ancestor.)

"In Cambridge, Washington County, New York, in the 1790 United States Census we find the following PALMERS listed together which would indicate that they were living along side each other and probably were related:

FENNER PALMER with 2 males over 16, 3 males under 16 and 3 females.
GERSHOM PALMER had 1 male over 16, none under 16 and 3 females.
JONATHAN PALMER had 2 males over 16, 5 males under 16 and 6 females.

"We know the ancestry of (that) FENNER PALMER and that he came from Pawling, Dutchess County, N.Y. We think GERSHOM was his son but we cannot place JONATHAN in this same PALMER family nor in any other family. He could, therefore, be a brother of FENNER, but no JONATHAN has been found in the records as his brother. .... FENNER PALMER had lived in Pawling and his brother, JOHN, remained there while FENNER went on to Washington County, New York, and was in Cambridge in the 1790 Census. ..."

In 1975 information was received from a researcher in Killingworth who checked the records in the office of the Town Clerk there and reported the following:

"WILLIAM PALMER was a land-owner from 1667 to 1689.
JOHN PALMER was a land owner and transferred land during the years from 1735 to 1771.
GERSHOM PALMER was a land owner and transferred land during the years 1703 to 1738."

From the foregoing, it might be interpreted that JOHN PALMER (SR.), the husband of MARY WARD was still living in 1770/1771. At that time the older brother, GERSHOM (111) approaching the age of seventy, apparently without issue or surviving wife had conveyed to his brother JOHN (SR.) all his land, "and by him (deeded) to his son, JOHN PALMER, JUNIOR" such land.

This Palmer family was residing in an area of New York State which figured prominently during the Revolutionary War and the mother, MARY (WARD) PALMER survived there in Dutchess County throughout that terrible part of our history (1775-1783). Her sons and grandsons served as soldiers at various times and in various places; an account of their services in helping to form these United States will be found in their individual chapters.

26. ANNA(ANNE,HANNAH) PALMER[4] (Gershom[3], Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Killingworth (now Clinton) in the County of Middlesex, Connecticut, about 1707 and died there in 1734, aged about 27 years. She was the third and last child born to GERSHOM PALMER (JR.) and his wife, SARAH+FENNER. She was baptized 30 Oct 1709 in The First Church of Christ (Congregational), now Clinton. ANNA's mother had a sister named HANNAH (variation of Ann/Anna/Anne) FENNER and it seems likely ANNA PALMER was named after her aunt.

Very little information has been found about this only sister of GERSHOM (.111) and JOHN PALMER and there is doubt that she had ever married. The following paragraph is all that the Byron Palmer manuscripts furnish:

> "HANNAH (or Anna), b abt 1707, d m STARKIE. P.G. states that the will of ANNA PALMER was probated in 1734 without any further data regarding same. However, the deed of SARAH FENNER in 1732 would indicate that HANNAH STARKIE was an heir of GERSHOM PALMER, and, therefore, a daughter." ("P.G." = "Palmer Groups".)

This reference includes the notation that ANN and JOHN (PALMER) were members of the church in the village of Killingworth in 1725 ("Catalog of the Congregational Church in Clinton, Conn.,"1667-1859); their parents, GERSHOM and SARAH were members before 1711; another GERSHOM (the older brother) was a member by 1721; and one MARGARET PALMER was a member in 1757 but her relationship to this Palmer family is not disclosed.

Extensive research over many years has been done into the STARKIE (STARKEY) family by Mrs. Margaret(Buckridge)Bock of Rocky Hill, Connecticut and her collaborator, Mrs. Pamela Olson of Tacoma, Washington. Correspondence with them in 1982-1983 about the possibility of HANNAH (ANNA)PALMER (born about 1707) having married someone named STARKIE resulted in their conclusion that they did not know "who the STARKIE who married ANN PALMER might be." A brief(15-pages) resume on the FENNER/VENNER GENEALOGY prepared by Mrs. Bock in 1979 and revised in 1982 contains the following:

> "HANNAH FENNER (daughter of JOHN AND SARAH FENNER of Saybrook) married in Saybrook in September 1709, THOMAS STARKEY, son of JOHN and SARAH (_____) STARKEY ('Saybrook VR') who died between 5 April 1756 when he wrote his Will and 13 May 1756 when it was entered into probate ('Guilford Probate Rec.,1756'). THOMAS STARKEY, a cordwainer and a founder of the Centerbrook Church, served in the Train Band as Sergeant and Ensign ('Saybrook Land Records').

HANNAH (FENNER) STARKEY named her children: JOHN b 1711, THOMAS b 1714, SARAH b ca 1716 and HANNAH b ca 1720, in Saybrook, Connecticut. Here it is interesting to note that whereas her sister, SARAH (FENNER) PALMER had named a daughter HANNAH (ANNA) PALMER after her, HANNAH STARKEY named a daughter SARAH after her sister and mother. It appears that the HANNAH FENNER above who married THOMAS STARKEY was confused in the Palmer Manuscripts with her niece, HANNAH (ANNA) PALMER who doubtless never married. This is more fully explained herein in the chapter pertaining to GERSHOM (JR.) and SARAH FENNER.

CHAPTER FIVE

FIFTH GENERATION

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CHILDREN OF JOHN PALMER (SR.) AND MARY (WARD) PALMER

of Killingworth, Connecticut

and

Dutchess County, New York

ANN PALMER born 1730, died young.

27. ≠ FENNER PALMER (SR.), Captain, born 1735.

28. ≠ JOHN PALMER (JR.), born 1737.

GERSHOM PALMER born 1740.

29. ≠ ANN PALMER TOWNSEND born 1742.

MARY PALMER born 1743.

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this chapter.

27. Capt.FENNER PALMER[5] (John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Sept 1735 in the village of Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut, the second child of record of JOHN and MARY +(WARD) PALMER both of whom had also been born there. Although the marriage of the parents took place on 18 January 1729 and their first child, ANN, born 1730, died young, it appears there were no other children until FENNER's birth five years later. He was so named for his paternal grandmother, SARAH +(FENNER) PALMER (the daughter of Captain JOHN and SARAH +(CLARKE) FENNER of Saybrook, Connecticut.) However, originally this child had been named PRINCE PALMER according to the Killingworth Town Records, Volume 2, page 156. (See also page 159 herein.) For at least the next seven generations there would be a FENNER PALMER.

FENNER's grandparents, GERSHOM (JR.) and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER had settled in the village of Killingworth at the time of their marriage (1698) and lived out their lives there; however, his ancestor (WILLIAM PALMER) had been one of the very first settlers of the village in 1667.

There were two younger brothers followed by two younger sisters born to FENNER's parents in Killingworth. Then in the early 1750's his parents and siblings removed to New York settling in Dutchess County in the Precinct of Pawling (later called Dover or Dover's Furnace); FENNER was about the age of fifteen or sixteen at that time.

Although no record of his marriage to a girl named LYDIA has been found, it is probable the date was in 1754 inasmuch as their first child, SARAH, was born 24 July 1755. The place where the marriage took place also is not definitely known and the proof of LYDIA's maiden name has not yet been found although decades of research have been devoted to finding the answers to these questions. The typescript of the "Palmer Manuscripts" assert the marriage took place "about 1754 in Killingworth" whereas the original handwritten copy of these manuscripts give "Dover" as the place of the marriage. The typescript record (page 1004) sets out an explanation for placing LYDIA as a member of the BUELL family of Killingworth:

> "We have placed his wife LYDIA as the daughter of JOSEPH BUELL of Killingworth, and we believe this to be correct in view of the fact that he named one son JOSEPH. 'The Buell Genealogy' published 1881 by ALBERT WELLES shows that WILLIAM BUELL of Windsor, Connecticut, had a son SAMUEL, born 1641, who went to Killingworth, and later generations also showed a NATHANIEL BUELL who located in Dutchess County and also a SAMUEL BUELL, born 1713, who married LYDIA WILCOX and had a daughter LYDIA born 18 April 1740. However, this date for the birth of this LYDIA does not correspond with the age of LYDIA, the wife of FENNER, who died in 1778, age 42 years. Further searching on the BUELL family will be necessary to make certain of the parentage of LYDIA (who married FENNER PALMER)."

However, it would appear a more compelling argument in favor of the BUELL family heritage for FENNER's wife would be that his and LYDIA's oldest son, (Ensign) JOHN named a son BUELL PALMER who was born 18 September 1793 in Hoosick (while Captain FENNER was still living nearby); the child died 12 Sept 1810 and was buried in the Baptist Churchyard Cemetery at Hoosick Falls.

In addition JOHN (Ensign) had a grandson named BUELL PALMER born 1822 who married JULIA BAILEY; he died 1894 in Plattsburgh. This second BUELL PALMER was the third son of WILLIAM (born 7 June 1795 in Hoosick) and his wife, RUTH HAYNES PALMER who eventually removed from Hoosick to Plattsburgh, New York. This WILLIAM was the next child born to Ensign JOHN and his wife, MARY HILL, following the birth of the first BUELL PALMER in 1793 who died at age seventeen. It would appear WILLIAM was naming one of his sons in memory of his older brother who had died young. But inasmuch as the tradition was so prevalent during that period of naming the sons with the maiden surname of the females, it would lend much credence to LYDIA's being a BUELL.

However, a careful review of "THE BUELL GENEALOGY" (supra) and a comparison of the many females therein named LYDIA failed to reveal one whose birthdate would have been compatible with the LYDIA who married FENNER PALMER in 1754 by which date it is believed his family was living in Dover, New York. Any LYDIA BUELLS born in that family during the period 1730-1750 in Connecticut had other husbands listed for them in that family history. This search was made by the compiler in the Connecticut State Library at Hartford in 1975, where in the Genealogical Department among the issues of "The Boston Transcript" for 22 June 1910 (Item #1349) was a query regarding the "identity of the LYDIA who married CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER.... WAS SHE A DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH BUEL of Killingworth?" Thus as far back as 1910 research was being conducted by others to learn the identity of FENNER's wife.

Research to identify LYDIA as the daughter of the JOSEPH BUELL of Killingworth has also proved fruitless as he and his wife, ANNA SUBMIT COLTON removed in 1740 to Somers, Connecticut at which time LYDIA would have been but four years of age; although JOSEPH and ANNA BUELL did have a daughter born in 1736, the records reveal her name was "THANKFUL" and according to Family Record Sheets at the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City she married one REUBEN SIKES. JOSEPH and ANNA BUELL had several children born to them after they removed from Killingworth but no daughter named LYDIA. The only information obtained from the Congregational Church at Somers, Connecticut regarding this couple was:

"1740 Nov. 23 JOSEPH BUEL & wife were dismissed from the church of Killingsworth and accepted here;
1743 July MEHITABLE, daughter of JOSEPH BUEL, baptized;
1745 Dec 15 JOSEPH, son of JOSEPH BUEL, baptized."

This BUELL family later moved about 1760 to Newport, N.H. Although it seems somewhat remote, there was still another BUELL related by marriage to Captain FENNER PALMER--his grandmother's (SARAH FENNER) sister, PHOEBE FENNER married Major DAVID BUELL. During the generations when the PALMERS resided in Killingworth and the BUELL family in Saybrook, there must have been a close relationship between the two sisters SARAH (FENNER) PALMER and PHOEBE (FENNER) BUELL. Their father's Will dated 22 Oct 1708 provided these two daughters "who have had part of portions, to have 20 pounds each; dau HANNAH 60 pounds... GERSHOM PALMER, husband to SARAH and DAVID BUELL, husband to PHEBY, daus of Capt. JOHN FENNER object to (his) Will." ("The American Genealogist" Vol. II, page 104.) Major DAVID BUELL was born in Killingworth 1679 as the eighth child of SAMUEL and DEBORAH (GRISWOLD) BUELL, same family as JOSEPH BUELL above.

The early issues of "THE D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX" had no surname listed for the wife, LYDIA, of CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER; later issues list her as LYDIA

BUELL. When and why this change was made we have not been able to ascertain.

The Connecticut State Library (Hartford) has the history of the WARD(E) family, "ANDREW WARDE AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1597-1910" compiled by GEORGE K. WARD, A.M. 1910 under the direction of the Association of Descendants of Andrew Ward. Captain FENNER PALMER's mother was MARY WARD born 1713 in Killingworth and in listing her descendants we find there indication that FENNER's wife was "probably LYDIA HAINES." (page 86).

The early Killingworth families included these BUELL, HAINES (HAYNES), GRISWOLD, WILCOX and LORD surnames, but it has not yet been possible to learn of one family which had a daughter named LYDIA born about 1734-1736 who married 1754 FENNER PALMER.

The compiler has searched (1975) the first members' register at the Dover First Baptist Church in Dutchess County (situated in what is now called Wingdale) and saw the names of FENNER and LYDIA PALMER who joined that church on 27 May 1758 and 6 July 1758, one year after it was organized; also the names of FENNER's parents, JOHN and MARY PALMER who joined in 1761.

The first six children of FENNER and LYDIA were born to them in Dover, New York. Some time during the years 1766-1768 the family removed northward to Albany County, settling in the Hoosick District which is now located in Rensselaer County due to boundary changes. Four more children were born to this couple in Hoosick including twin sons born 21 Nov 1772, JOSEPH and BENJAMIN; the latter one died 26 Oct 1777; this took place during the Revolutionary War years and the last child, a daughter, JERUSHA, was born in March 1777 and died that same year in October.

On 14 June 1776 FENNER represented the Hoosick District as a member of the General Committee and was elected Deputy to the Provincial Congress from Albany County to represent his district.

LYDIA PALMER died 18 May 1778 at the young age of forty-two years leaving three young sons ages six, nine and eleven years. Although her grave, like that of her husband, has not been found, it is presumed she was buried in a small cemetery adjoining (to the rear) the Baptist Church of Hoosick Falls; possibly when he died in 1794 Captain FENNER PALMER was also buried there although no markers can be found today to mark their graves. However, a visit to that church and cemetery by the compiler in July 1975 revealed one row of members of this PALMER family being the graves of the son, (Ensign) JOHN, his wife, MARY (HILL), four of their sons and a grandson as more fully explained herein. (See Chapter on Ensign JOHN PALMER.) There were several unmarked graves in this small cemetery.

Although the date of death of FENNER's father is not known, it is believed he lived to about 1771 and FENNER's mother, (MARY WARD) died in the early 1780's; they both remained in Dover as did FENNER's younger brother, JOHN (JR.) and his sister, ANN, who married ROBERT TOWNSEND of Dutchess County.

FENNER enlisted as a private at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, his first assignment being under Captain HADDOCK and Colonel YATES. On 20 Oct 1775 he had been promoted to Captain of the Fifth Company in the 14th

Regiment under Colonels YATES and KNICKERBOCKER. The 14th Regiment encompassed the districts of Hoosick and Schaghticoke and eventually his three oldest sons, JOHN, GERSHOM and NATHANIEL would be in the same company, the youngest being NATHANIEL who at age fourteen enlisted to serve as a waiter for his father.

The National Archives had no pension file on FENNER PALMER inasmuch as he died in 1794, long before Congress passed the Act providing for pensions for Revolutionary War soldiers, and he had no surviving widow to apply in later years for a pension. The only "Military File" received from the NA consisted of one page for FENNER PALMER verifying his service in "COL. PETER YATES' REGIMENT OF MILITIA IN THE COUNTY OF ALBANY."

The following published records pertaining to citizens of the state of New York who served during the Revolution lend further proof of the service of Captain FENNER PALMER (obtained through compiler's research):

(A) "NEW YORK IN THE REVOLUTION AS COLONY AND STATE" (1898) by James A. Roberts, Comptroller, lists:
ALBANY COUNTY MILITIA - 14th REGIMENT - under Command of: Colonels JOHN KNICKERBACKER and PETER YATES and Lt. Col. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER and Adjutant JACOB VAN VALKENBERGH:
Pages 126-127: Enlisted Personnel: DAVID, FENNER, GARSHAM, NATHAN and NATHANIEL PALMER.

(B) "CALENDAR OF HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION" IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ALBANY, N. Y., VOLUME I (pub. 1868 by Weed, Parsons & Co.,of Albany)
Page 176 - "MILITARY RETURNS (1775) FOR HOOSICK AND SCHAGHTIKOCKE DISTRICT, 14th REGIMENT lists seven companies under COL. JOHN KNICKERBACKER and LT.COL.JOHN VAN RENSSELAER: 5th Company Under Command of CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER.
Page 324 - headed "LETTERS" (1776) lists "FENNER PALMER (at) CAMBRIDGE."

(C) "NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES, N.Y. IN THE REVOLUTION" prepared under the direction of the Board of Regents by Berthold Fernow (1887) at Albany:
Pages 261-270 pertain to the Albany Militia; FENNER and JOHN PALMER ARE BOTH LISTED.

In "Palmer MSS."(handwritten copy)page 176 appears the following:

"In the Revolutionary Archives of the Capitol at Albany, New York (previous to the fire) there was on file the original Order of FENNER PALMER, written and signed by him, as follows:

Hoosick, March 9, 1785

Honored Sir:-

Please to let the bearer, MR. JOEL ABBOTT, have the certifycate which belongs to me for service done in your regiment of malissia, if you have drawn them, and his receipt shall be your security for the same. In doing you will oblige your Humble servant, in the presence of OLIVE PALMER and ANN ABBOTT.

To: PETER YATES, Collo. (signed) FENNER PALMER"

In 1779 Captain FENNER PALMER had married (2nd) OLIVE (maybe ABBOTT). On 8 June 1786 he, his wife OLIVE and his son, FENNER (JR.) were witnesses to the Will of one OLIVER FORCE of Saratoga. By 1783 (the war finally having ended) CAPTAIN FENNER was residing in the town of Kingsbury in the county of Washington where he was Town Clerk that year. In 1781 his son, NATHANIEL, and daughter-in-law, SARAH, had settled in nearby Granville also in Washington County; the oldest son, Ensign JOHN, remained in Hoosick in the adjoining county of Rensselaer. By the end of the war FENNER and OLIVE still had living at home with them his three minor sons by his first wife: PETER WARD aged 17, FENNER, JR., aged 14 and JOSEPH aged eleven years.

The 1790 United States Census (the first ever) lists FENNER PALMER in the village of Cambridge (Washington County) "with 2 males over age 16, including himself; 3 males under age 16 and 4 females." This census would tend to indicate that perhaps one of FENNER's married sons with their young children was also living with him.

Under date of March 31, 1970 the compiler received a letter from the University of the State of New York, Education Department, Albany, setting forth the following abstract of the Revolutionary War service of FENNER PALMER:

> FENNER PALMER was one of the witnesses from Hosack to the appointment of representatives to the Provincial Congress from Albany County, May 10, 1775. (Calendar of N.Y.Historical Manuscripts, Volume 1, page 65.
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> FENNER PALMER was present at a meeting for the recommendation for sheriff and clerk of the City and County of Albany, Albany General Committee Chamber, June 14, 1776. (Calendar of N.Y.Historical Ms., volume 1, page 324.
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> FENNER PALMER was the bearer of JOHN YOUNGLOVE's complaint regarding the conditions in Vermont. Dated, Cambridge, June 20, 1781. (Public Papers of GEORGE CLINTON. War of the Revolution Series. volume 7, page 35.)
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> Cert. #24144 for (amount burned) on August 15, 1779 issued to FENNER PALMER for services as private in Capt. JAMES HADLOCK's Company of Col. PETER YATES' Regiment of Albany County Militia." (Certificates of Treasurer (manuscript records), volume 5, p.131.)

This letter also contained information regarding FENNER's promotion to rank of Captain of the 5th Company of the 14th Regiment of Albany County Militia in accordance with Commission issued October 20, 1775. (Calendar of N.Y. Historical Manuscripts, volume 1, page 176; and Documents relating to the Colonial History of N.Y., volume 15 (v. 1, page 272).) Volume One of the above mentioned "Calendar of Historical Ms." (1868)under the chapter headed "LETTERS" (page 324) listed under "HOSICK" the name of FENNER PALMER and followed immediately was the listing "CAMBRIDGE" with the name JOHN YOUNGLOVE.

The D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX (page 513) lists the following soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War surnamed PALMER of interest to this history:

FENNER	b	9-16-1735	d	3-24-1794	m LYDIA BUELL	CAPT NY
JOHN	b	10-9- 1757	d	1-24-1843	m MARY HILL	ENS NY
GERSHOM	b	12-5- 1738	d	2-9-1815	m LUCY FIELD	ENS CT VT

There undoubtedly were many descendants of WALTER PALMER of Stonington who served in that war; however, the above index has only one FENNER and one GERSHOM and many JOHN PALMERS. Just as the first name FENNER given to some males surnamed PALMER denotes relationship to Captain FENNER PALMER, thus does the first name GERSHOM through many generations indicate direct descent from the first one so named, i.e. Deacon GERSHOM PALMER of Stonington. CAPTAIN FENNER had a brother named GERSHOM born 1740 and a son named GERSHOM born 1759, one of whom doubtless served in the Revolutionary War. Information about these two GERSHOM PALMERS has been almost non-existent; the "Palmer MSS."(handwritten) tell us only that CAPTAIN FENNER's brother (born 1740) "died before 1771, had three daughters, names unknown" (page 177) which accounts for that GERSHOM not having served in the war.

The above named GERSHOM PALMER^{6}born 1738 who served in the war for both Connecticut and Vermont was only distantly related to Captain FENNER. This GERSHOM's descent from the emigrant, WALTER, was through the latter's son, NEHEMIAH^{2}, JOSEPH^{3}, BENJAMIN^{4}, GERSHOM^{5} and his mother was MEHITABLE BADGER. He was born in Coventry, Connecticut and resided at various times in Stafford, Connecticut (1761) where he was a teacher; in Mansfield (1769), Longmeadow (1772) and Monson, Massachusetts; and finally in Woodstock, Vermont (1779) where he died and from where he enlisted for service in the war. (Page 255 "Palmer MSS."typescript.)

The "Palmer MSS."(pp.1004-1006) conclude: "The death of FENNER and also of his wife, LYDIA, and the names and dates of births of his children as given herein, have been taken from FENNER's Old Family Bible, copied evidently by some descendant. Administration of his estate was in Saratoga County and his widow, OLIVE PALMER, was appointed Administratrix on 10 May 1794. (He apparently left no Will.) OLIVE evidently must have died shortly thereafter for on 16 Nov 1795, FENNER's son, PETER WARD PALMER of Florida, Montgomery County, New York was appointed Administrator c.t.a. of his father's estate in Saratoga County and he gave bond on that date. (Saratoga County Records Vol. 7, pp. 52, 120, #001-29.)"

Reference is also made to"FENNER's Old Family Bible"by his oldest son, Ensign JOHN, in his Affidavit for a pension dated 24 December 1833 (NA File #W5501) when answering a question about his age wrote: "I have a record of my age in my family Bible which was copied from my father's Family Bible." However, evidence as to the whereabouts of FENNER's Bible has not yet surfaced. (See Chapter on Ensign JOHN PALMER.)

Inasmuch as FENNER died in 1794, aged 59 years, we have no Application of his for pension setting out the various battles he participated in; however, we do have the Applications of two of his sons, Ensign JOHN and NATHANIEL PALMER for pensions which contain many references to their father and the campaigns he fought in as NATHANIEL served as an aide to his father throughout most the war and he has given us this information.

Even as this history is almost ready for the publisher, proof of LYDIA PALMER's maiden name and family has not surfaced; but continuing to come to light is still another reference asserting her maiden name and the name of her parents. Years ago the compiler received copies of "Your Ancestors" by Harry Ferris Johnston, published in the 1950's at Buffalo, New York and on page 289 thereof appeared the following:

> ABIJAH[4] PALMER, son of NEHEMIAH PALMER[3] and JERUSHA (SAXTON) PALMER, who m 1733 DOROTHY PALMER, dau of MOSES PALMER[3] and ABIGAIL (ALLEN) PALMER; eight children were listed for ABIJAH and DOROTHY PALMER, including the second one:
> LYDIA[5] PALMER born 24 July 1736, married FENNER PALMER.

Unfortunately no references or authority for this marriage appeared in this publication. Naturally the descendants of FENNER and LYDIA PALMER would be keenly interested in proving the truth of this statement as it would mean they were also then descendants of not one but three of the sons of the emigrant, WALTER PALMER! ABIJAH's grandfather was the 9th child of WALTER PALMER and his wife, DOROTHY was the granddaughter of the 10th child of WALTER PALMER; thus these descendants would be descendants of NEHEMIAH, MOSES and GERSHOM--all sons of WALTER and REBECCA PALMER.

In studying a copy obtained some years ago of "The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy," edited by FREDERICK A. VIRKUS, Vol.11 in 1926, page 83 had what seemed to be the source for the above statement in "Your Ancestors:"

> ABIJAH PALMER (1712-1793) m. 1st 1733, DOROTHY PALMER (1711-1740);
> FENNER PALMER (b 1735) m LYDIA PALMER (b 1736); they had:
> JOHN PALMER who m 1776 MARY HILL (b 1757),

thus indicating that FENNER PALMER did marry the daughter of ABIJAH and DOROTHY PALMER. However, the same series in 1933 in Vol. V in listing descendants of the WILCOX family had the following: (page 569) and in 1937 in Vol. VI (page 633) the same information is repeated:

> Col. WILLIAM WILCOX (1704-1786) m 1726 LYDIA BURROWS;
> Capt. WILLIAM WILCOX (1727-1820) Islesboro, Maine, 1767 (was) capt. of minutemen in Am.Rev.; married 2d 1756 LYDIA PALMER (b 1736); dau of ABIJAH (who) m DOROTHY PALMER; NEHEMIAH; NEHEMIAH; WALTER.

The only portion of the foregoing two quotations from the Virkus Compendiums which has been borne out by the research of the compiler and the Palmer MSS. is that which sets out the marriage of JOHN PALMER and one MARY HILL in 1776; JOHN was the oldest son of Captain FENNER PALMER and his wife, LYDIA. It would appear that the Virkus Compendiums were merely accepting and publishing family lineages which were received and no research was done by Virkus or his staff to prove the family pedigrees they received. If this had been done, such a contradiction as the foregoing would have come to light. It is noted the marriage date for the LYDIA who married Captain WILLIAM WILCOX is given as 1756 whereas Captain FENNER and LYDIA's first child, SARAH, was born 1755 and the above mentioned JOHN was born 1757, both in Dover, Dutchess County, New York.

Thus we have three different maiden names for Captain FENNER's wife, LYDIA: BUELL, HAINES and PALMER, all of which have appeared in published books. In addition to checking several times the BUELL family genealogy, the compiler has been in contact with the HAINES (HAYNES) and GRISWOLD family associations (all early Killingworth families) and has received assurances that the HAINES and GRISWOLD records contain no LYDIA HAINES or LYDIA GRISWOLD who married FENNER PALMER. The first name LYDIA appears to have been a very popular first name for females in the Killingworth area during the 1730's.

Efforts to learn the identity of the husband of the LYDIA PALMER born 1736 in Stonington, the dau of ABIJAH and DOROTHY (PALMER) PALMER have also failed. Research done (1985) in Connecticut by Mrs. DOROTHY STEWART revealed the following: (Vol. 3, page 23 Town Records)

> At Stonington Dec ye 2nd 1733 ABIJAH PALMER & DOROTHY PALMER, both of Stonington, were joyned in marriage by me, DANIEL PALMER, Justice of the Peace. Three of their children were:
> JERUSHA dau of ABIJAH PALMER was born May ye 16th 1734.
> LIDIA dau of ABIJAH PALMER was born July ye 24th 1736.
> SEXTON, son, ABIJAH PALMER was born Jany, 22nd 1737/8.
>
> The only LIDEA PALMER listed (Barber's Index, Hartford,Conn.) marrying a PALMER was LIDEA who married 12 Feb 1762 JOSEPH PALMER by JEREMIAH KERINE, Justice of the Peace, at Voluntown, (Vol. 1, p. 112).

Additional researched furnished the compiler by VIRGIL W. HUNTLEY of Mystic, Connecticut, revealed information previously set out about deeds signed by JOHN PALMER, SR. and FENNER PALMER of Pawling, Dutchess County, N.Y. and also the following additional information:

> Marriage records in Killingworth and Stonington have no indication of that of FENNER and one LYDIA PALMER.
> In Killingworth Deed Book 20, page 522, under date of 8 Apr 1774 JOHN PALMER 2d of Dover, N.Y. sold to DAVID BUELL. (This would have been during the Revolutionary War years.)
> ABIJAH PALMER of Stonington seems to have been quite a wealthy man for his period of time. He was a carpenter and in 1752 sold to JAMES PALMER for 2,500 pounds two tracts of land -- "one being the farm I now live on with buildings."
> In 1769 he sold to NATHANIEL PALMER of Groton, Ct., land with gristmill, sawmill and stream of water, a dwelling house, etc., excepting $\frac{1}{2}$ of the sawmill which belonged to the heirs of NEHEMIAH PALMER,deceased; price 200 pounds.

Both these researchers found the record (which the compiler had received from the Hartford Library in the 1970's) that the first son born to JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER had been named PRINCE PALMER, born 15 Sept 1735. The marriages of the town of Killingworth have been reprinted in recent years in issues of The Connecticut Nutmegger; in Vol. 11, No.2 (page 211) the only PALMER marriages were: GERSHOM to HANNAH WILLCOCK on 4 Oct 1733 and JOHN to MARY WARD on 15 Jan 1729/30 (the PALMER brothers).

Equally as lengthy and unsuccessful over a span of some fifteen years has been the search for the graves of the Revolutionary War soldier, Captain FENNER PALMER and his wife, LYDIA. It is sad that this is so and perhaps future generations will take up the search and be successful. It is surmised they were buried in the small cemetery at the rear of the Baptist Church in Hoosick Falls inasmuch as their oldest son, Ensign JOHN PALMER, his wife, MARY (HILL) and several of their children and grandchildren are buried there; and during the war years the father and son and their families were residing in the Hoosick District. The mother, LYDIA PALMER, died in 1778 and the question arises, "where else would she have been buried?" During the turbulent war-torn years (1775-1783) LYDIA gave birth to a dau, JERUSHA in 1777 who died the same year; LYDIA died the next year, 1778. During the same two-year span, her oldest son, Ensign JOHN's first child, a dau named LYDIA, was born in 1777 and also died in 1778. There are no markers for any of these deaths in the above described cemetery; the nine graves of JOHN and his family which are marked and are legible were all of individuals who died in the 1800's. Obviously then the deaths which took place prior to 1800, and especially during the war years, were not marked or if they were, the markers have long since disappeared. (See Ensign JOHN PALMER's history for names of those on the nine markers.)

In 1975 in the Albany State Library in New York, numerous D.A.R. volumes of burials were searched for Captain FENNER PALMER without success. The Palmer MSS. reveal his estate was probated in Saratoga County where he died 1794. Inasmuch as his second wife, OLIVE, appointed Administratrix 10 May 1794 either died or was incapacitated before the estate was closed, we learn his son PETER WARD PALMER was appointed Administrator, c.t.a., to succeed her on 16 Nov 1795. PETER PALMER was then a resident of Florida, Montgomery County, N.Y. Correspondence with the County Historian of this latter county, address Old Court House, Fonda, N.Y., requesting a search of their records revealed the following:

> "Re inquiry of LYDIA and FENNER PALMER, deaths and burials. A check of the cemetery records of approximately seventy volumes in the following counties: Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer and Fulton, revealed nothing with these names."

It would, therefore, seem that the graves of Captain FENNER and his wife, LYDIA, have not been marked for at least the last one hundred years or someone would have noted their inscriptions. Likewise, the location would almost certainly have to be in the area of Rensselaer County where LYDIA PALMER died at Hoosick in 1778. Other cemeteries in that area have also been searched without success, including: the Hoosick Rural Cemetery and the Maple Grove Cemetery in that town; and Old Bennington Cemetery in the rear of the Old First Church, Bennington, Vermont and the Kingsley Burying Ground also in Bennington. (The assistance rendered by Mrs. MABLE W. HEWITT of Hoosick Falls, N.Y., in conducting a search of these cemeteries for members of this PALMER family is indeed appreciated.) A study of the Atlas reveals the close proximity of Hoosick Falls, N.Y. to Bennington, Vermont, and FENNER's son, Ensign JOHN PALMER was a soldier in the "Battle of Bennington" as described by him in his Application for Pension made in 1833.

The following children were born to CAPTAIN FENNER and LYDIA PALMER:

Born in Dover, Dutchess County, New York:

(1) SARAH PALMER[6] b 24 July 1755, died probably 1813.

30. (2) JOHN PALMER b 29 Nov 1757, m 28 Aug 1776 MARY HILL (1st); m (2nd) OLIVE BARNES; d 24 Jan 1843; buried Hoosick; he was JOHN (2nd), named for grandfather; 13 children.

(3) GERSHOM PALMER b 9 Dec 1759.

(4) ANNA PALMER b 8 March 1762.

31. (5) NATHANIEL PALMER, b 22 June 1763/1764, m 1781 SARAH _____, resided Granville, Washington County, New York; she died 26 Aug 1826 Walworth, Wayne County, New York; he m (2nd) ANNA (LEAVITT) (TERRELL) TRUMBULL, a widow 1827 at Middletown, Vermont; 10 children by SARAH and 1 son by 2nd wife; he died 12 July 1840, Walworth.

32. (6) PETER WARD PALMER b 8 May 1766, m MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN ca 1787; several children; was administrator of his father's estate; died 1802/1803 in Warren, Herkimer County, New York.

Born in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York (formerly Albany County):

33. (7) FENNER PALMER (JR.) b 17 Jan 1769 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, m (1st) ELIZABETH HOAG on 7 July 1791 at Schodack, same County; (b 10 Oct 1775 Nassau, N.Y., d 19 Dec 1813);he m (2nd) PHEBE SHERMAN 1814 at Nassau (b 4 Jan 1782 Salem,Westchester County, N.Y. and died 30 Aug 1849); 10 children by 1st wife; 5 daughters by 2nd wife. He died 5 July 1828 Nassau.

(8) JOSEPH PALMER b 21 Nov 1772, m _____ _____; they had 2 children; in 1835 he was living in Wilmington in Essex County, New York.

(9) BENJAMIN PALMER b 21 Nov 1772 (twin), died 26 Oct 1777.

(10) JERUSHA PALMER b 7 March 1777, died 16 Oct 1777.

The current Atlas reveals three communities which were doubtless included in the "Hoosick District" -- Hoosick, Hoosick Falls and North Hoosick. According to our assistant, Mrs. Mable Hewitt in Hoosick Falls, there is a Baptist Church in the first two; and the small cemetery in the rear of one of them is at Hoosick Falls; one of the Palmer descendants, Rev. JOHN PALMER was minister at the Baptist Church in the small village known as Hoosick. He was the son of WILLIAM PALMER (b 1795 Hoosick), and a grandson of the soldier, Ensign JOHN PALMER for whom he was named, although he had the middle name of HAYNES after his maternal grandfather, JOHN HAYNES. Rev. JOHN was born 12 Aug 1820 and died 18 Apr 1857, aged 37 years and was buried in Hoosick Rural Cemetery which "is down the road a bit from the Hoosick Baptist Church" where he served as pastor.

28. JOHN PALMER (JR.)[5] (JOHN[4], GERSHOM[3], Dea. GERSHOM[2], WALTER[1]) was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, 25 May 1737, the second son of JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER. When a young teenager he accompanied his parents and siblings in their move to the town of Dover in Dutchess County, New York where they resided in the area called Dover's Furnace (or Dover). Here JOHN (JR.) died some time between 1784 and 1790, survived by his wife, HOPE THOMAS, whom he had married in Dover in 1759. She was born 12 Nov 1739, the daughter of ABRAM and MARY (AKIN) THOMAS and died in Dover 6 Oct 1803.

From the "History of the Town of Pawling" (page 550) in the "Dutchess County History" by James H. Smith (1882) we learn that "GENERAL WASHINGTON had for a time his headquarters in Pawling" and that on 4 May 1859 the records of the town were destroyed by fire. The chapter entitled "History of the Town of Dover" (page 480) explains that Dover was formed from Pawling 20 Feb 1807 and many of the Dutch settled there. Some interesting statistics are included in that chapter:

1736 - there were eleven houses on two streets in Poughkeepsie and the Dutch Reformed Church;
1737 - Poughkeepsie formed as a precinct;
1757 - first Baptist Church organized at (then) South Dover; (today this is called Wingdale);
1774 - first Quaker Church organized at Dover;
1788 - Poughkeepsie formed as a town;
1807 - Dover formed as a town.

Prior to the arrival of the Dutch, the Indians were at home in this area, and Henry N. MacCracken's "Old Dutchess Forever" explains their influence in "the History of an American County":

> "The 'Dutchess's Countie' was a tiny fragment in the story of New Netherland .... It was entirely under the two Indian tribes: Wappingers in the south and west; Mahikans in the north and east."

Smith's history (above) explains "Poughkeepsie was started mainly by the Dutch and derives its name from an Indian word."

By 1767-1768 JOHN's older brother, FENNER had removed from Dutchess County northward to Hoosick in then Albany County. Apparently the remainder of the family, including their parents, remained in Dover; and his sister, ANN, had married one ROBERT TOWNSEND of Dutchess County. There seems to be no record of his youngest sister, MARY, and very little about his younger brother, GERSHOM, who "died before 1771", leaving three daughters. JOHN's father had received from his own older brother, GERSHOM (3rd), who died 1770 without issue, land and an estate back in Killingworth and he, in turn, deeded these to his own son, JOHN (JR.) by deed dated 18 Jan 1771. (Records of Killingworth Town Clerk.)

By 1775 when the Revolutionary War commenced, JOHN's father and younger brother, GERSHOM (IV) had apparently died and the older brother, FENNER, had removed to another county. His mother, MARY, must, therefore, have lived out her life as a member of the household of JOHN and HOPE and died in 1788.

From the "Palmer MSS."(pages 1144-1145) we learn that the following deeds of land were recorded in the land records of Dutchess County involving JOHN (JR.) and his wife, HOPE:

Oct 20 1784 PETER STUYVESANT and wife, MARGARET, of New York City deeded to JOHN PALMER, JR. of Pawling 193 acres in the town of Beekman (Vol. 9, page 131);
Oct 22 1784 JOHN PALMER, JR. and wife, HOPE, of Pawling gave a mortgage on land in the town of Beekman (Vol. 4, page 173);
10 Mar 1796 HOPE PALMER, alone, deeded land in both Pawling and Beekman (Vol. 48, page 398).

There has not been found a record of the death of JOHN (JR.), a Will nor an administration of his estate. The 1790 United States Census lists his widow, HOPE PALMER, as the head of a family with one male over age 16, one male under age 16 and five females. This would indicate that the oldest son,DAVID, although married with a family of his own, must have been living at home with his mother as he does not appear in the 1790 Census. The widow later married one _____ COLAR as appears by a deed hereinafter referred to. The youngest son of JOHN and HOPE was born 12 July 1779 and doubtless was the male "under age 16" referred to in that 1790 Census.

The "Palmer MSS."(page 1148-1149) explain further that the older son, DAVID, lived much of his life (after his father's death in the 1780's) on his father's farm in Dover in his mother's household although he was married before his father's death and eventually had several children.

The compiler of those manuscripts (page 1144) concluded that the recording of numerous deeds in favor of the youngest son, JOHN (III) by his four older sisters many years after the father's death would indicate that the father had divided his lands in Dover among all his children, doubtless with the home place going to the oldest son, DAVID. The following deeds are set out on page 1145:

20 Sept 1800 DAVID HILLIER and wife, ABIGAIL (the youngest daughter) of Pawling deeded to JOHN PALMER of Beekman land bounded by that of JOHN PALMER, deceased, of Pawling, with DAVID PALMER and HOPE COLAR as witnesses (Dutchess County Records Vol. 22, page 418);
22 Sept 1800 DR. BENJAMIN AKIN and wife, MARTHA (the second oldest daughter) of Pawling deeded to JOHN PALMER OF BEEKMAN, the land of JOHN PALMER, deceased, of Pawling, with DAVID PALMER and HOPE COLAR as witnesses (Ibid. Vol. 22, page 421);
20 May 1811 JOSEPH DENNIS and wife, SARAH of Clinton (she being the third daughter of the decedent, JOHN, JR.) deeded to JOHN PALMER of Dover land of JOHN PALMER, deceased, of Pawling, with DAVID PALMER and PERLINA DENNIS as witnesses (Ibid. Vol. 22, page 417);
20 May 1811 MARY DURKIN of Dover (the oldest child of JOHN and HOPE) deeded to JOHN PALMER of Dover, land of JOHN PALMER, deceased, of Pawling (Ibid. Vol. 22, page 420).

For some unknown, unexplainable reason the typescript Palmer MSS. for JOHN PALMER (JR.) (pp. 1144-46) contained nothing about service in the Revolutionary War although he would have been involved in some way and he lived in an area (Dutchess County, N.Y.) where some action probably took place. In an effort to trace this matter, the compiler referred to her copy of the handwritten Palmer MSS. (page 326) for this JOHN PALMER and noted the original compiler and researcher, Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER, had made the following comments:

> "JOHN was a soldier in the Revolution. He enlisted 5 May 1775, 3rd Co. of 6th Regt. of Continentals as a private and was discharged Dec. 17, 1775; Col. PARSONS.
>
> "Enlisted as Corporal under Capt. ELIPHALET HOLMES, East Haddam Co., March 1, 1777 for 3 years. Discharged 1 Mar 1780, 1st Regiment, Main Line, Capt. HOLMES. His name appears again in a Militia Regiment in Capt. HUNGERFORD's Co., joined 10 Nov 1781; discharged 8 Jan 1782.
>
> "He was a Conn. Pensioner under the Act of 1818, then residing in N.Y. State. While in Capt. HUNGERFORD's Co., he was in New London at the time the town was attacked by BENEDICT ARNOLD in 1781 (Connecticut Memoirs in the War of the Revolution).

It would appear the last paragraph could not refer to JOHN PALMER (JR.) as a Connecticut Pensioner under the Act of 1818 as he had died before the 1790 Census was taken.

These handwritten Palmer MSS. conclude with the following paragraph regarding JOHN's oldest dau MARY, who would have been aged 15 years when the war commenced in 1775:

> "MARY PALMER when a child was sent by her mother with a younger brother on horseback to take clothing to her father at White Plains, Westchester Co., N.Y., who was sick, while he was serving as a soldier in the Revolution."

This is followed by a pencil notation to the effect some of his information came from HELEN VINCENT of Ottawa, Illinois in 1915. It is to be noted that JOHN PALMER's oldest daughter, MARY, had five daughters and the two youngest (MARTHA and ABIGAIL DURKIN (or DUNCAN))married husbands with the surname of VINCENT.

The typescript Palmer MSS. were prepared many years following the death of the original researcher in 1927; unfortunately there is no explanation why all this war service was not included from the handwritten volumes when his surviving Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER, of New York City had the manuscripts typed.

The compiler has attempted to corroborate this war service but with perhaps the most "common" name of all the Palmers -- JOHN PALMER -- it has been difficult to gather information about this particular one who is the subject of this write-up. The National Archives had no military record for him, although that in itself would not disprove the above record.

Inasmuch as he had died long before the Congressional Act of 1818 awarding pensions to the soldiers of that war, there would be no Pension file for him or his widow as she (HOPE THOMAS PALMER) had remarried.

JOHN PALMER (JR.) having been born in 1737 would have been aged 38 years when the war commenced in 1775 and still only aged 46 years when it ended. By 1775 he had five children, aged 15 years and under; his youngest child, JOHN PALMER (111) was born during the war in 1779. His oldest brother was a soldier in the war at the very beginning and by 20 Oct 1775 FENNER PALMER had been promoted to Captain in the Fifth Company in the 14th Regiment which encompassed the Hoosick District (then in Albany County). Consequently it seems unlikely that JOHN (JR.) was not also a soldier during that conflict. The D.A.R. Patriot Index (page 513) names nineteen JOHN PALMERs as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, but only one PALMER with the first name of FENNER and one named GERSHOM (see page 168); doubtless there were several others not listed in the D.A.R. records named JOHN PALMER. JOHN PALMER (JR.) had remained in the area of Dover in Dutchess County when his older brother removed to the Hoosick District; consequently, he would have entered the service from that area. From the "Roster of (N.Y.) State Troops) page 442, we have the listing for the following JOHN PALMERs:

Name and Rank	Regiment	Company
Ensign JOHN PALMER*	YATES*	HADLOCK*
Sergeant JOHN PALMER	YATES	HADLOCK
Private JOHN PALMER	GRAHAM	WILLIAMS
Private JOHN PALMER	HOPKINS	TALMADGE
Private JOHN PALMER	VAN VEGHTEN	VAN WOERT
Private JOHN PALMER	VAN RENSSELAER	HAWLEY

"New York in the Revolution" by Berthold Fernow includes several JOHN PALMERs in the Albany County Militia, one in each of the following Regiments: 8th (page 114); 9th (117); 13th (124) and the 14th (p.235). It is believed the above listed "Ensign JOHN PALMER" was the <u>son</u> of Captain FENNER PALMER.

Page 272 of the above reference lists the officers and enlisted men for the <u>14th Regiment</u> which encompassed "<u>Hoosack and Schaghtecooke</u>" (spelled Hoosick and Schaghticoke in current Atlas) where FENNER and his son, JOHN (2nd) were residing in the 1770's: *

Col. PETER YATES	2d Leiut. JACOB YATES
Col. JOHN KNICKERBOCKER	Captain JAMES HADLOCK
Lt.Col. JOHN VAN RENNSELAER	Captain FENNER PALMER
	Ensign JOHN PALMER (2nd)

Further research in the New York records should reveal names of those soldiers in the Revolutionary War from <u>Dutchess County</u> where it would seem the list would include JOHN PALMER (JR.), <u>brother</u> of Captain FENNER PALMER.

JOHN PALMER (JR.) and his wife, HOPE (THOMAS) had the following children, all born in Dover, Dutchess County, New York: (from "The Ward Genealogy" supra, pp. 86, 144 according to "Palmer MSS." page 1146 in typescript and page 326 handwritten original record)

(1) MARY PALMER b 5 Aug 1760, m DAVID DURKIN (or DUNCAN) of Dover; he died 1 Sept 1799; MARY died 15 Aug 1849. they had five daughters:
- i MARY DUNCAN, m 1796 ANDREW PERRY (b 1777, d 1822).
- ii HANNAH DUNCAN, m 1798 ELIAS VAIL (b 1781).
- iii SARAH DUNCAN, m PETER DUTCHER.
- iv MARTHA DUNCAN, m ISAAC VINCENT.
- v ABIGAIL ("ABBY") DUNCAN, m ABSALEM VINCENT; they resided Dover's Furnace;had eight children; surname VINCENT: GILBERT, MARY ANN, DELIA, PHEBE, EDWIN, CAROLINE, JASON and DAVID.

(2) DAVID PALMER b 13 Nov 1762, m 16 Dec 1782 LaVINIA VAIL (1st) (b 12 June 1765, d 11 Dec 1803); m (2nd) 1805 MARTHA CHAMPLIN who died 17 Dec 1809; m (3rd) MARY HUNT (LEICESTER), a widow, 7 Apr 1813 (b 4 July 1773, died 9 Feb 1835 in Dover). He died 2 July 1834 in Dover, bur. South Dover Burial Ground, First Baptist Churchyard, (Wingdale). Six children by 1st wife and one son by his 2nd wife, all born Dover:
- i MARY ("POLLY") PALMER b 7 July 1784, d Jan 1850; m AGRIPPA SHELDON and had 8 children, 4 dying young: SARAH ANN SHELDON, EMELINE SHELDON, HEBRON SHELDON, and PALMER SHELDON.
- ii SARAH PALMER b 7 Sept 1789; m _____ WING; resided Wingdale, Dutchess County, N.Y.
- iii JOHN D. PALMER b 27 Nov 1793, m 21 Nov 1823 BETSEY N. _____ in Poughkeepsie Dutch Reformed Church; resided Poughkeepsie since ca 1804; they had four children: LAVINIA who m. EDMUND WILCOX; MARY ANN (b 30 Sept 1828); WILLIAM HENRY PALMER; and CHARLES BARTLETT PALMER. Died 12 Dec 1869; Will was dated 14 May 1867, probated 18 Jan 1870, with daughter LAVINIA WILCOX Executrix (Vol. Z, p. 357).
- iv ABRAHAM PALMER b 7 May 1796, m 9 Dec 1826 SARAH P. STARK (b 16 Feb 1806, d 5 April 1872); had son, DAVID b 12 Oct 1834 who d 19 Sept 1897, m MARY C. HARTFORD (b 31 Mar 1835, d 18 June 1895) and had 3 children: CHARLES W. PALMER b 1858; ALICE M. PALMER b 1860, m. FRANK HAIGHT; and FREDERICK B. PALMER b 1873. ABRAHAM removed to Pulteney, Steuben Co., N.Y., where he died 13 July 1873.
- v ISRAEL PALMER b 2 Feb 1799 in Dover, died Feb. 1815.
- vi MICHA PALMER b 2 Oct 1801, d 19 Sept 1834, 2½ months after her father's death.

One son by his second wife:
- vii HIRAM PALMER b 4 Sept 1807, d 6 Sept 1812.

(3) MARTHA PALMER b 11 Jan 1768, m 5 Nov 1783 DR. BENJAMIN AKIN*
(b 19 Oct 1762 at Quaker Hill, Dutchess Co., d 13 Dec 1831, son of JONATHAN and LILLIAN (FERRIS) AKIN); they resided Dutchess County; MARTHA died 5 Nov 1850; they had 13 children:

i CHARLES AKIN b 20 Dec 1784, d 25 Nov 1787, age 3 yrs.
ii WILLIAM AKIN b 12 Oct 1786, d 9 Dec 1787, age 1 yr.
iii SARAH AKIN b 2 Oct 1788, m MOSES WANGER.
iv ELIZABETH AKIN b 7 Feb 1791,d 19 Sept 1819, unm.
v HARRIET AKIN b 13 Apr 1793, m ISAIAH BREAKEY.
vi JOHN PALMER AKIN b 18 Mar 1795, d 29 June 1797, age 2
vii ISAAC AKIN b 25 May 1797, m HETTY ACKERMAN.
viii AARON BURR AKIN b 8 Mar 1800, m CAROLINA WILLIAMSON, d 17 Dec 1857.
ix MARIA AKIN b 30 Sept 1803, m ABRAHAM GOLDEN.
x BENJAMIN AKIN, JR. b 17 Apr 1805, m MARIA P.ACKERMAN.
xi MARTHA AKIN b 8 June 1807, m JOSEPH SNEDEKER.
xii JANE ANN AKIN b 12 Nov 1809, m ISAAC Van VEGHTEN.
xiii CATHERINE CUYLER AKIN b 20 Feb 1812, m ROBERT THOME ?

(See p. 328 "Palmer MSS." handwritten original record).

(4) SARAH PALMER b 15 Dec 1770, m JOSEPH DENNIS of Hyde Park, Dutchess Co.,NY, died 8 July 1811; they had 7 children:

i PAULINE DENNIS, m. TOBIAS TELLER;
ii JOHN P. DENNIS.
iii ISAAC J. DENNIS.
iv MARY DENNIS m BENJAMIN BUDD.
v SARAH DENNIS.
vi HANNAH DENNIS.
vii JANE ANN DENNIS.

(5) ABIGAIL PALMER b 15 Mar 1772, m DAVID HILLIER of Beekman, N.Y. (b 12 Nov 1765, d 13 Sept 1823); she d 7 Mar 1858; both buried Pawling Quaker Hill Cemetery; they had 4 children:

i LAURA HILLIER.
ii ELIZABETH HILLIER m. _____ SLOCUM;
iii JOHN HILLIER.
iv ALFRED HILLIER.

ABIGAIL (PALMER) HILLIER was appointed Administratrix of her husband's estate 15 Oct 1823.

(6) JOHN PALMER(3rd) b 12 July 1779, d 8 Aug 1820,Beekman, N.Y., m. _____ and had two sons:

i RICHARD PALMER who removed to Beloit, Wisconsin;
ii WILLIAM PALMER who resided in New York City.

The original record of "Palmer MSS."(page 328) provides the following information about the AKIN family into which MARTHA PALMER (above) married:

*JONATHAN AKIN, father of DR. BENJAMIN AKIN of Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, New York, was the son of DAVID and SARAH (ALLEN) AKIN. JONATHAN was one of the prominent men of his time and place. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; a member of the New York State Assembly 1788-1789, 1791 and 1792-1793; a delegate from Dutchess County to the State Constitutional Conven-

tion in 1801 and was a member of the Convention of the State of New York assembled in Poughkeepsie June and July 1788 to ratify the proposed Constitution of the United States.

BENJAMIN AKIN was a member of the New York Assembly from Dutchess County in 1800-1802. He was an intimate friend of AARON BURR who frequently visited his home and for whom he named one of his sons. In 1810 BENJAMIN and his family moved to Greenbush (now in Rensselaer County) and while he was building his house there he lived in the "old Van Rensselaer Manor, Fort-Craile" where the all-time hit "Yankee Doodle" was written.

DR. BENJAMIN and MARTHA (PALMER) AKIN's son they named for AARON BURR married CAROLINE WILLIAMSON in New York City and had the following children:

(1) ISAAC AKIN
(2) RICHARD AKIN
(3) MARTHA AKIN
(4) CATHERINE AKIN m HENRY Q. HAWLEY and had children:
    i MARGARITA LANSING HAWLEY
    ii WILLIAM YOUNG HAWLEY
    iii LEIGHTON ALVIN HAWLEY

The compiler, Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER, concludes his handwritten MSS., "MISS MARGARITA L. HAWLEY has rendered the author valuable assistance in supplying information of her branch of the family."

From the "University Encyclopedia":

"AARON BURR (1756-1836) U. S. VICE PRESIDENT; OFFICER IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND POLITICAL LEADER; SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR UNTIL HIS HEALTH FAILED; THEN RESUMED HIS WAR-INTERRUPTED LAW STUDIES. HE PRACTICED LAW IN NEW YORK CITY TAKING PART IN POLITICS. HE WAS N. Y. ATTORNEY GENERAL (1789-1791); UNITED STATES SENATOR (1791-1797) AND IN 1800 RAN FOR PRESIDENT. WHEN HE AND THOMAS JEFFERSON RECEIVED A TIE VOTE IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, THE DECISION WENT TO CONGRESS WHICH ELECTED JEFFERSON PRESIDENT AND BURR VICE PRESIDENT. DURING THE CAMPAIGN 1804 WHEN BURR RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK ON THE NEW DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICAN PARTY TICKET (BUT WAS DEFEATED), ALEXANDER HAMILTON CALLED BURR 'DANGEROUS' AND UTTERED OTHER CRITICISMS. BURR CHALLENGED HAMILTON TO A DUEL WHICH TOOK PLACE AT WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY, 11 JULY 1804, AND HAMILTON WAS KILLED."

The period of history covered by this chapter spanned the Revolutionary War and the first three Presidents of the new United States. Samuel Morison's "The Oxford History of The American People" (1965) so clearly explains the issues of that time, the problems of the new nation following the Presidency of General WASHINGTON, and the division of the people into separate camps:

"The year 1794 saw the crystallization of political elements into national parties. (some) joined the Republican party; others, the Federalist.... The Republicans (then) became the ancestors of the Democrats of today and the Federalists (became)the present Republicans....

(Then, as now, foreign affairs played a vital part as well as economic affairs and relations with England and France.)

"Around these two poles American opinion crystallized in 1793-1795. You were either for the Republicans and France, or for the Federalists and Britain.... Each party attempted to undercut the other on its home field by appealing to some local interest contrary to the dominant one. ... A side to American politics so puzzling to outsiders--the fact that national parties are always to a great extent local. Thousands of votes in every presidential election are dictated by state issues, local rivalries, and racial or religious feuds. (p. 339)

"Presidential candidates for the election of 1800 were selected by party caucuses in Congress. The Republicans ... supported JEFFERSON and AARON BURR; Federalists renominated JOHN ADAMS with CHARLES C. PINCKNEY for Vice President.....

"Neither in this, nor in any presidential or state election prior to the Jacksonian era, did candidates make speeches or issue statements. (p. 355) They were supposed to play coy, obeying a call to service from their country, saving their energies for the task of government. Electioneering was done by newspapers, pamphlets and occasional public meetings. Even so, the politicians managed to make the campaign of 1800 very scurrilous. JEFFERSON was accused of being a JACOBIN, an atheist, and a French agent; ADAMS was asserted to be an autocrat and a slavish admirer of the British monarchy....

"It was a close election. Seventy-three Republican and sixty-five Federalist electors were chosen. As no Republican elector dared throw away his second vote, JEFFERSON and BURR tied for first place. Until the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution (1804) removed the possibility of a tie between two candidates on the same ticket, the House of Representatives, voting by states, had to make the final choice, a majority of one state being necessary for election. .... Party division was so close that during 35 ballots, one all-night session and until 17 February 1801, the House was deadlocked. There was talk of preventing an election and of civil war. Virginia militia were preparing to march on Washington, D.C. where the federal government had finally settled the summer of 1800. Finally three Federalists cast blank ballots, permitting JEFFERSON to be elected President by a majority of two states... (pages 356-358). JEFFERSON believed his election saved the country from militarism and monarchy...But there never had been any danger of monarchy--that was just the Republican 'big lie' about the Federalists, repeated so often that JEFFERSON came to believe it himself. And JOHN ADAMS, if anyone, saved the country from militarism.... the Federalists were victims of their own lies about JEFFERSON. Everyone who knew him believed that there was little or nothing to fear, but the New England parsons and local Federalist

editors who had been denouncing JEFFERSON as an 'atheist,' 'Jacobin,' and the like, expected America under him to become a French satellite ... when nothing of that kind happened, they hardly knew what to say. ..."

Captain FENNER PALMER lived just long enough to witness the first administration (1789-1793) of President GEORGE WASHINGTON but his children and grandchildren would be around to vote for the others to follow. It would be interesting to know now who these Palmer ancestors favored in the election of 1800 -- whether for the Democratic-Republican candidate THOMAS JEFFERSON or the incumbent, Federalist JOHN ADAMS. The Palmer MSS. are silent on the political parties of our early ancestors although in the next century this is often reported. Reading now of the 1800 election with its numerous controversies, accusations, personal and political wrangling and bickering, including the duel in which Vice President BURR (AARON) on 12 July 1804 killed ALEXANDER HAMILTON over political and personal differences, we may conclude little has changed in almost two hundred years as far as the conduct of the individuals is concerned--only the characters have changed.

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The PALMER MSS. used as the basis for this write-up on JOHN PALMER (JR.) and his direct descendants had the following page numbers and the source noted is CHARLES W. PALMER (born 1858) a great-grandson of JOHN PALMER (JR.); grandson of DAVID PALMER and son of ABRAHAM PALMER who removed to Pulteney in Steuben County, N.Y. from Dover, Dutchess County, N.Y.:

	Page
JOHN PALMER (JR.) (b 1737 or 1739) Killingworth, Connecticut	- 1144-46
MARY PALMER DURKIN (or DUNCAN) of Dover, N.Y. (b 1760)	- 1147
DAVID PALMER of Dover, N.Y. (b 1762)	- 1148-49
JOHN D. PALMER of Dover and Poughkeepsie,N.Y. (b 1793)	- 1150
JOHN PALMER of Dover and Beekman, Dutchess Co.(b 1779)	- 1158
ABRAHAM PALMER of Dover and Pulteney,Steuben Co.(b 1796)	- 1152
DAVID PALMER of Dover and Milo,Yates Co.,N.Y. (b 1834)	- 1153

29. ANNA PALMER[5] (John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 20 Sept 1742 at Killingworth, Connecticut, the fifth child of JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER. By the time she was ten years of age her parents and siblings had removed to Dutchess County, N.Y. where they settled at Dover. She married ROBERT TOWNSEND of the Southeast Precinct, Dutchess County (which is now in Putnam County), New York. It may be he was a member of the TOWNSEND family originally in New Amsterdam, N.Y., Rhode Island (in 1648), then Flushing, Jamaica and Oyster Bay on Long Island, N.Y. some of whose descendants eventually settled in Dutchess County.

ANNA's parents lived out their lives and died in Dutchess County and her oldest brother, FENNER, removed northward to then Albany County, settling in the Hoosick District (which later became a part of the newly created Rensselaer County). Her second oldest brother, named for her father, JOHN PALMER (JR.) also lived out his life in Dutchess County and most of his children also remained permanently in Dutchess County. There has not been found any information about her next oldest brother, GERSHOM, two years older than ANNA, except that he died before 1771 and had had three daughters, names unknown. Whether or not this GERSHOM remained in Dutchess County is also unknown; likewise, there has not surfaced any information about ANNA's younger sister, MARY, one year younger than ANNA.

On 18 Nov 1761 ANNA became a member of the Dover First Baptist Church (now at Wingdale), being then aged nineteen years of age; her older brother, FENNER and his wife, LYDIA, were original members of that church in 1757-1758 and her parents became members about the same time she joined, and the same day ANNA PALMER was baptized 18 Nov 1761 one JONATHAN WALDO was baptized, probably the son of Elder SAMUEL WALDO.

ANNA and ROBERT TOWNSEND had the following children:

(1) ISAAC TOWNSEND.
(2) REBECCA TOWNSEND, m _____ WOOD.
(3) ANNA TOWNSEND.
(4) SOLOMON TOWNSEND who predeceased his father.

The handwritten Palmer Mss. (pp.176-179) have little information about the three youngest children of JOHN (SR.) and MARY (WARD) PALMER and additional research into the TOWNSEND family has not been undertaken. However, page 178 reveals "The Will of ROBERT TOWNSEND is on file in Dutchess County in which he mentions his wife, ANNA, and children: son, ISAAC PALMER, and daughters, REBECCA WOOD and ANNA TOWNSEND; and the granddaughters of his deceased son, SOLOMON: DEBORAH and REBECCA TOWNSEND." A photocopy of this handwritten Will has been furnished to the compiler by Joseph Comstock of Claremont, California, with whom the compiler has been collaborating for several years in a search to identify his ancestor, another ANN(A) PALMER born in Connecticut and married Deacon JONATHAN WALDO. Who was the ANNA PALMER who married Deacon WALDO? ANNA (PALMER) TOWNSEND became a widow at age forty in 1782 but there is no evidence surfaced that she married a second time.

The date on the original Will has been partially obliterated although the date 29th day of January, A.D. is legible, but the year is not.

The ROBERT TOWNSEND Will is being set out below as transcribed by the compiler from the original (photocopy) which is in early American handwriting with inconsistencies in spelling of names and the use of "f" for an "s" and the attached statement by the probate judge contained no punctuation except in two instances; in some instances both the "f" and the "s" are used in one word, i.e. for "witness" it has "witnefses" and for "testator's" it had "teftators." The date is verified by the statement of the witnesses when the Will is probated, being the year 1782.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, THE 29th DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 1782.

I, Robert Townsand of Southeast Precinct in Dutchess County in the State of New York, being weak of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory and being Desirous of setting my House in Order do therefore make this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say principal and first of all I give and Recommend my soul to God Trusting In his Mercy through the Merits of Jesus Christ for pardon of sins, acceptance with God and Life Eternal and my Body I Recommend To the Earth after my Decease to be buried in Decent and Christian Like Manner and my Worldly Estate I give and Dispose of in Manner following (viz) It is my will and pleasure that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid out of my Estate in convenient time _____

Item I give to my Beloved Wife ANNA TOWNFAND one-third part of my Real Estate (viz) one-third part of my Dwelling House and one-third part of my Barn and also one-third part of lands on the South Side Thereof Running from East to West, the Length of my farm, During her life and at her Death to be the property of my son, ISAAC forever, and also to have a privilledge in my orchard for a necefsary supply of apples for her comfortable subsistance During her Natural Life. Also my Will and pleasure is that my Wife, ANNA, should have out of my movable Estate the old mare, to calves, one cow, Eight pigs and one-half of my Household furniture During her life and after her deceafe the abovesaid moveables to be Equally Divided Between my two Daughters (viz) REBEKAH WOOD and ANNA TOWNSAND.

Item I give to my grand Daughters DEBORAH and REBEKAH TOWNFAND, heirs of my son, SOLOMON TOWNFAND, decd., ten shillings each to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors.

I give to my son, ISAAC TOWNFAND, all the remainder of my Real Estate to be his property for Ever and if it shall so happen that he should die without an heir my will is that all the remainder of my Real Estate be equally divided between my two daughters, REBEKAH WOOD and ANNA TOWNFAND and their heirs forever, also in movables, the black mare, two cows, one pair of calves, steers and eight sheep to be given him out of my Estate to be his property forever but if he should decease without an heir then the aforesaid moveables to be the property of and be Equally divided between my two daughters REBEKAH WOOD and ANNA TOWNFAND to be their property forever and when my son ISAAC TOWNFEND shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years my will and pleasure is that he should pay to my two Daughters REBEKAH WOOD & ANNA TOWNFAND thirty pounds to each of them.

Item my Will and pleasure is that my daughter ANNA TOWNFAND be first made Equal to my Daughter REBEKAH WOOD out of my movable estate and then all the remainder of my movables which is not be-

fore disposed of in this Will I give to and to be Equally Divided Between my two Daughters REBEKAH WOOD and ANNA TOWNFAND above to be their property forever.

Finally I Conftitute and appoint DAVID PALMER and THOMAS VEAL both of Salam to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witnefs Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed Sealed Pronounced and Delivered by the same ROBERT TOWNFAND the Teftator to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed as Witnefses at the Defire and in the presence of the Teftator and each other.

STEPHENTOWNSEND
JOSHUA LEA
THOMAS ST. JOHN

ROBERT his Mark TOWNFAND

(Seven sentences were thereafter handwritten making clarification in certain lines of the Will.)

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DUTCHEFS COUNTY fs BE IT REMEMBERED that on the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two (1782) personally came and appeared before me THOMAS TREDWELL, Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York, STEPHEN TOWNSEND of Salem in the county of Westchefter, Yeoman, and being duly sworn on his oath declared that he did see ROBERT TOWNSEND sign and seal the aforegoing written instrument purporting to be the will of the said ROBERT TOWNSEND bearing date the twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament that at the time thereof he the said ROBERT TOWNSEND was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of him the deponent and that his name subscribed to the said will is of his own proper handwriting which he subscribed as a witnefs to the said will in the teftators presence and likewise that he the Deponent saw JOSHUA LEA and THOMAS St JOHN the other witnefses to the said will subscribe their names as Witnefses thereto in the presence of the Testator

THOMAS TREDWELL Judge of Probates

DUTCHEFS COUNTY fs: Be it also Remembered that on the same fourth day of June DAVID PALMER and THOMAS VAIL the executors of the preceding will of ROBERT TOWNSEND likewise appeared before me the said THOMAS TREDWELL and were duly qualified to the true Execution and performance of the said will by severally taking the Affirmation of an Executor as by law appointed before me

THOMAS TREDWELL Judge of Probates

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(Note: the legal phraseology of this Will, came originally from our English law and some of it continues today; the "fs" used here has been a part of Wills in this country for centuries and more recently is always written "ss", meaning Scilicet, a Latin word meaning "Let it be known," an "ancient notation above an acknowledgment.")

CHAPTER SIX

SIXTH GENERATION

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CHILDREN OF CAPTAIN FENNER and LYDIA PALMER

SARAH PALMER b 1755.

30.≠ JOHN PALMER (11) b 1757.

GERSHOM PALMER b 1759.

ANNA PALMER b 1762

31.≠ NATHANIEL PALMER b 1763.

32. ≠PETER WARD PALMER b 1766.

33. ≠FENNER PALMER (JR.) b 1769.

JOSEPH PALMER b 1772.

BENJAMIN PALMER b 1772, d 1777.

JERUSHA PALMER b 1777, d 1777.

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO SIXTH GENERATION

Two of the children of Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER died young. Little information has been found about their two daughters, SARAH and ANNA, and they are not being carried forward in this volume.

Much information has been accumulated about four of their sons, Ensign JOHN, NATHANIEL, PETER WARD and FENNER, JR., and Chapter Six pertains to those four and their descendants down through the 13th generation from the emigrant. In addition to the compiler's line which is down through NATHANIEL, she has been fortunate to receive from present-day descendants of both PETER WARD and FENNER, JR., information in those two lines down to and including the 13th generations

Additional research was not undertaken (except for the NA file) in the line down from Ensign JOHN PALMER (11), but all the information available from the Palmer MSS. is being included, and his National Archives file.

However, years of research have been devoted to the descendants of NATHANIEL, PETER WARD and FENNER, JR., which comprises the major part of Chapter Six. Subsequent chapters in this volume will likewise pertain to the descendants of those three Palmer brothers.

Ensign JOHN PALMER was actually JOHN (2nd) having been so named for his grandfather, JOHN PALMER, SR., the father of Captain FENNER PALMER, and the latter's younger brother, also named JOHN who would be Junior. In order to assist the reader of this volume to differentiate between the numerous PALMER men named JOHN, FENNER and GERSHOM, through many generations, their birthdates will be included opposite their respective names in the Index. This will also be done with several of the PALMER women having the same first names, i.e. ANN, HANNAH, GRACE and REBECCA.

Inasmuch as Ensign JOHN PALMER (11) named a son after himself, usually that son would be known as JOHN, JR. However, there was already a JOHN, JR., being the previous generation when Captain FENNER's younger brother was named after their father. So perhaps it is clearer to designate the son of Ensign JOHN PALMER (11) as JOHN PALMER (111) since he too was named for JOHN PALMER, SR., his great-grandfather.

30. Ens. JOHN PALMER[6], (Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 November 1757 in Dover, Dutchess County, New York, the oldest son of Captain FENNER and his wife, LYDIA PALMER; he was doubtless so named for his paternal grandfather. He married (1st) 28 August 1776 MARY HILL (born in Rhode Island 25 Sept 1757, died Hoosick 6 May 1832, aged 75 years). They were married in Hoosick, Rensselaer County (then in Albany County), New York. JOHN died 24 Jan 1843, aged 86 years and was buried beside his wife in the small cemetery adjoining at the rear 1st Baptist Church at Hoosick Falls, known as the Union Burial Ground (D.A.R. Church and Town Records, New York State Library at Albany, Vol. 23, page 68). JOHN married (2nd) at age 76 OLIVE BARNES on 28 April 1833 in Columbus, Chenango County, New York. OLIVE had been born 26 Jan 1776 in Litchfield, Connecticut and was age 57 when they were married; she died 16 March 1858 in Columbus.

Before the Revolutionary War JOHN had accompanied his parents and siblings when the family removed from Dutchess County to Hoosick. "The town of Hoosick included the Hoosick and Walloomsac Rivers. ... the former river runs through a valley which was the war path along which the French and Indians marched upon the villages of New England in the earlier French and Indian War. For more than a half century the sole inhabitants of these lands were a few Dutch families and some Indians. ... The District of Hoosick was formed 24 March 1772. The largest and most important village in the town of Hoosick was Hoosick Falls. Among the early settlers was JOHN PALMER. The Baptist Church was founded 16 March 1785 at Hoosick; in 1847 a Baptist Church was organized at Hoosick Falls." "Landmarks of Rensselaer County, New York" by George Baker Anderson (1897), page 419.

JOHN and his wife, MARY, were both aged eighteen years when they married in 1776, the second year of the war, and in the same year he commenced his service as a soldier in the local militia which was commanded by his father; from his Affidavit for a pension made 24 December 1833 while a resident of Chenango County, excerpts follow which give a clear picture of his role as a soldier of the revolution during the next seven years, while at the same time being a married man who fathered four daughters (1777-1782). Although liberal bounties were offered to recruits to enlist for three years or for the duration of the war, they "found comparatively few takers, and one year continued to be the normal term under the colors. The average American hated to sign up for a longer period. Married men could not afford to, because nothing was done for their dependents; and the young men (preferred) to turn out for a short campaign with the militia, then go home to plant the corn, get in the hay, or harvest the wheat according to the season" (see Morison's "History of the American People" page 225).

STATE OF NEW YORK)
CHENANGO COUNTY) ss. (From National Archives File #W5501)

On this 24th day of December in the year 1833 personally appeared before NATHAN TAYLOR, Esq. one of the Judges of Chenango County Court of Common Pleas, JOHN PALMER, a resident of Columbus in the County of Chenango & State of New York, aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

1st In the year 1776 he thinks in the month of June, he was called out in the Company of Militia Commanded by FENNER PALMER in the Regiment Commanded by Col. JOHN KNICKERBACKER at Hoosick in the County of Albany & State of New York & went in an alarm to Fort Edward & Glen Falls or scouted in the vicinity of those places, two or three weeks; then returned to Hoosick & was discharged; served as Orderly Sergeant, a tour of three weeks.

2nd In the year 1776 in the month of August he went from Hoosick in the Militia in a Class & they were stationed four weeks at Palmertown on the west side of the North River; the party was commanded by Lieut. Colonel VAN VOORT; was gone at this time five weeks and was discharged at Hoosick; served as Orderly Sergeant.

3rd In the fall of 1776, Sept. or October, he went in an alarm in the aforementioned Company to Ford Edward & vicinity & was gone two weeks & was discharged; served during this time as Orderly Sergeant.

4th In the year 1777 in May volunteered at Bennington in Vermont in a Regiment commanded by Col. BRUSH & went to Castleton, Poultney & other places in Vermont; at the time the Brittish Army was expected & was gone this time four weeks; discharged at Bennington as a private.

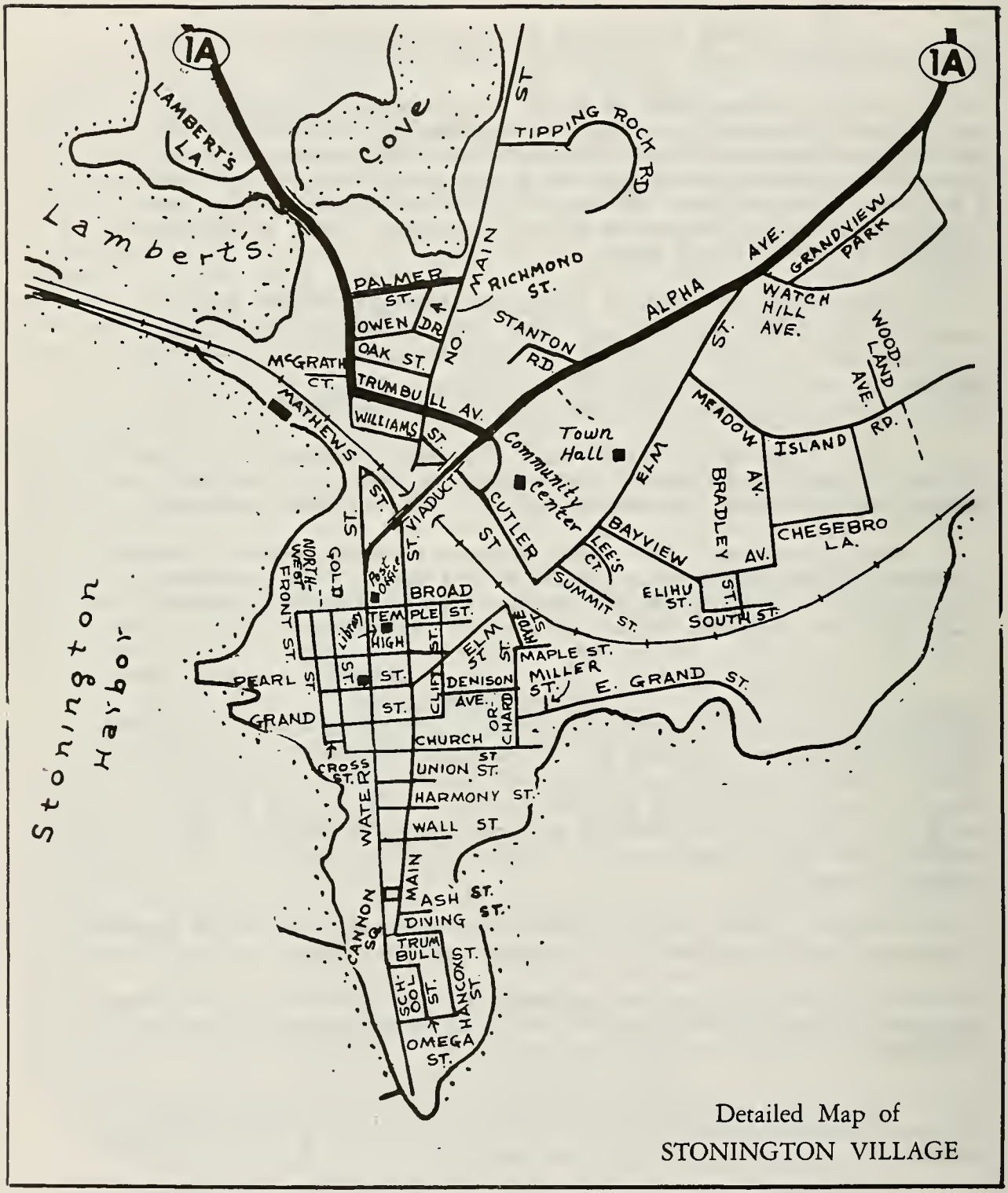
5th In August 1777 was called out in the Militia Company commanded by FENNER PALMER in Col. KNICKERBACKER's Regiment and went to Cambridge untill they met the advance guard of BAUM's Army & retreated before them to Bennington and was in the Battle at Bennington on the 16th of August under General STARK; then went to Gulls Mill not far from Stillwater on the East side of the North River & were on the North River untill after BURGOYNE surrendered; then went home to Hoosick & was discharged; out two months & a half; served as Orderly Sergeant.

6th In 1778 or 1779 was called out in the Militia in the Company aforesaid & went from Hoosick to Lake George & was gone four weeks.

7th In 1778 or 1779 was called out in the Militia in the Company aforesaid & went to Forts Edward & Ann on an alarm & served this tour three weeks; served as Orderly Sergeant.

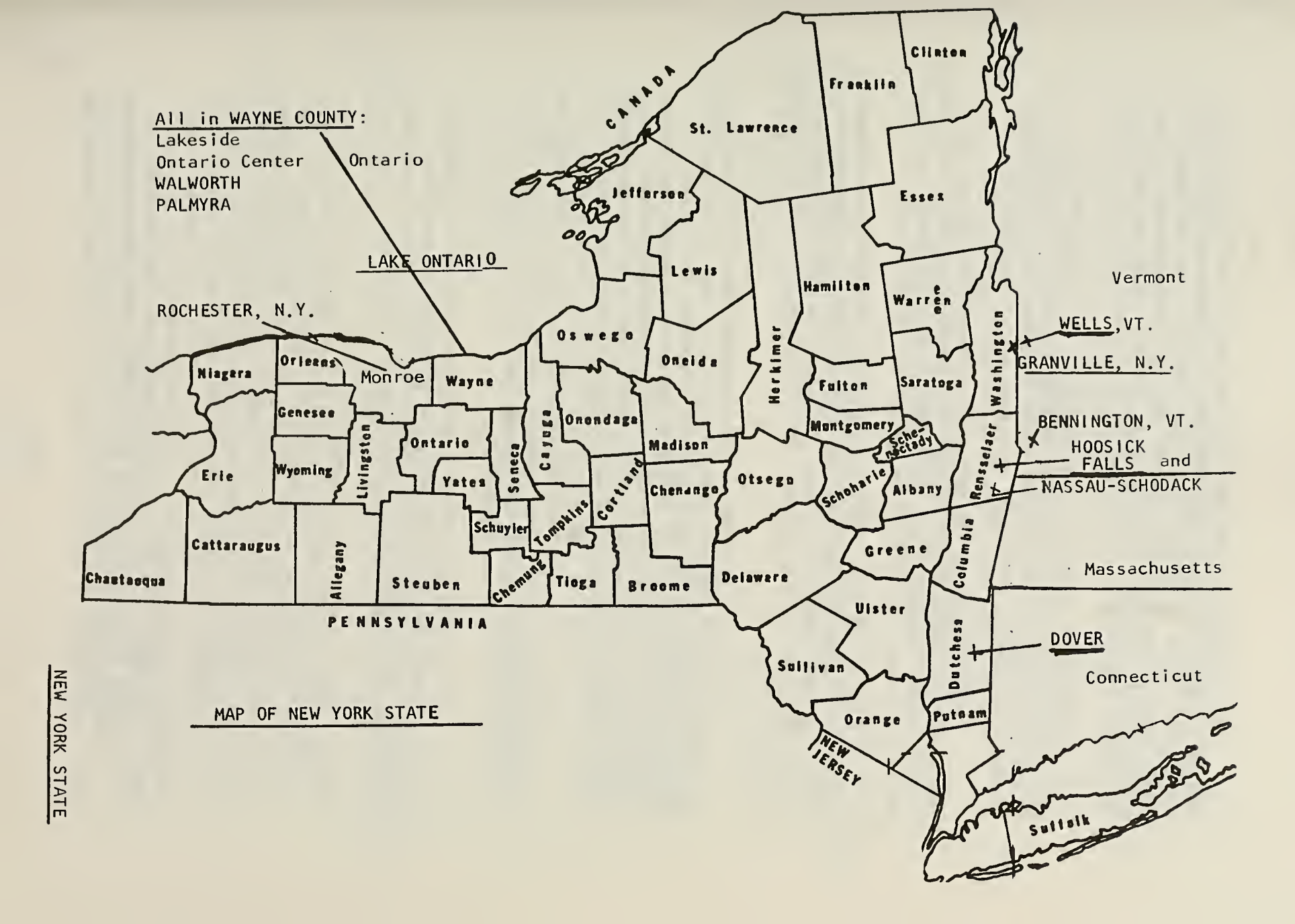
8th In the year 1778 or 1779 was called out in the Militia in the aforesaid Company & went to Hebron & scouted from there north towards Skenesborough; was out this tour two weeks; served as Orderly Sergeant.

In addition to the foregoing times was called out frequently in short tours near home on alarms for three or four days & a week at a time but can not state particulars but being out in this manner frequently during 1776, 1777, 1778 & 1779 is confident that it must amount to at least seven months and all the time as Sergeant.



Detailed Map of
STONINGTON VILLAGE

Streets in village of Stonington still bear names of first settlers, Chesebro, Denison, Palmer, Trumbull, et al.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WALWORTH
PALMYRA
Ontario
LAKE ONTARIO
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Franklin
St. Lawrence
Essex
Jefferson
Lewis
Hamilton
Warren
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WELLS, VT.
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Schenectady
BENNINGTON, VT.
HOOSICK FALLS and
NASSAU-SCHODACK
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Madison
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9th In the year 1780 he was called out in the Militia in the Company Commanded by Capt. JAMES HADLOCK from Hoosick in Col. YATES' Regiment he thinks in August; went to Granville & was stationed at that place & scouted to the North of there to Skenesborough & other places in that vicinity; was out this tour four weeks and was discharged at Hoosick on their return; served at this time as Ensign.

10th In the same year 1780 he thinks in September he was called out in the Militia in Capt. HADLOCK's Company, from Hoosick to Monroe Meadows & Scotch Patent on an alarm and was out two weeks; served as an Ensign; discharged on his return at Hoosick.

11th In the year 1781 he thinks in May he was called out in Capt. HADLOCK's Company in Col. YATES' Regiment of Militia from Hoosick & went to Lake George and was stationed there and scouted from there West & Northwest; was out five weeks; served as an Ensign.

12th At the time Fort George was burnt was called out from Hoosick in the aforesaid Company of Militia under the Command of Lieut. Col. VAN RENSSELAER & went to Fort George and was out five weeks; served as Ensign; cannot state the year positively but thinks it was in 1781.

13th In the year 1782 in the spring he went in the above mentioned Company & Regiment from Hoosick at a time it was said that Sir JOHN JOHNSON was coming down after his plate. (?) Governor CLINTON took command of the troops & went to Ticonderoga; he was attached to the life guard of Governor CLINTON's Regiment at Fort George & went in that capacity the rest of the tour; was gone six weeks & served as Ensign; discharged at Hoosick on his return.

14th In the year 1782 the particular time can not state, was called out in above mentioned Company & went to Fort Edward on an alarm & went to Fort Edward & scouted from there west and north; was out three weeks; served as Ensign.

15th In 1782 was called out in above Company from Hoosick & went to Cambridge & Skenesborough on an alarm; at the time YOUNGLOVE, a Commissioner, was wounded; was out two weeks; served as an Ensign; was discharged at Hoosick on his return.

That he has given the above statement according to the best of his recollection; he may have in some instances placed the times under the wrong years but the different tours are all distinctly recollected ... He does not recollect of any Continental Regiments being stationed where he was at any time except when he went from Lake George to Ticonderoga a Company of Continentals went with them, he thinks in command of a Major but can not recollect his name.

Answers to Questions prepared by the Department:
1st. I was born at Dover, Dutchess County, New York in 1757.
2nd. I have a record of my age in my family Bible which was copied from my father's family Bible.
3rd. I was living in Hoosick, Albany County, New York, during the

Revolutionary. Since the Revolutionary War I lived in Hoosick till the year 1832 and now live in Columbus, Chenango County.

4th As stated in the body of the declaration.

5th I can recollect no more than stated in the body of the declaration.

6th I never received a written discharge. I received a Commission signed by Governor GEORGE CLINTON but it is lost.

7th I state the names of the following persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution:

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, Esq., late member of Congress;
JOSHUA LAMB, Esq., Fort Martin, Columbus County;
ANGELL KNIGHT, Esq., Fort Martin, Columbus
ISAAC JONES,JR., Town Clerk; and
Deacon BENJAMIN STORRS, all of Columbus.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except this present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day and
year aforesaid before me (Signed) JOHN PALMER
NATHAN TAYLOR
Judge of Chenango Common Pleas.

WE, ANGELL KNIGHT residing in the town of Columbus, Chenango County & State of New York and BENJAMIN STORRS residing in the same place, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with JOHN PALMER who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 76 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day (Signed) ANGELL KNIGHT
& year aforesaid. (Signed) BENJAMIN STORRS
NATHAN TAYLOR
Judge of Chenango Courts of Common Pleas.

The foregoing Declaration of Ensign JOHN PALMER to obtain a pension was corroborated by an affidavit given on 30 October 1833 by his younger brother, NATHANIEL PALMER signed at Chenango County when NATHANIEL gave his age as 70:

" ... that during the Revolutionary War they lived in their father's family in Hoosick aforesaid in the fore part of the time & the deponent the latter part of the time lived in the family of the above named JOHN PALMER; he knows the said JOHN PALMER was a Sergeant in the Militia the forepart of the War & an Ensign in the latter part of the time in the Company of Militia in Hoosick commanded a part of the time by FENNER PALMER, father of deponent & the said JOHN PALMER & the latter part of the War under the command of Capt. HADLOCK in the Regiment commanded by Col. YATES & VAN VORT & RENSSELAER at different periods; that the deponent was frequently during the War in service with the said JOHN PALMER in alarms of which he recollect the following:

In a tour at Granville, Washington County; also a tour at Fort Miller & Fort Edward; also a tour to Castleton & other places in Vermont; also a tour to Fort George, Ticonderoga & Crown Point in an alarm at the time Col. BROWN was killed in the Battle at Stone Robbin; that he thinks according to his recollection the above tours took each from two to four weeks but cannot tell the year in which it was performed.

That while the deponent was in the five months service at Fort Edward at the time Fort George was burnt, he knows that the said JOHN PALMER came up in the Militia but how long he served at this time he cannot state as they were not in the same company.

He also recollects that the said JOHN PALMER was out in the Militia at the time BURGOYNE came down & was taken at Saratoga; he was not with him but verily believes that he was in the service then most of that summer.

Sworn & Subscribed before me (Signed) NATHANIEL PALMER
this 30th day of October, 1833
ISAAC JONES, JR.
Commissioner of Deeds.

I certify that NATHANIEL PALMER who has subscribed & sworn to the above affidavit is a credible person & his Statement is entitled to credit.
(Signed) ISAAC JONES, JR. Commissioner of Deeds.

Following the end of hostilities in 1782 and the conclusion of the war in 1783, JOHN and MARY PALMER continued their married life in Hoosick as farmers and by the time of the first Federal census in 1790 they had had seven children but the oldest, LYDIA had died in 1778 age about eight months, the same year JOHN's mother (LYDIA) had died in Hoosick for whom his first daughter had been named. The seventh child, daughter MARY, born 1789 had also died 6 January 1790. Many members of this family, including Ensign JOHN and his wife, MARY, are buried in the First Baptist Churchyard Cemetery,Hoosick Falls (explained on a previous page). It would appear that his mother (the wife of Captain FENNER PALMER) as well as JOHN's two baby daughters were also buried in that small cemetery. A visit to that church and cemetery by the compiler (1975) revealed legible markers for many of this PALMER family; however, no markers were present which were legible for the early burials in the 1770's; and some graves had no markers; but a search spanning three-quarters of a century has not resulted in identifying the grave of LYDIA PALMER (wife of Captain FENNER) nor of her husband elsewhere. They had been members of the Baptist Church in Dover and doubtless had affiliated with the same faith in Hoosick in which town JOHN had remained for most of the remainder of his life. There is, therefore, a strong presumption that the mother, LYDIA, in 1778 was buried in the Baptist Churchyard cemetery; and in 1794 when Captain FENNER PALMER died in Saratoga County, that he too was buried beside his first wife, LYDIA. The markers in the little cemetery which are legible date from 1810 so it would appear any markers earlier than 1800 are not legible and, in fact, may be non-existent.

Various land transactions reveal that JOHN PALMER owned considerable land in the area of Hoosick ("History of Rensselaer County" Vol. 3, p.446). During their fifty-six years of marriage JOHN and MARY had thirteen children although many of them died young which must have been a great tragedy for the parents who survived well into their seventies (Mary) and eighties (John). The town of Hoosick where they lived out their lives was not too great a distance from his younger brother, NATHANIEL, in Granville in the adjoining county named Washington; doubtless also their father, CAPTAIN FENNER always resided nearby although county boundary changes (creating Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties from the huge county of Albany around 1791) placed his residence in Saratoga Co. where he resided at the time of his death.

Following the death of MARY in 1832 in Hoosick, JOHN went to Columbus in Chenango County, New York, where he married (2nd) on 28 April 1833 OLIVE BARNES and where they continued to live for a time. It was from there that JOHN made application on 24 Dec 1833 for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. His oldest surviving daughter, OLIVE, many years before had married one GILBERT BARNES and they resided at Cazenovia in Chenango County near Columbus where GILBERT's sister, also named OLIVE, resided. The farm at Cazenovia on which GILBERT and OLIVE BARNES resided had been given to them by OLIVE's father, JOHN PALMER. It would appear it was in this way that JOHN met his second wife who was a sister-in-law to his daughter. JOHN owned land in Hoosick, in Columbus and in Seneca County on the west side of Lake Cayuga, having received some bounty land (#B.L.Wt.24912-160-55) as a result of his service in the late war; also from his father's estate.

JOHN died 24 January 1843 at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His Will was dated 8 March 1842 and probated 25 March 1843 in Rensselaer County. His oldest son, JOHN, JR.*, a Judge, had died tragically on 8 December 1840 while on a visit to St. Bartholomew, West Indies, at the age of fifty-five, leaving several minor children. The grandfather was thereupon appointed guardian of these minor children (Vol. B, page 146, Clinton County Records).

*(He was actually JOHN, 3rd, being named for his father who was JOHN (11).)

Another child who predeceased JOHN and his wife, MARY was the daughter born 1797 named MARY (or "POLLY") for her mother; she died in Hoosick in 1823 aged 25 years also leaving two minor sons.

According to the "Rensselaer County Probate Records" (Vol. 33, page 345) JOHN's Will mentioned the following members of his family: (See page 1008 "Palmer MSS.")

1. his wife, OLIVE;
2. his children and heirs: OLIVE BARNES, wife of GILBERT BARNES of Chenango County;
3. LYDIA, wife of ELISHA MORGAN of Seneca Falls, New York;
4. ANNA CARD, wife of RICHARD CARD of Cazenovia, New York;
5. JANE MOORES, wife of CHARLES MOORES of Plattsburgh, N.Y.
6. His son, WILLIAM, who was named executor;
7. Grandsons, HENRY RAYNER of Hoosick and HIRAM RAYNER of Providence, New York (sons of predeceased daughter, MARY and her husband, WILLIAM C. RAYNER);
8. Grandson, PETER S. (SAILLY) PALMER, son of Judge JOHN PALMER; and granddaughter ELLEN, wife of JAMES HICKS of Detroit, Michigan;

9. Grandchildren CHARLES, MARY E., JOHN B., CHARLOTTE A., JULIA ANN, and FREDERICK, children of Judge JOHN PALMER, the last four being minors at the time of the grandfather's death.

When JOHN PALMER died in 1843 eight of his children had predeceased him and only four daughters and one son survived him.

JOHN's widow filed her Affidavit for widow's pension on 5 July 1853 in accordance with a recently passed Act of Congress (3 February 1853) granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War which had ended seventy years previously! OLIVE's Affidavit alleged she was then seventy-seven years of age, the widow of JOHN PALMER who "was a pensioner under the Act of June 9th 1832 & he was paid at the Agency of Albany, State of New York & she refers to the evidence filed in his application for his pension for proof of his service. She further declared that she was married to the said JOHN PALMER on the 28th day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty three at Columbus, County of Chenango, State of New York and that her said husband died on the 24th day of January 1843." Her affidavit was corroborated by a sworn affidavit of her sister-in-law, OLIVE BARNS, dated 27 June 1853 at Chenango County, who was also the daughter of the deceased JOHN PALMER; her affidavit alleged that her father, a Revolutionary pensioner, "died at Hoosick, Rensellaer County, New York, as she was informed by letter immediately after his death on the 24th day of January 1843 and that she has always since understood that that was the time of his death; that since that time she has received property bequeathed her in the last will & testament of her father the said JOHN PALMER."

Another Affidavit was furnished by BENJAMIN ROWLAND, Clergyman residing in Chenango County, on 25 June 1853, certifying "TO ALL WHO IT MAY CONCERN that on the twenty eight day of April 1833 personally appeared before me JOHN PALMER, late of Hoosick, and OLIVE BARNES of Columbus, and I did lawfully marri the same together, I being lawfully authorized by law to perform such ceremony."

Another Affidavit given on 19th day of March, 1855 by the widow, OLIVE PALMER, at Chechango, was "for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the 'Act Approved March 3, 1855'."

By letter dated 27 September 1937 to one of JOHN PALMER's descendants in Norwich, New York, from A. D. HILLER, Executive Assistant to the Administrator of the War Department, confirmed that "JOHN PALMER's widow, OLIVE BARNES, was allowed pension on her application executed July 5, 1853."

The Will of OLIVE (BARNES) PALMER, the widow, is dated 12 March 1858, probated 6 Sept 1858, in which she bequeathed all of her property to LAURA HUBBY, daughter of her deceased brother, GILBERT BARNES, who had married OLIVE PALMER, oldest surviving daughter of JOHN PALMER by his first wife, MARY HILL (Vol. H, page 307, Chenango County Records).

The D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX (page 513) identifies our subject as follows:

JOHN PALMER, ENSIGN b 10-9-1757 d 1-24-1843 m MARY HILL Ens NY

The following children were born to ENSIGN JOHN PALMER and his first wife, MARY, all in Hoosick, New York:

(1) LYDIA PALMER b 24 Apr 1777, d 7 Jan 1778

(2) OLIVE PALMER b 17 Oct 1778, m GILBERT BARNES; resided Cazenovia, Chenango Co., N.Y., had children: LAURA who m _____ HUBBY and had 3 children: LE ROY, MARY and WILLIAM; HEROTA who had 2 children: HELEN and CORDELIA; DeWITT BARNES; MINERVA who m. _____ IVES of New York; IRA BARNES who resided in Columbus, Ohio; and SIDNEY BARNES who died in 1843; (see p.1010 "Palmer MSS.")

(3) LYDIA PALMER b 28 Aug 1780, m ELISHA MORGAN 5 Aug 1798, resided first in Plattsburgh, N.Y. and later in Seneca Falls, N.Y. They had 7 children; LYDIA died 16 May 1857.
JOHN MORGAN b 13 Dec 1799, m 8 Feb 1848 widow MARY PLATT CAMPBELL; d 23 Apr 1883, Plattsburgh; no children;
ALBERT MORGAN b 1803, m 18 June 1837 ANGELINE DAN, 1 ch: CHARLES MORGAN;
MARY ANN MORGAN b 4 Sept 1804, m 19 Sept 1824 in Hoosick JOHN PECK HAYNES; 9 children;
WILLIAM MORGAN b 11 Feb 1806, m (1st) 20 Oct 1832 SARAH FETCH, 3 children; m (2nd) HANNAH _____;
SALLY MARIA MORGAN b 25 Aug 1809, m RANSOM FITCH; 2 ch;
CHARLES MORGAN b 15 Jan 1813, m 23 Aug 1841 SUSAN CLARK; he graduated Union College and was a Presbyterian minister; 1 child;
EMILY E. MORGAN b 17 March 1815, m 15 April 1832 JAMES B. G. DOWNS; 5 children.
("Palmer MSS."page 1010 &"JAMES MORGAN GENEALOGY,"p.132.)

(4) ANNA PALMER b 16 Aug 1782, m RICHARD CARD of Cazenovia, N.Y. They had 9 children and ANNA died 1848: JOSEPH, ALBERT, BETSEY, RICHARD, DELIA M. (who m CHARLES C. LAMB and had 2 children); JANE (who m _____ FULLER and had 1 child), ORSON, JOHN and CHARLES CARD. (Virkus Comp., Vol. 2,p.83)

34. (5) JOHN PALMER b 29 Jan 1785, m 7 March 1812 CHARLOTTE THERESA SAILLY, dau of the Hon. PETER SAILLY of Plattsburgh, Clinton Co., N.Y. (b 1793, d 1871 Plattsburgh). JOHN was a Judge 1832 to 1837 and died 8 Dec 1840 on a trip to the West Indies; eleven children. (See 7th Generation)

(6) FENNER PALMER b 10 Sept 1787, m ca 1809 ALLIS _____; one son, ORSON, who died 29 Dec 1810 age 11 months, 20 days; he died 25 July 1810 and wife, ALLIS died 8 Jan 1812, age 25 years; all three bur Hoosick Falls Baptist Churchyard Cemetery amongst other family members.

(7) MARY PALMER b 27 Sept 1789, d 6 Jan 1790.

(8) BENJAMIN (or IRA) PALMER was born 20 Feb 1791, died unmarried 25 Aug 1810, in Hoosick Falls.

(9) BUELL PALMER b 18 Sept 1793, d 12 Sept 1810.

35. (10) WILLIAM PALMER b 7 June 1795, m 3 Mar 1816 RUTH HAYNES (dau of JOHN and PHEBE (PECK) HAYNES of Hoosick; Major in the War of 1812; nine children; died 30 Aug 1865, RUTH died 1873, both in Plattsburgh. (See 7th Generation herein & pp. 1018-1019 "Palmer MSS.")

(11) MARY ("POLLY") PALMER b 5 Sept 1797, m WILLIAM C. RAYNER in

Graves of two brothers, sons of Capt. FENNER and LYDIA PALMER:

Graves of Ensign JOHN PALMER (JR.) in Hoosick Falls Baptist Churchyard Cemetery (see page 194), his wife, MARY HILL, and several of the children. (Rensselaer County,N.Y.)

JOHN PALMER born 1757 in Dover, Dutchess Co., N.Y.

Died 1843 Hoosick Falls.

Grave of NATHANIEL PALMER, younger brother to Ensign JOHN; in West Walworth Cemetery, Walworth, Wayne County, New York. He is only Rev. War soldier in this small cemetery.

Capt. FENNER, and both sons, Ensign JOHN and NATHANIEL were all Rev.War soldiers.

NATHANIEL PALMER born 1763 Dutchess Co., N.Y., died 1840 Walworth, Wayne Co.,N.Y.

West Walworth Cemetery,
West Walworth, Wayne
County, New York.

Graves of NATHANIEL PALMER
(1763-1840) Rev.War Soldier
(right) and 2nd wife,(left)
ANNA LEAVITT (1780-1868)
in foreground.

Large monument marks graves
of Rev. ERASTUS F. MAIN (b 1818)
Baptist Minister and descendant
of EZEKIEL MAIN of Stonington,
Conn. and his wife, MARY ANNA
PALMER MAIN (1824-1883) grand-
daughter of NATHANIEL PALMER
and 1st wife, SARAH PALMER.
(See page 306)

Hoosick; two sons: HENRY HARRISON RAYNER who m _____ SHARPE and had 2 children: MARIA G. RAYNER and GEORGE S. RAYNER; and HIRAM RAYNER who m MARY REESE of Hoosick and had 4 children; both are mentioned in grandfather's Will, as MARY predeceased her father and died 9 Mar 1823.

(12) HIRAM PALMER b 10 Dec 1799, d 5 Sept 1811; buried First Baptist Churchyard Cemetery in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer Co.,N.Y.

(13) ANN JANE PALMER b 25 July 1803, m 1826 CHARLES S. MOORES of Plattsburgh, N.Y. They moved to Des Moines, Iowa where ANN died November 1877 and her husband died 26 Dec 1878. Their 4 children were: MARY, HANNAH, ELIZA and HENRY MOORES; both MARY and HENRY died unmarried.
(See p.1009 "Palmer MSS.")

A visit to the First Baptist Church at Hoosick Falls July 4th week-end, 1975 revealed the following burials of this family in the small cemetery adjoining the church to the rear and one of the large tombstones was broken in half; all the markers had the words "IN MEMORY OF" at the top followed by the name of the deceased, date of death and age; all are in one row:

ALLIS PALMER wife of FENNER PALMER who died JAN.the 8th 1812 In the 25th Year of her age	MR.IRA PALMER * son of JOHN PALMER, ESQ. died Aug 25 1810 Age 20 yrs	MR.FENNER PALMER son of JOHN PALMER, ESQ. who died July 25, 1810 In the 25th Year of his age (This is a double marker)	ORSON PALMER son of FENNER PALMER,ESQ. who died Dec 29, 1810 Aged 11 mos. 10 days
BUEL PALMER son of JOHN PALMER,ESQ. who died Sept 10 1810 in the 17th year of his age	HIRAM PALMER son of JOHN PALMER,ESQ. who died Sept 5 1811 in the 15th year of his age	MARY PALMER Wife of JOHN PALMER,ESQ. died May 6, 1832 in the 75th year of her age	JOHN PALMER Born 1757 Died 1843 (This one has the customary Veteran's Marker for his RW service.)

(See also: D.A.R. CEMETERY RECORDS, Volume 28, page 65, ALBANY STATE LIBRARY, NEW YORK).

Subsequent correspondence with the Minister of the Church by the compiler resulted in the broken marker for Ensign JOHN PALMER being repaired and a photo of same appears herein; also this resulted in the Veteran's Marker being correctly placed on the grave of the father rather than on one of his son's graves.

* This son was also known as BENJAMIN PALMER.

Sources: D.A.R. Patriot Index, page 513.
NA File No. W5501.
"Palmer MSS." (pp. 1007-1009), typescript.
"Palmer MSS." (pp. 527-533), handwritten.

31. NATHANIEL PALMER[6] (Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter) was born 22 June 1763 in Dover, Dutchess County, New York, the fifth child (and third son) of Captain FENNER PALMER and his first wife, LYDIA. He married in 1781 during the Revolutionary War SARAH _____ who was born 22 May 1764 and died 26 Aug 1826 in West Walworth, Wayne County, New York. His second wife was ANNA (LEAVITT) TRUMBULL, a widow, whom he married 27 March 1827 in Middletown, Vermont. She was born 22 July 1780 and died 12 June 1868 also in West Walworth. NATHANIEL died 12 July 1840 in West Walworth where he is buried in the small cemetery across the street from the Baptist Church. His second wife was almost eighty-eight years of age when she died and is buried in the space immediately next to her husband; the space on the opposite side of NATHANIEL's grave is unmarked after one hundred and fifty years but is believed to be the burial spot of his first wife, SARAH.

ANNA LEAVITT married as her first husband THADDEUS TERRELL by whom she had three children: EDWIN, ANNA and another daughter who married one _____ HINCKLEY. ANNA's second husband was one _____ TRUMBULL by whom she had a son, "SQUIRE" TRUMBULL who reportedly owned a large farm in Michigan on land which is now within the city limits of Detroit. ANNA had one child by her third husband, named for his father NATHANIEL L. born 3 May 1828. He married (1st) 25 Sept 1850 in Macedon, Wayne County, New York, MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE (daughter of DENISE and ALCHY (HALSE) DENISE of that village). MARGARET was born 11 Sept 1831 and died 11 May 1879 in Rochester, New York; her grave is found in the West Walworth Cemetery immediately adjoining the above mentioned unmarked grave of SARAH PALMER.

NATHANIEL was a very young boy when his parents removed from Dover northward to Albany County settling in the village of Hoosick prior to the Revolutionary War; eventually due to county boundary changes, Hoosick is found in the newly created Rensselaer County. After the family settled in Hoosick, four more children were born to NATHANIEL's parents, the last one during the war in 1777; she was named JERUSHA but she died the same year. In 1778 NATHANIEL's mother, LYDIA, died in Hoosick leaving Captain FENNER with five children aged six to sixteen and a war still five years away from its end; the oldest son in this family, JOHN, had married in 1776 but he and his bride, MARY HILL, settled down in Hoosick where they remained the rest of their lives; JOHN and MARY were both age nineteen when they married.

From the very beginning of hostilities of the long, drawn-out war the father enlisted and was joined by his oldest son, JOHN. Complete accounts of their participation in the Revolutionary War will be found herein in their respective chapters. Many years later in an Affidavit JOHN furnished to assist his brother, NATHANIEL, in obtaining a pension, JOHN explained "that during the Revolutionary War they lived together in their father's family in the town of Hoosick." In the year following LYDIA's death, her husband married (2nd) one OLIVE _____(may have been ABBOTT) although there is no record of any children born of that marriage.

The Affidavit furnished by JOHN PALMER on 28 October 1833 further explained young NATHANIEL's participation in the Revolutionary War: "... in the year 1776 FENNER PALMER, father of this deponent and NATHANIEL, went into the service as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain SAMUEL HODGE

and took his brother, NATHANIEL, with him as a waiter in the year's service; that as he understood at the time they were at Fort Ann and at Ticonderoga and other places at the North..." In 1776 young NATHANIEL would have been but thirteen years of age! In the first year of the conflict his father had enlisted as a private; he is a Lieutenant in 1776 and was soon made Captain of the 5th Company, 14th Regiment of the New York Militia which comprised the men from the Hoosick and Schaghticoke Districts.

During the period 1895-1898 numerous records were "discovered, arranged and classified" by James A. Roberts, New York Comptroller, under the title "NEW YORK IN THE REVOLUTION AS COLONY AND STATE" (published 1898). On page 126 we find the enlistment during the Revolution of the following surnamed PALMER in the Fourteenth Regiment of the Albany County Militia: DAVID, JOHN, FENNER, GARSHAM, NATHAN and NATHANIEL. This Regiment served under the command of the following officers: (page 125)

Colonels JOHN KNICKERBACKER and PETER YATES
Lieutenant Colonel JOHN VAN RENSSELAER
Captains JAMES HADLOCK and THOMAS BROWN
Lieutenant JOHN PALMER

The "Roster of State (New York) Troops" page 442 of the "Documents Relating To The COLONIAL HISTORY of the STATE OF NEW YORK" edited by Berthold Fernow, Volume XV (State Archives, Vol. I) published 1887 at Albany, New York contains the following names in the Company commanded by Captain HADLOCK, and the Regiment of Colonel PETER YATES:

FENNER PALMER - private
GERSHAM PALMER - private
JOHN PALMER - ensign
JOHN PALMER - sergeant
NATH'L.PALMER - private

Of the more than two dozen PALMERS listed in that Roster, it is believed the above list reflects the enlistment of the father, FENNER, and his three oldest sons: JOHN, GERSHOM and NATHANIEL.

Some interesting historical facts were included in the Roberts' book (supra) explaining the make-up of the State Militia which was the branch of service our PALMER ancestors chose to serve:

"THE MILITIA which then, as now, could only be called out of the state for three months at a time. The Militia was called out when wanted; kept as long as wanted; and the soldiers then sent home.

"The LINE which regiments were in the United States service under GEORGE WASHINGTON, included regiments of artillery and an organization of 'Green Mountain Boys'.

"The LEVIES were drafted from the different militia regiments and from the people direct as well, which could be called upon to serve outside the state during the entire term."

Roberts' account of "New York in the Revolution" (supra) enlightens us still further about members of families serving together in the local militia and the remuneration they were entitled to for such periodic service:

> "NEPOTISM" -- or family influence --'was most marked and some regiments contained as many as five and seven of the same family. Every male between the ages of 16 and 50 was enrolled; later this extended to age 60. If one was an able-bodied man, he must serve when 'warned' under penalty of fine and imprisonment. Each soldier must present himself armed and with a blanket, a powder-horn and a flint and sometimes even a tomahawk was required. All officers in the cities of New York, Albany and Schenectady were ordered to wear their swords during divine service under penalty of twenty shillings."

The range of pay for the soldiers was as follows:

Colonels	$75. per month
Lieut.Colonels	60. per month
Majors	50. per month
Captains	40. per month
Lieutenants	26. per month
Ensigns	20. per month
Sergeants	8. per month
Corporals	7. per month
Privates	6. per month

"As late as 1784 the large majority of the soldiers were still unpaid for their services in 1776-1782."

NATHANIEL's older brother, Ensign JOHN, in giving an affidavit regarding this brother's war service recalled "that the said NATHANIEL was frequently out in alarms with this deponent during the Revolutionary War and recollects his being with him on a tour at Granville; also at Castleton, Vermont at Battin Hill and at Scotch Patent..."

During this period (1781) NATHANIEL and his young bride, SARAH, settled in Granville in what was then the county of Charlotte which had been created in 1772 from the large county of Albany. However, in 1784 following the conclusion of the war the county name was changed to Washington County as it is today. Granville was organized as a town by act of the legislature in 1786. Washington County's eastern border is the state of Vermont and in the beginning the citizens of the village of Granville apparently preferred to be in the state of Vermont rather than in New York state. The "History of Granville, New York 1737-1878" from the 1878 "History of Washington County" by Hon. Hiel Hollister explains:

> "Settlements were effected prior to the Revolutionary War. The first emigrants were mostly from New England; the attempt in 1781 to place themselves under the jurisdiction of Vermont was due to the fear of invasion as the war was not then closed and it was thought to be easier to secure the necessary protection from Vermont than from New York. Besides they favored the New

England institutions of universal suffrage and individual ownership of land rather than the property qualification required by New York and the feudal land system granting the soil in large manors to be cultivated by tenants."

By the year 1790 the disputes between Vermont and New York were finally settled and this was the year of the first United States Census, which lists NATHANIEL and wife, SARAH, in Washington County, New York, with their first four children with ages placing their year of births as follows: NATHAN born 1782; ENOS born 1785; SARAH born 1787; and JOHN C. born 1789. It is significant that this is the first child given a middle initial; apparently no one ever knew whether or not it represented a middle name; probably not.

The National Archives Pension File No. R7902 reflects the following Affidavit furnished by NATHANIEL PALMER in 1832 to obtain a soldier's pension as a result of the Act of Congress passed June 7th that year:

STATE OF NEW YORK)
WAYNE COUNTY) ss. DECLARATION

On this Second day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in and for the County of Wayne aforesaid, NATHANIEL PALMER, a resident of the Town of Walworth, in the County of Wayne, and State of New York, aged sixty nine years, who was first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and serviced as herein stated, viz:

> That he entered the service in the month of May 1776 and served the term of One Year as a waiter for his father, Lieut. FENNER PALMER. The company was commanded by Capt. HODGE; he don't recollect the names of the Col. of the Regiment or any other of the Field Officers. He entered the service at Old Hoosac, New York where he then lived and marched to Fort George;thence to Crown Point and then back to Fort George and then returned home to Old Hoosac which closed this campaign. The next year he enlisted for three months, as a Private, in a company commanded by Capt. BROWN, a Regiment Commanded by Col. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER. CREWBACK was the Major. Went to Fort Edward during the term of his enlistment and returned to Hoosac. That the inhabitants of the Town where he resided were classed (?) in a class which classes were to furnish one man each for the term of nine months. That he volunteered his service as a Private to one of the classes and entered the Army sometime in the last of March or first of April 1779 in a Company commanded by Capt. BROWN, Regiment commanded by Col. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER; afterwards by Major VAN DE VOORT. Were stationed at Fort Edward where he served out the nine months and was discharged & returned to Old Hoosac. That he enlisted as a private some time in the last of March or first of April 1780 for the term of nine months in a company commanded by Capt. BABCOCK,

Lieut. COOK, Regiment commanded by Col. WALBRIDGE. He was stationed at White Hall to guard the Frontiers and there remained till the close of the campaign when he was discharged and returned to Old Hoosac.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.
Question:

1st That he was born in the Town of Dover, Duchess County, State of New York in the year 1763;
2nd Has a record of his age in his Bible;
3rd Lived at Old Hoosac thence removed to Washington County, then to Walworth, Wayne County, New York where he now lives;
4th First went for his Father; twice enlisted & once volunteered;
5th His officers were Capt. HODGE, Lieut. FENNER PALMER, Capt. BROWN, Col. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER, Major BREWSBECK, Major VAN DE VOORT, Capt. BABCOCK, Lieut. WALBRIDGE.
6th No written discharge.
7th Capt. DALRYMPLE, WILLIAM D.WYLY, AMARICH RAWSON, ENOS PALMER, ASAKEL KNAPP.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

JACOB LUSK (Signed) NATHANIEL PALMER

JONAS STEVENS residing in the County of Wayne, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with NATHANIEL PALMER who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be sixty-nine years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) JACOB LUSK
(Signed) JONAS STEVENS

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department; that the above named Applicant was a Resolutionary Soldier and served as he states and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that JACOB LUSK and JONAS STEVENS, who signed the preceding certificate are residents in the Town of _____, County of Wayne, are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit.

I, JOHN S. CUYLER, Clerk of the Court of Wayne County, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of this Court in the matter of the application of NATHANIEL PALMER for a pension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 2nd day of October 1832.

(Signed) JOHN S. CUYLER, CLERK

Although NATHANIAL PALMER had no written documents to support his service and his honorable discharge, he could recall the surname of many of the officers under whom he served at various times, i.e. Captains BROWN and BABCOCK and the list of men serving in Albany County's Militia, 14th Regiment, page 125 of "New York in the Revolution" (supra) lists a Capt. THOMAS BROWN, Capt. PETER YATES, a JOSHUA BABCOCK, and Lieut. Col. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER, and one HENRY F. COOK and fifty years following the end of that war NATHANIEL could recall the names of some of his officers. It is also significant that NATHANIEL and SARAH's oldest child, NATHAN, was born just as that war was coming to a close and doubtless as a child often heard his father and Uncle (Ensign) JOHN PALMER recall the events of that period and they must have mentioned the names of some of the officers under whom they served; NATHAN's first child was a son born 15 December 1803 whom he named VAN RENSSELAER PALMER.

Following the conclusion of the war the huge county of Albany at various periods was separated from some of its land and new counties were formed, including the counties of Rensselaer and Saratoga in 1791. The village of Hoosick where Captain FENNER PALMER's family resided thus was found in the County of Rensselaer instead of Albany.

It must be remembered that the colonists' fight for a free country brought to their side vast amounts of the Dutch settlers who had been in New York ahead of them. In the list of Albany County's Militia, 14th Regiment,(on page 127) we find three dozen Dutch men who enlisted all bearing the prefix "Van" as part of their surname.

NATHANIEL's recitation in his affidavit of the different periods of his enlistment during the years 1776-1782; always for a brief period of time, was standard procedure for the militia in each colony but the war could never have been won without the regular army with recruits who enlisted for three years or for the duration. There was an inherited English prejudice against "standing armies," according to Samuel Eliot Morison's "History of the American People"(pp. 225-226) (1965). He explains Congress' action first to allow "short-term enlistments" and before the end of 1776 it authorized the longer enlistments. When General Washington was approached by the committee to ascertain if he felt one-year enlistments would be sufficient, his reply was: "You must not think of it. If we ever hope for success, we must have men enlisted for the whole term of the war." Morison's History explains further the "LINE" as distinct from the MILITIA:

> "The Continental Army consisted mainly of infantry regiments, recruited in and named after each state, i.e. 'The Massachusetts Line,' 'The New Jersey Line;' and 'The New York Line'. These were called line regiments because of the battle tactics of that day--soldiers firing almost shoulder to shoulder from a line three deep. ... Congress set the quotas that each state was supposed to fill, but it had no authority to draft men to fill these quotas, and no means to enforce the requisitions...."

Apparently the Affidavit submitted by NATHANIEL PALMER in October 1832 to apply for a soldier's pension was not sufficient as his file includes a statement from the Pension Office of the War Department explaining "You will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed before a pension can be allowed..." The Commissioner of Pensions, J. L. EDWARDS,

wrote across the bottom of the statement "He does not claim to have been in the Continental Lines." Thereafter, on 28 of October 1833 in Chenango County, New York, NATHANIEL's brother, (Ensign) JOHN PALMER, furnished his Affidavit corroborating his brother's service as a soldier in the Revolutionary War:

STATE OF NEW YORK)
CHENANGO COUNTY) ss.

On this 28th day of October, 1833, personally came before me JOHN PALMER, who being duly sworn, deposed & saith that he is 76 years old; that he is brother to NATHANIEL PALMER of Walworth, Wayne County & State of New York; that during the Revolutionary War they lived together in their father's family in the town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County & State of New York; that in the year 1776 FENNER PALMER, father of this deponent & the above named NATHANIEL PALMER, went into the Service as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain SAMUEL HODGE and took his brother, NATHANIEL, with him as a waiter in the year's service; that as he understood at the time they were at Fort Ann and at Ticonderoga and other places at the North but cannot state the Regiment to which they belonged;

That at another time during the Revolutionary War the said NATHANIEL went into the Service for a class who were to furnish a man for nine months' service; that he went & the deponent at the time understood & verily believes that he performed the said nine months' service at and about Fort Edward but not being with him he is not able to swear positively. That at another time during the said War, the said NATHANIEL went as a volunteer in the Company commanded by their father, FENNER PALMER; that the deponent went with him to Crown Point, Ticonderoga & Fort George at the time it was reported that Sir JOHN JOHNSON was coming down after his plate (?) which it was said he had buried when he left his place on the Mohawk; that on this tour they were gone several weeks but can not now tell how long precisely; that in this expedition they went under the command of Gen. GEORGE CLINTON; that in addition to the above he recollects that the said NATHANIEL was frequently out in alarms with this deponent during the Revolutionary War and recollects his being with him on a tour at Granville; also at Castleton, Vermont at Battin Hill; at Scotch Patent but can not state the length of time of their several tours; that at another time he recollects his brother was gone during the summer as he understood at the time and verily believes was in service somewhere at the North at or near White Hall or as it was then called Skenes Borough but not being with him can not swear positively. This tour as he recollects was under the command of Colonel WALBRIDGE & was for nine months and further saith not.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me
ISAAC JONES, Commissioner.

(signed) JOHN PALMER

I certify that I am acquainted with JOHN PALMER who has signed & sworn to the above affidavit; that he is a credible person & his statement is entitled to full credit.

(signed) ISAAC JONES, Commissioner

Although fifty years had passed when Ensign JOHN PALMER furnished his affidavit supporting his brother's service as a soldier in the war, and he is seventy-six years old, it is noteworthy that he too can recall the incidents so clearly, the places and the names. It is now also fifty years since these handwritten affidavits were written (either by the deponent or the clerk or notary) but photostatic copies of them obtained from the National Archives in recent years reveals that in most instances they are still legible with but few exceptions although it is a time-consuming endeavor requiring great patience and a reference to some published historical accounts. In this connection, it is interesting to refer to Morison's "History" (supra), pages 245-249 where he writes of "The Saratoga Campaign" involving the very episodes previously set out herein in the affidavits of NATHANIEL and JOHN PALMER. In referring to the notorious Major General JOHN BURGOYNE the historian also mentions the Sir JOHN JOHNSON mentioned in the affidavit of JOHN PALMER:

> "... BURGOYNE sold the North ministry a plan for invading New York and New England by way of Lake Champlain..... Sir JOHN JOHNSON, son of old Sir WILLIAM of the Mohawks, promised to bring in thousands of Mohawk valley Loyalists and Iroquois braves to support any British army that marched thither.
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> "Around the first of June BURGOYNE jumped off from the St. Lawrence with about 4000 British regulars, 3000 Germans, and 1000 Canadian militia and Indians. .... BURGOYNE's campaign opened well for him and ill for the Americans. Fort Ticonderoga was held by a small garrison under Major General ARTHUR ST. CLAIR. Assaulted by an overwhelming force of redcoats, Indians and the Canadian freshwater navy, ST. CLAIR evacuated Ticonderoga ... and marched his men by forest trail to Fort Edward on the Hudson where they reinforced the American Northern army under General PHILIP SCHUYLER. .... A controversy over the respective merits of Generals SCHUYLER, ARNOLD and HORATIO GATES, which their partisans have continued to this day, has obscured the events of the campaign. ... the New England troops refused to serve under SCHUYLER.... he belonged to the class of New York patroons who had opposed the settlement of Vermont by New Englanders, contested their titles and endeavored to have them ejected. So the leaders of the 'Green Mountain Boys' threatened to do nothing to stop BURGOYNE if General SCHUYLER were given the command. On August 4 Congress then gave command of the Northern army to General Gates.
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> "It took BURGOYNE's army, encumbered by officers' wives and children and enormous quantities of baggage, nearly a month to reach Fort Edward which SCHUYLER had abandoned. The problem of logistic supply was insoluble. ... BURGOYNE made two diversions, each of which ran into a countryside in arms. Colonel BARRY ST. LEGER commanded the first. He moved up the St. Lawrence to Oswego, New York, then across country to Fort Stanwix, the Mohawk country where Sir JOHN JOHNSON had promised a big turnout of Loyalist militia and Mohawk braves. But there was a bigger turnout of Patriot militia under General NICHOLAS HERKIMER.
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> "BURGOYNE's second diversion went into Vermont (but) they did not even reach the Vermont line; for as BURGOYNE complained,

'Wherever the King's forces point, militia to the number of three or four thousand assemble in a few hours.' General JOHN STARK, hero of the rail fence at Bunker Hill, led a force of Green Mountain Boys out from Bennington to meet them, and on August 16th captured or killed the entire raiding force. .....

"BURGOYNE's situation worsened daily. General BENJAMIN LINCOLN, with a force of New England militia, cut his communications with Canada; he could no longer retreat; his Indian allies were slipping away; his foraging parties were being bushwhacked by the militia; his field hospital was crowded with the sick and wounded. ... On October 17 General GATES granted BURGOYNE very favorable terms of surrender. His army was allowed to return to England on the promise not to serve again. This was a turning point in that war. ..."

Thus it can be seen the importance to the war was the militia in each of the several colonies (or states). Morison puts it this way: (pp. 227-228)

"The colonial militia, which the independent states took over, included in theory every able-bodied man between the ages of sixteen and sixty. Militia turned out in great numbers whenever the British army marched inland and if properly stiffened by regulars, gave a good account of themselves. The first action of the war, at Concord, was a militia victory, pure and simple, and so was Bunker Hill. The surrender of BURGOYNE would not have taken place but for the Green Mountain Boys and other militia who swarmed in to help (General) GATES's regulars. ...

"The turning out of an entire countryside to fight was new to the British. European armies marched safely through enemy country until they encountered a hostile army. Peasants and townspeople kept quiet or took to the forests and mountains; fighting was for the professionals only. This phenomenon of a countryside in arms, both around Boston and in the Saratoga campaign made British generals very loath to march far from the seacoast and their Royal Navy."

In a letter dated August 18, 1933 to one of NATHANIEL PALMER's descendants residing in Tecumseh, Michigan (Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT), she was advised by A. D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator of the War Department that NATHANIEL PALMER's "claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of his service as required by the pension law. He moved to Washington County and then to Walworth, New York. His son, NATHANIEL L. PALMER was living in 1853. In 1833 JOHN PALMER, aged seventy-six years, a brother, was living in Walworth, New York."

However, research during the years 1910-1927 by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER (grandson of the VAN RENSSELAER PALMER previously referred to) revealed NATHANIEL was granted a pension in 1832 apparently from the State of New York (Certificates of the New York State Treasurer, Vol. 5, MSS Records, New York State Library at Albany, Number 24127).

The file from the National Archives also contained a handwritten statement from NATHANIEL's youngest son, NATHANIEL L., dated in 1853:

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, NATHANIEL PALMER, SON OF NATHANIEL PALMER, LATE OF WALWORTH, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK, DECEASED, DO HEREBY CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT L. M. DRURY OF CANANDAIGUA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK, MY TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE FOR ME AND IN MY BEHALF AND IN MY NAME ANY CLAIM I MAY HAVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE HEIR AT LAW OF SAID NATHANIEL PALMER, DECEASED, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SERVICE AS A SOLDIER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

"WITNESS MY HAND & SEAL THIS DAY OF MARCH 11TH 1853.

(Signed) NATHANIEL L. PALMER

"In the presents of:
WM. D. WYLIE

(Acknowledged by Notary WM. D. WYLIE in Wayne County, State of New York.)

The research manuscripts of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER reveal the following land transactions by NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER in Granville:

21 Sept 1796 they mortgaged land in Granville (Vol. B, p.129, Records of Washington County;
21 Sept 1801 they mortgaged land in Granville (Vol. D, p.95, same Records);
5 Nov 1821 they deeded land in Granville (Vol. P, p. 251, same records).

The 1800 Federal Census for Granville lists NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER, both then age 36, with the same four children listed in the 1790 Census and an additional four children whose ages given indicate they were born in the years: BENJAMIN born 1792; ANNA born 1795; BETSEY born 1797; and FENNER, JR. born 1799.

The 1810 Federal Census for this family includes one additional daughter, LIONA born 1802; not listed is a son, OLIVER, born 25 Aug 1804 who died 3 April 1808. Also listed in the 1810 Census is the oldest son of this couple,NATHAN age 28, and his wife, DOLLY, age 27 with their two children: VAN RENSSELAER age 7 (therefore born about 1803) and ADALINE age one year.

The Assessment-Roll of the town of Granville for the year 1798 contained the name of NATHANIEL PALMER with a valuation of $1,014. Houses and lots of less than two acres valued at not more than one hundred dollars each were not included.

NATHANIEL AND SARAH made their home in the village of Granville from 1781 when they were married, for the next forty years. By 1810 their older sons were in the process of migrating to and settling in Wayne County in northwest New York in the village of Walworth. A visit to Granville (made by the compiler in 1975) revealed the close connection between that village and the adjoining village of Wells which was across the county line in the State of Vermont. Therefore, it should not be surprising that there were several inter-marriages between this Palmer family and women who resided in Vermont; the oldest son, NATHAN, and third son, JOHN C., both married members of a

Wells, Vermont family, i.e. DOLLY and NANCY LAMB (daughters of PHINEAS and ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB who resided in Wells). Years later the father, NATHANIEL, would return to Vermont to marry his second wife, ANNA LEAVITT, in 1827.

It appears the two oldest sons of NATHANIEL may have been counted twice in the 1810 Federal Census perhaps due to their removing in that year from Washington County to Walworth which was then in Ontario County. As set out on the preceding page both NATHAN and ENOS were included in Granville in Washington County. However, the Ontario County Census for the United States for 1810 has NATHAN PALMER in the town of Ontario with wife and two children under ten years of age, one male and one female; and it also has ENOS PALMER under 26 years of age with wife also under the age of 26 years. (The town of Walworth was within the county of Ontario until the year 1823 when Wayne County was created from the counties of Ontario and Seneca.)

The Research MSS. of Dr. BYRON S. PALMER (supra) contain the following about NATHANIEL and SARAH: (BYRON's descent was through their oldest son)

> When the last mentioned land transaction took place 5 Nov 1821, NATHANIAL must have moved (from Granville) to Wayne County, settling at Walworth where his sons had previously gone.
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> The Will of NATHANIEL PALMER of Walworth was dated 20 March 1840, probated 26 Oct 1840, in which he mentioned his wife, ANNA, and children as follows: NATHANIEL, JOHN, BENJAMIN, NATHAN, ENOS, FENNER, BETSEY KINGSLEY, SALLY SCOTT, LIONA MUNYON and heirs of his deceased daughter, ANNA OSBORN.
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> The Will of his widow, ANNA PALMER, of Walworth is dated 8 December 1863, probated 9 November 1868, in which she mentioned her daughter, ANNA WRIGHT, and her son, NATHANIEL PALMER, and grandchildren, CORA L., FRANKLIN D. and TRUMAN PALMER (the three children of her son by her third husband, NATHANIEL PALMER; that son, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, and his wife, MARGARET had one more child, ALLETTA MaBELLE born 1869, after the grandmother's death.)

These Research MSS. furnish us with no additional information about the four daughters of NATHANIEL and SARAH except their dates of birth and surnames of their husbands except the youngest daughter had six children by her husband, ASA MUNYON and they removed to Coldwater, Branch County, in Michigan. From the father's Will we learn that the daughter, ANNA OSBORN, had predeceased him. In the seventh generation of this book will be found write-ups on all the sons of NATHANIEL, and one on the daughter, LIONA PALMER MUNYON, following extensive research in and visits to Coldwater, Michigan by the compiler.

In the early 1820's NATHANIEL and SARAH removed to Walworth where SARAH died 26 Aug 1826, age sixty-two. On 27 March 1827 NATHANIEL married in Middletown, Vermont, (as her third husband) ANNA LEAVITT then age forty-seven; he was sixty-four; their only child was born 3 May 1828 whom they named for the father but also gave him a middle initial: NATHANIEL L. In the small cemetery at West Walworth, across the street from the Baptist Church, we find the burials of several named PALMER, including the father, NATHANIEL and

his two wives (although there is no marker on the grave of SARAH PALMER); his daughter-in-law, MARGARET (DENISE) wife of his youngest son, NATHANIEL L., who died at age forty-seven; his oldest son, NATHAN next to DOLLY his wife; his second son, ENOS and the latter's wife, ELIZABETH; and CAROLINE PALMER WHITNEY (the daughter of NATHAN and DOLLY) and her husband SIDNEY WHITNEY.

NATHANIEL and SARAH had the following children, all born in Granville:

36. (1) NATHAN PALMER[7] b 22 Aug 1782, m DOLLY LAMB 1803, d 13 Mar 1845.
37. (2) ENOS PALMER b 3 Mar 1785, m ELIZABETH GROVER 1811, d Jan 1868.
(3) SARAH PALMER b 13 Mar 1787, m _____ SCOTT.
38. (4) JOHN C. PALMER b 21 Oct 1789, m NANCY LAMB 1810,d 25 Apr 1864.
39. (5) BENJAMIN PALMER b 10 June 1792, m MARGARET ELIZABETH JOHNSON.
(6) ANNA PALMER b 2 Mar 1795, m _____ OSBORN; died before 1840.
(7) BETSEY PALMER b 8 July 1797, m SAMUEL KINGSLEY.
40. (8) FENNER PALMER (2nd) (named for grandfather, Capt. FENNER PALMER) b 5 Dec 1799, m JULIA ANN GODDARD 3 Sept 1826 d 9 Aug 1885, Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan.
41. (9) LIONA PALMER b 22 April 1802, m ASA MUNYON; both died Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan.
(10) OLIVER PALMER b 25 Aug 1804, died 3 April 1808.

NATHANIEL and ANNA's son, born West Walworth, Wayne County, New York:

42. (11) NATHANIEL L. PALMER b 3 May 1828, m (1st) MARGARET LAVINIA DENISE 1850 in Macedon, Wayne County, New York; she died 11 May 1879, Rochester, N.Y. He m (2nd) MARY LOUISE PALMER 9 Jan 1881 in Lakeside, New York, the widow of EDWARD P. POMEROY of Syracuse. NATHANIEL died 22 Feb 1897 Chula Vista, San Diego County, California; buried Masonic Cemetery, San Diego.

It has been noted that in some instances the year of NATHANIEL's birth has been given as 1764. However, his Affidavit dated in 1832, wherein he signed his name in full, clearly reveals the year of his birth as 1763.

NATHANIEL and SARAH's oldest son was NATHAN (b 1782) and in 1828 (46 years later) NATHANIEL had another son by his second wife. In 1881 the youngest of NATHANIEL's children (NATHANIEL L.), born 1828, married as his second wife, MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY, a widow who had been born 1830 and was a granddaughter of NATHAN; thus this was a marriage between NATHANIEL's youngest son and his oldest son's granddaughter!

Many years of time and effort have proved unsuccessful in identifying NATHANIEL's first wife, SARAH, the mother of ten of his children. They were married while the Revolutionary War was in its last stages (1781) and inasmuch as NATHANIEL participated in numerous militia calls during those years (1775-1781), he may have met his wife in any one of several villages where he was temporarily stationed.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp. 1028-1029. Family Records.
NA Pension File No. R7902 (Nathaniel Palmer)
NA Pension File No. W5501 (Ensign John Palmer.

32. PETER WARD PALMER[6] (Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 May 1766 in the village of Dover, Dutchess County, New York, the fourth son of Revolutionary War soldier, Captain FENNER PALMER and his wife, LYDIA. He was apparently the first in this direct family line to be given a middle name and his was the surname of his paternal grandmother,+MARY WARD. Although his father had been born in Killingworth, Connecticut, while still a teenager PETER's grandparents had removed to Dutchess County where they lived out their lives. Soon after PETER's birth, his parents removed northward to Albany County, settling in the area of Hoosick (Hoosick Falls) which in 1791 was part of New York State separated from Albany County to create the new county of Rensselaer. Five of PETER's siblings had been born in Dover and there were four more children born to his mother in Hoosick who died there when PETER was aged twelve years, in 1778 mid-way through the Revolutionary War.

PETER married probably in 1787, when only twenty-one years of age, MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN but little information about his wife has ever surfaced, other than following PETER's death she married (2nd) JOHN ELLIS.

From Hoosick Falls PETER resided in Saratoga County (also created in 1791 from Albany County) in which county PETER's father died 24 March 1794, and PETER's first child, EPHRAIM, was born 27 May 1788, at Mapletown.

In 1792, however, PETER, had removed to Florida in Montgomery County where he was still residing on 16 Nov 1795 when he was appointed Administrator of his father's estate. PETER's step-mother, OLIVE had married Captain FENNER PALMER in 1779 and she was first appointed to administer the estate on 10 May 1794. She apparently died before the estate was settled inasmuch as PETER was appointed Administrator, c.t.a. and gave bond on 16 Nov 1795 (Vol. 7, pp. 52, 120, Saratago County Records).

PETER and his wife "POLLY" (as she was called) had two more children but the exact places of their birth are not known. He eventually removed again to Herkimer County, New York, settling in the town of Warren where he continued to reside until his death while only in his forties. Letters of Administration on PETER's estate were issued to his widow, MARY PALMER of Warren on 13 July 1808. However, he may have died some years earlier for on 20 Jan 1803 his wife as Administratrix, gave a bond on behalf of the minor children, and AMOS ROWLAND and SAMUEL WILLIAMS were on the bond with her (Vol. B, p. 29, Herkimer County Records).

The foregoing information has been taken from page 1100 of the "Palmer MSS" and for some unknown reason an interesting piece of information about PETER WARD PALMER was never copied into these manuscripts from the handwritten research papers of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER but which is being set out below:

> "After the death of PETER PALMER his widow married JOHN ELLIS. She is said to have been a Baptist and very much opposed to the Quaker Church of which her husband, PETER, became a member. PETER PALMER is the first descendant of the WALTER PALMER family that the writer has found who became a member of the Quaker or Friends Church.

In consequence of his becoming a Quaker, it has taken the writer twenty years to prove his connection with the WALTER PALMER family."

PETER and "POLLY" apparently had but three children and no proof or authority has been found of any other children:

43. (1) EPHRAIM PALMER b 27 May 1788, Mapletown, Saratoga Co., N.Y. m (1st) ca 1806 HANNAH PHELPS (b 12 Jan 1790 Cambridge, N.Y., d 9 Mar 1828, dau of NOAH and RUTH(LOVELAND) PHELPS of Martinsburg, Lewis Co., N.Y.) by whom he had twelve children; m (2nd) ca 1829-1830 MARY BAKER by whom he had a son who died when eight years of age; m (3rd) HARRIET MARSHALL (b 1800, 1861 in Niagara Co., N.Y.).

44. (2) PETER PALMER b ca 1796/97; went to Ohio.

(3) MARY ("POLLY") PALMER who resided in Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York.

However, it was noted in the handwritten research papers of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER that there may have been two other children:

(4) WARD PALMER
(5) DEBORAH PALMER

Two notations appear opposite these latter two entries: "Mrs._____ says (the) only (children were) EPHRAIM, PETER and POLLY. Another descendant gives these (WARD and DEBORAH) children."

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." page 1100 (typescript)
"Palmer MSS." page 323, vol. 1 (handwritten notes of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y.)
Family Records of Alice PALMER Bumbera of Crosswicks, N.J.

33. FENNER PALMER, JR.[6], (Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 Jan 1769 in Hoosick, Albany County (now Rensselaer Co.), New York, the seventh of ten children born to Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER. He was their first child born after they removed from Dutchess County northward settling in Hoosick. He married (1st) in Schodack, Rensselaer County, N.Y. on 7 July 1791 ELIZABETH HOAG (b 10 Oct 1775 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, d 19 Dec 1813, Nassau). She was the dau of JONATHAN and MARY (DOUGHTY) HOAG of Nassau. He died 5 July, 1828, aged 59 years, at Nassau. He and ELIZABETH were buried in the Nassau-Schodack Cemetery in Rensselaer County; she was but 38 years of age when she died. They had ten children, all born in Nassau.

ELIZABETH HOAG PALMER was descended from a pioneer New England family: JONATHAN, III, JONATHAN, JR., JONATHAN, SR. (b 1671 Newbury,Mass.), JOHN (b 1643) and RICHARD, the emigrant from England.

FENNER married (2nd) PHEBE SHERMAN in 1814 in Nassau (b 4 Jan 1782 in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y., d 30 Aug 1849 Nassau) when she was aged 32 years and he was aged 45 years. She was the dau of ABIEL and MARY (BOUTON) SHERMAN formerly of Salem, then of Nassau ("Sherman Genealogy" volume 10, #3993). She was also buried in the Nassau-Schodack Cemetery.

When FENNER died in 1828, his widow was left with five minor daughters born to them during the brief period (14 years) of their marriage, the youngest being only three years of age. However, she and his young daughters and minor son by his first wife (FENNER, III) were thoughtfully provided for in his Will in which his oldest son, THOMAS, was named co-executor.

FENNER was but six years of age when the Revolutionary War commenced which would involve his father and three oldest brothers in the fighting before it concluded in 1783; all survived those years and the area in which the family lived was in the midst of some of the conflicts. Before he was four years of age twin sons were born to his mother who were named JOSEPH and BENJAMIN, on 21 Nov 1772; then when he was aged eight years a dau named JERUSHA was born, the last child his parents had. Then the tragedy came to the family when one of the twins, BENJAMIN, died in Oct 1777 on the 26th and the baby sister, JERUSHA, died on the 16th of October; and perhaps much worse in the spring of the following year his mother, LYDIA, died on 18 May 1778, aged 42 years. She left surviving her four young sons aged from six years to fifteen years and a dau, ANNA, aged sixteen.

FENNER's father "was one of the witnesses from Hoosick to the appointment of representatives to the Provincial Congress from Albany County 10 May 1775" (Calendar of N.Y.Historical MSS.,Vol.1,p.65). He was one of the early participants in the defense of his area when hostilities commenced and a commission was issued to him 20 Oct 1775 whereupon he was made Captain of the 5th Company of the 14th Regiment of Albany County Militia (Hoosack and Schaghtecoke Districts). The oldest son in this family, JOHN eventually received the title of Ensign (D.A.R. Patriot's Index p.513).

From the age of six years until he was fourteen, FENNER, JR. not only had the personal tragedies at home but the tragic, tumultuous and uncertain war years which he lived through during those sensitive periods when his mother was deceased and his father and older brothers were periodically being continually called out on alarms. From his older brother's (NATHANIEL) Affidavit for a Pension (National Archives File) there is the account of alarms over the eight-year period when the Militia would gather and march from Hoosick to various designated points, including Fort George, Fort Edward, Crown Point, Granville, Ticonderoga and Bennington, the latter one being in Vermont, across the border and south a few miles from Hoosick Falls and Hoosick where the PALMER family resided.

The Battle of Bennington was a turning point in the war and greatly needed by the Americans after they had had to evacuate Fort Ticonderoga straight north of Hoosick, close to the Vermont Border;"the fort was held by a small garrison and Major General JOHN BURGOYNE's campaign opened well for him and ill for the Americans who, under Major General ARTHUR ST. CLAIR marched south to Fort Edward." The militia warfare at Bennington brought the Vermont militia by the hundreds to the headquarters of General GATES and soon his army outnumbered BURGOYNE's almost two to one. (It had taken BURGOYNE's army, encumbered by officers' wives and children and enormous quantities of baggage, nearly a month to reach Fort Edward which had been subsequently abandoned by the Americans.) BURGOYNE's second diversion went into Vermont in search of food, but they did not even reach the Vermont line; for, as BURGOYNE complained, "Wherever the King's forces point, militia to the number of three or four thousand assemble in a few hours. General STARK led a force of Green Mountain Boys out from Bennington to meet the raiding force searching for food and captured or killed the entire group.

"BURGOYNE's situation worsened each day, he could not retreat and his Indian soldiers were slipping away, his foraging parties were being bushwacked by the American militia and his field hospital was crowded with the sick and wounded. One week later, when his force had fallen to less than 6,000, he sent a flag of truce to American headquarters and asked for terms. On 17 October GATES granted BURGOYNE very favorable terms of surrender...." ("Oxford History of American People" by Morison, supra, pp.245-249). Thus did the local militias make their great contribution to help turn the tide against the British.

FENNER's oldest sister, SARAH, being aged 23 when the mother died, doubtless took her mother's place in caring for the younger children; and in 1779 Captain FENNER married (2nd) OLIVE thus providing a step-mother for these children.

FENNER was aged 22 years when he married first and ELIZABETH was not yet sixteen years of age! Her sixteenth birthday was the following October. Following his marriage he removed to Nassau where his wife's family had settled and he and ELIZABETH continued to live there as farmers the rest of their lives. The year they married (1791) two areas of the old Albany County were taken away and two new counties created: one named Rensselaer and the other named Saratoga. This PALMER family lived in both counties at times and also in the adjoining county northward, Washington

which had been created from Albany in 1772. Then it is interesting to picture these sons of Captain FENNER PALMER continuing with their own families after the father's death in 1794, in different villages but yet perhaps not such a great distance which would prevent them from occasionally visiting each other.

The oldest son, Ensign JOHN PALMER and his wife MARY (HILL) remained in Hoosick or Hoosick Falls throughout their lives and along with several of their children are buried in the small cemetery adjoining the rear of the Baptist Church at Hoosick Falls. Another descendant, the Rev. JOHN PALMER, was the minister in a Baptist Church in the small village of Hoosick; he is buried in Hoosick Rural Cemetery "down the road from the Hoosick Baptist Church,"b 4 Jan 1820, d 18 Apr 1857; his wife, ANNA MARIE HAWKS is buried nearby in Bennington, Vermont, with her family, in Old Benning Cemetery.

The son, NATHANIEL, who served most of the time during the war as his father's aide, married at age seventeen one SARAH _____ also age seventeen, and before the end of the war, in 1781, they removed from Hoosick to the new county of Washington where they settled in the village of Granville where their ten children were born.

The village of Nassau is located in the southwesterly corner of Rensselaer County and here FENNER and ELIZABETH lived out their lives. The distance separating these three brothers appears to be about equal distance from Nassau to Hoosick and from Hoosick northward to Granville, the latter however, being on the Vermont border.

At this same period (1792) the brother PETER WARD who had been residing in Saratoga County had removed to another nearby county, Montgomery and was residing there when he had to take over the administration of their father's estate following the death of OLIVE, the step-mother, soon after the death of Captain FENNER in 1794, in Saratoga County.

Therefore, it seems reasonable to assume that many of the grandchildren of Captain FENNER and LYDIA continued keeping in touch with each other throughout their lives. It is also interesting to speculate that perhaps the reason all of FENNER, JR. and ELIZABETH's eight surviving children eventually removed to the northwesterly corner of New York to live where in 1825 their Uncle NATHANIEL PALMER had settled, was due to this older relative having settled in Walworth, Wayne County and the five sons of NATHANIEL earlier having removed from Granville in Washington County to Ontario-Wayne Counties during the years 1806-1810, and following her marriage their sister, LIONA, and her husband ASA MUNYON had also taken up residence in Wayne County. FENNER, JR. having died in 1828, his children may have felt a bond of kinship with this older Uncle NATHANIEL who lived on in Walworth, Wayne County, until his death in 1840.

"The Early History of Nassau Village 1609-1830" (1976, 2nd edition) by Paul R. Huey and Ralph D. Phillips has some references to its early settlers, including FENNER PALMER, JR.:

> The original name of Nassau was Phillipstown, later Union Village and on"6 Apr 1808 the name was changed officially to Nassau Village. ... FENNER PALMER seems to have settled down at first on a farm south of the village. Including the area now known as Orchard Park, FENNER PALMER's farm extended along both sides of the Valatie Kill southward from about present Fairview Ave. in Nassau. His old home is still standing on Chatham Street in Orchard Park and JOHN PHILLIPS apparently occupied this house after about 1815, (page 15).
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> "PORTER and PALMER divided their huge tract situated north of Church Street and east of Elm Street and Lake Avenue on 2 Oct 1815. FENNER received the mills and all the property north of Lake Avenue and Elm Street. He also received a large lot at the corner of Lake Avenue where the old house stood opposite the mill. FENNER PALMER commenced to build several other mills along the Valtie Kill just above the old grist mill, including a new saw mill. Unfortunately, PALMER's new mills seem to have burned about 1817 or 1818 apparently leaving him only the old grist mill (page 16).
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> "FENNER PALMER came to Nassau sometime before 1800 and in in 1801 purchased a farm of 80 acres which had been leased by the VAN RENSSELAERS to THOMAS TOBIAS 'on which THOMAS TOBIAS formerly lived.' FENNER PALMER was a Captain in Col. ELISHA STEWARD's Regiment from 1807 to 1815 at which time he resigned from Army Service...." (page 25).

During the years 1825 and 1826 FENNER PALMER was a Member of the Assembly from Rensselaer County. His military service encompassed the years (1812-1814) of what is known as "the War of 1812", although he was then aged 43 years and his tenth child had been born in November of that year and his wife, ELIZABETH, died in December of 1813.

According to our historian, SAMUEL MORISON, the country was as divisive over that conflict as it has been over similar situations in the last half of the 20th century. President MADISON sent his message to Congress recommending war with Britain on four grounds: "impressment of seamen, repeated violations of American territorial waters by the Royal Navy, declaring an enemy coast blockaded when it was not blockaded in fact, and the orders in council against neutral trade. Yet eight senators, a large majority of the congressmen from the New England states, and a majority in both houses from New York, New Jersey and Maryland voted against the declaration of war; whilst representatives of the inland and Western states from Vermont to Tennessee, and of the states from Virginia south, were almost solid for war.... New England ... wanted no war and agitated against it to the brink of treason; ... The war hawks were disgusted with the wordy diplomacy of MADISON and his Secretary of State MONROE; they felt that national honor demanded a fight.... Everyone knew well before the declaration of 18 June 1812, that this war for 'Free Trade and Sailors' Rights' would be fought largely on land, preferably in Canada. ... The population of British North America was less than a half million; that of the United States, by the census of

1810 was seven and a quarter million," and many Americans felt Canada should be annexed to the United States, and that if war with Great Britain were successful, it would result in the conquering of Canada, end of the Indian menace there and throw open more forest land for settlement by the American pioneers. Invasions into Canada were attempted, the first one unsuccessfully in August 1812. Naval history was being made on the Great Lakes. The governor of the Michigan Territory, WILLIAM HULL, was given a brigadier's commission; eventually, however, he had to surrender at Detroit(pp.384-387).

Captain OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (1785-1819) although only 28 years of age was ordered to build and man a fleet against the British on the Great Lakes in this war; he was a hero of the great Battle of Lake Erie on 10 Sept 1813 in which he captured the British Fleet. "However, the second year of the war closed with Canada cleared of United States troops, and the Canadians in possession of Fort Niagara.... The war was unpopular everywhere, after HULL's surrender had shown that it would be no pushover. ... and the destruction of Washington (D.C.) illustrated the strategic truth that hit-and-run raids accomplish nothing except to amuse the aggressors and infuriate the victims. ... the next British objective was Baltimore. Here the inhabitants were prepared and the Maryland militia showed a very different spirit from that of their Virginia countrymen. Naval bombardment of Fort McHenry accomplished nothing for the British, but gave us a stirring national anthem. FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, a prisoner on board one of the bombarding vessels, gained his inspiration for 'The Star Spangled Banner' from seeing the flag still flying over Fort McHenry 'by the dawn's early light.' ... Secession (by New England) was squarely faced and ruled out as inexpedient and unnecessary..." (p. 393)

Toward the end of 1814 the British public too was sick of war and the ministry was eager to wind it up and conclude peace all around. American peace commissioners met in Ghent, Belgium, with the British representatives and negotiations continued many months, ending with the signing on Christmas Eve of the famous Treaty of Ghent. In the words of historian MORISON, "So ended a futile and unnecessary war which might have been prevented by a little more imagination of the one side, and a broader vision on the other." (page 398)

Thus FENNER PALMER, JR.'s childhood had been marred many years by the Revolutionary War and were followed by his participation in America's armed forces for many years which included the three years of the War 1812-1814.

The ancestors of ELIZABETH (HOAG) PALMER were:
PARENTS: JONATHAN HOAG, III b 24 Apr 1749 Hampton Falls,N.H.
m 17 Nov 1774 MARY DOUGHTY (b 24 Mar 1754, d Jan 1842, Nassau, N.Y.); he died 5 Feb 1812, Nassau.
GRANDPARENTS: JONATHAN HOAG, JR. b 13 Nov 1710 Newberry, Mass., m 15 Mar 1735 ELIZABETH DOW (b 1714 Hampton, N.H.); and
JOSEPH DOUGHTY who m PSYCHE WILBOR (b 23 Mar 1754).
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: JONATHAN HOAG, SR. b 28 Oct 1671 Newbury, Mass., m MARTHA GOODWIN 15 Sep 1703; and
JOSIAH DOW b 12 July 1679, m MARY PURINTON.

The Will of FENNER PALMER, JR. dated 16 June 1828 made loving and ample provision for his second wife, PHEBE (SHERMAN) and their five minor daughters:

"I, FENNER PALMER, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and disposing mind and memory (blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say). FIRST, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, PHEBE, the one-third part of my real estate for and during her natural life. ITEM. I also give and bequeath to my said wife, PHEBE, all my household furniture during her natural life and at her decease I direct that the same be divided between my daughters, MARY, SARAH, LYDIA, JULIA and HARRIET in such manner and proportion to each as my said wife shall deem proper, hereby giving to my said wife full and discreationary power at any time previous to her death to make such distribution of the said household furniture or any part thereof among my said daughters or any one or more of them as to her may seem meet, necessary and proper, which said legacies and bequests so given to my said wife as aforesaid, I hereby declare are intended to be and are so given to her in full satisfaction and recompense of and for her dower and thirds which she may or can in any wise claim or demand out of my estate. ITEM. As to the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, not hereinbefore disposed of, I give, devise and bequeath the same to be divided among my children, their heirs and assigns forever, in such manner and subject to such rule of distribution, and such investment as is hereinafter laid down and prescribed, that is to say, ..." (see Chapter on son, THOMAS PALMER, page 274);
(see Chapter on dau, PHEBE PALMER PAYNE, page 272).

"ITEM. I hereby commit the Guardianship of my son, FENNER until he shall attain the age of twenty-one years unto my trusty friend, ENOCH SHERMAN of the Town of Nassau. ITEM. I hereby commit the Guardianship of my daughters, MARY, SARAH, LYDIA, JULIA and HARRIET until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty-one years unto my said wife, PHEBE, during her life if she shall so long continue my widow, and from and after her decease or second marriage unto my trusty and much esteemed friends, ENOCH SHERMAN and THOMAS SHERMAN above mentioned, their Executors and assigns, hereby directing that each of my said infant daughters receive a good common school education and that all expenses incident to their maintenance, support and education be paid out of the share or portion of each. ITEM. I hereby constitute and appoint my friends, THOMAS SHERMAN and ENOCH SHERMAN above named, and my son, THOMAS PALMER, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

"And I hereby (direct) my said Executors to sell and dispose of all or any part of the real estate of which I shall die siezed and not hereinbefore devised to my said wife as shall in their judgment best comport with the interests of my said heirs. And in case my said wife shall consent thereto and join in the conveyance then and in that case I authorize and empower them to sell and

convey the whole or any part of the said real estate of which I shall so die siezed, as well that part or portion thereof devised to my said wife as and for her dower, as the rest, residue and remainder thereof, and the monies from all such sales in which my said wife shall join shall the one-third thereof be put out and safely invested by my said Executors in such manner as to secure the income thereof annually to be paid to my said wife during her life, and at her death to be distributed as above mentioned. And all other monies arising from any sale or sales whatsoever of my estate I order to be so disposed of and invested by my said Executors as to comply with the bequests and devises hereinbefore made to my heirs.

Item. As to the dwelling house and lot with its appurtenances on which I now reside and as to my saw mill and grist mill, and all the privileges, easements and appurtenances thereunto in any wise belonging or appurtaining, I will, order and direct that so long as the same shall remain unsold by my said Executors, pursuant to the powers to them hereinbefore given, during the minority of any of my infant children, my said Executors shall use and in all things conduct the same as they now are used and conducted, and appropriate the tolls, income and avails thereof to the use of my infant children and such of my heirs as shall be entitled to a distributive share thereof under and by virtue of this my last Will and Testament. And it is my express will and direction that there be no partition of the real estate lastly above mentioned among my heirs before all my children then living shall have arrived to the age of twenty-one years unless my Executors shall sell the same during that period, then the avail of the same shall be distributed by my said Executors as they are above directed.

Item. I hereby direct my Executors as soon after my decease as practicable to collect all my outstanding debts and demands due unto me of every name and nature, but in so doing I enjoin them not to disrup from and destitute families by forced sales of their property but to resort to such measures for the collection thereof from the above mentioned class of debtors as shall best comport with the principles of humanity and be subservient to the ends of Justice. And lastly I hereby revoke all former wills by me made. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.
Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by FENNER PALMER, __ __
the above named FENNER PALMER, to be his Last
Will and Testament in the presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the
presence of the Testator and of each other.

SAM'L. McCLALLEN MON. BECKWITH A.KOON

(Compiler's Note: this very lengthy Will was handwritten without one single paragraph but for the sake of easier reading appropriate paragraphs have been set out herein.)

The estate of FENNER PALMER, JR. could not be finally settled until at least May 1846 when his youngest child would attain the age of twenty-one years. However, it was not actually settled and distributed until August 1850 according to the records of the Surrogate Court for the County of Rensselaer, City of Troy, New York. An Order made on the 5th day of that month permitted the distribution of the funds remaining in his estate. By that date his second wife, PHEBE, had also died (in August of 1849) and one of the three Executors (ENOCH SHERMAN) had also died. All of his children were married by then, including HARRIET, the youngest who had married 31 Jan 1843 before her 18th birthday.

The final order alleges that the Executors have made proof of the due service of a Citation on the following:

SIMION P. OSTRANDER and JULIA H. OSTRANDER;
HENRY POTTER and LYDIA POTTER;
CHAUNCEY D. PACKARD and HARRIET E. PACKARD;

"and of the publication of the same in each week successively in the state paper for three months previous to the return day thereof...." and further

"And whereas ENOCH SHERMAN, one of the Executors of the said FENNER PALMER, deceased, has recently died leaving an unsettled account with the estate of the said FENNER PALMER, deceased, & WHEREAS THOMAS SHERMAN, Executor, has consented & agreed to assume the said account & settle & account for the same,

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED & DECREED that the said THOMAS SHERMAN be charged in his account with said estate (including the sum of $139.72 being the amount of the assets received as Executor by the said ENOCH SHERMAN, deceased) with the sum of ..... $27,580.38 and that he be credited in said account for his disbursements, commissions, expenses (including the sum of $210.71 being the amount of the disbursements including commissions as Executor by the said ENOCH SHERMAN, deceased) with the sum of ..... $22,758.15, leaving a balance of $4,822.23 which being added to the aforesaid balance of $114.56 ordered to be paid him by the said THOMAS PALMER, Executor, as aforesaid, will make the sum of ..... $ 4,936.79 in the hands of the said Executor, THOMAS SHERMAN, out of which said sums IT IS ORDERED that he pay to said Surrogate for Surrogate's fees in this matter of accounting the sum of $13.97, leaving a balance of ..... $ 4,922.82 in the hands of said Executor, THOMAS SHERMAN, belonging to said estate.

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED & DIRECTED that the said THOMAS SHERMAN, Executor as aforesaid, pay out of the aforesaid sum of $4,922.82 to the legal representative of PHEBE PALMER, deceased (widow of the said FENNER PALMER, deceased) the sum of $128.61 which will leave in the hands of said Executor the sum of ..... $ 4,794.21 for distribution according to the will of said deceased, as follows, viz, that he distribute and pay to PHEBE, the wife of JOSEPH PAYNE, GEORGE PALMER, JONATHAN PALMER, FENNER PALMER, MARY wife of SILAS COOK, LYDIA wife of HENRY POTTER, SARAH wife of JOSEPH WATERBURY, JULIA wife of SIMION P. OSTRANDER, HARRIET wife of CHAUNCEY D.PACKARD, ANNA VALENTINE

& BETSY HARDER each the sum of $428.68 & to CORNELIUS PALMER the sum of $78.68 on demand, that being the distributive share of the said PHEBE, GEORGE, JONATHAN, FENNER, MARY, LYDIA, SARAH, JULIA, HARRIET, ANNA, BETSY & CORNELIUS in the estate of said deceased.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME & AFFIXED MY OFFICIAL SEAL THE DAY & YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

G. L. BLAIN
SURROGATE"

FENNER PALMER, JR. had 10 children by his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG PALMER, all born in Nassau:

45. (1) PHEBE PALMER b 10 Mar 1792, m JOSEPH PAYNE; d 26 Nov 1860 Barre, Orleans Co., N.Y. They had 8 children, b Barre,N.Y.
(2) SARAH PALMER b 4 Apr 1795, d.y.
46. (3) THOMAS PALMER b 10 Mar 1797, m 17 Jan 1814 Kinderhook, N.Y., CHRISTIANA SMITH (b 17 Jan 1814); they had 5 children.
(4) JOHN PALMER b 3 Apr 1799, d.y.
47. (5) CORNELIUS PALMER b 7 May 1801, m 21 Nov 1818 Nassau, N.Y., CATHERINE SMITH (b 3 June 1802, d 6 May 1872, Lyons, N.Y.); he died 6 Oct 1851, Ontario Co.,N.Y. They had 4 children.
48. (6) ANNA PALMER b 7 Dec 1804, m 1 Jan 1820 JOHN VALENTINE, d 6 Jan 1895 Rochester, N.Y., buried Newark, N.Y. JOHN was b 9 Dec 1795, d 30 Mar 1847. They had 2 children.
49. (7) ELIZABETH PALMER b 4 Feb 1806, m 16 May 1822 JOHN M. HARDER (b 1801 Columbia Co., N.Y., d 1891 Rochester) d 13 Apr 1897. They had 3 children.
50. (8) GEORGE FENNER PALMER b 27 Feb 1808, m (1st) GERTRUDE ELIZABETH BECKER (b 12 Mar 1805 Kinderhook, N.Y., d 1 Apr 1862, Barre, N.Y.); they had 2 children; he m (2nd) ELIZABETH SMITH (b 10 Aug 1814, d 3 Sept 1867, Barre,N.Y.); he m (3rd) JANE H. KIRBY; he d 29 June 1871, Barre, N.Y.
51. (9) JONATHAN PALMER b 3 June 1810, m 7 May 1829 Nassau, BETSEY HERRICK (b 26 Mar 1808, Nassau, d 3 May 1886 Clyde, N.Y.); he d 1869 Arcadia, Wayne Co., N.Y. They had 5 children.
52. (10) FENNER PALMER, III, b 27 Nov 1812, m GERTRUDE OSTRANDER (b 13 Apr 1818 Greenbush, Rens. Co., N.Y., d 1867 Arcadia, N.Y.) One son, EDWIN, who died at age 21 yrs, 2 months.

FENNER had 5 daughters by his second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN, all born in Nassau, N.Y.:

53. (11) MARY PALMER b 3 July 1816, m 11 Oct 1831 at Nassau, SILAS COOK (b 7 July 1810,Lisle Twp., Broome Co., N.Y., d 5 July 1877 Saybrook Twp, Ashtabula Co., Ohio); d 14 Jan 1892. They had 16 children.
54. (12) SARAH PALMER b 28 June 1818, m 2 Feb 1836 JOSEPH WATERBURY (b 19 July 1814, d 20 June 1894, Winfield, Cowley Co., Kansas); they had 5 children.
55. (13) LYDIA PALMER b 13 Feb 1820, m 11 Oct 1836 HENRY POTTER (b 10 Sept 1813, d 1888 Troy, N.Y.); d 1886 Troy. They had 6 children.

56. (14) JULIA HALL PALMER b 16 Mar 1822, m 8 Nov 1837 SIMION P. OSTRANDER (b 18 Oct 1812, d 20 Mar 1886 Castleton, N.Y.); died 17 Nov 1899, Troy, N.Y. Both bur Schodack Landing Cemetery; they had 5 children.

57. (15) HARRIET E. PALMER b 25 May 1825, m 31 Jan 1843 in Nassau, CHAUNCEY D. PACKARD (b 4 Jan 1822, Troy; d 21 Dec 1896; d 22 Sept 1879 also in Troy; they had 3 children.

Sources: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1121-1125, 1132, 1135, 1139, 1142.
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Early History of Nassau Village 1609-1830, supra.

CHAPTER SEVEN

SEVENTH GENERATION

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SOME OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF CAPTAIN FENNER and LYDIA PALMER

CHILDREN OF THEIR SON, Ensign JOHN PALMER (11) and wife, MARY HILL:

LYDIA b 1777, d 1778
OLIVE b 1778
LYDIA b 1780
ANNE b 1782
34. ≠ JOHN b 1785
FENNER b 1787, d 1810
MARY b 1789, d 1790
IRA (BENJAMIN) b 1791,d 1810
BUELL b 1793, d 1810
35. ≠ WILLIAM b 1795
MARY ("POLLY") b 1797,d 1823
HIRAM b 1799, d 1811
ANN JANE b 1803

CHILDREN OF THEIR SON, NATHANIEL PALMER and first wife, SARAH:

36. ≠ NATHAN b 1782
37. ≠ ENOS b 1785
SARAH PALMER SCOTT b 1787
38. ≠ JOHN C. b 1789
39. ≠ BENJAMIN b 1792
ANNA b 1795
BETSEY PALMER KINGSLEY b 1797
40. ≠ FENNER PALMER (11) b 1799
41. ≠ LIONA PALMER MUNYON b 1802
OLIVER b 1804, d 1808

One son by 2nd wife,ANNA LEAVITT:

42. ≠ NATHANIEL L. b 1828

CHILDREN OF THEIR SON, PETER WARD PALMER and wife, MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN:

43. ≠ EPHRAIM b 1788
44. ≠ PETER b ca 1796/97
MARY ("POLLY") b_____

CHILDREN OF THEIR SON, FENNER PALMER, JR. and first wife,ELIZABETH HOAG:

45. ≠ PHEBE b 1792
SARAH b 1795, d.y.
46. ≠ THOMAS b 1797
JOHN b 1799, d.y.
47. ≠ CORNELIUS b 1801
48. ≠ ANNA born 1803
49. ≠ ELIZABETH b 1806
50. ≠ GEORGE FENNER b 1808
51. ≠ JONATHAN b 1810
52. ≠ FENNER PALMER (111) b 1812

Children by 2nd wife, PHEBE SHERMAN:

53. ≠ MARY b 1816
54. ≠ SARAH b 1818
55. ≠ LYDIA b 1820
56. ≠ JULIA HALL b 1822
57. ≠ HARRIET b 1825

≠ Indicates a history of that individual follows in this Chapter.

34. JOHN PALMER[7] (Ensign John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Jan 1785, the fifth child and oldest son of Ensign JOHN and MARY (HILL) PALMER, in Hoosick District, Rensselaer County, New York. He married 7 Mar 1812 CHARLOTTE THERESA SAILLY, dau of the Hon. PETER SAILLY of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, N.Y. (born 1793, died 1871 at Plattsburgh). JOHN was the son and the grandson of Revolutionary War soldiers; he had twelve siblings of whom seven died young. Even he was not blessed with great longevity as he died at age fifty-five while on a trip to the West Indies at St. Bartholomew on 8 Dec 1840.

JOHN graduated from Williams College with the degree of A.B. in 1807 following which he settled in Troy where he studied law with SAMUEL FOOT of that city and immediately after his admission to the courts of that state in 1810 he removed to Plattsburgh where he formed a copartnership with REUBEN H. WALWORTH which continued until 1820.

From "History of Clinton County, N.Y." (pp. 124-125) we learn more about these two young men, born about the same time, who formed a law partnership, and eventually both were active in numerous civic and judicial affairs:

> "REUBEN H. WALWORTH, LL.D., was born Bozrah, Conn., 26 Oct 1789. He studied law in Troy, was admitted to the bar in 1809 and settled in Plattsburgh. He very soon took a high position at the bar and subsequently removed to Saratoga Springs. He was a member of Congress in 1821-1823; was circuit judge in 1823-1828; and was Chancellor of New York from 1828 to 1848. He was an officer of volunteers in 1812 and acted as adjutant-general of New York during the British campaign against Plattsburgh in 1814. He was the author of several works, prominent among which were: 'Rules and Orders of the Court of Chancery of the State of New York,' and the 'Hyde Genealogy' or 'Descendants in the Female As Well As In the Male Line from WILLIAM HYDE of Norwich.' He died at Saratoga 21 Nov 1867.
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> "JOHN PALMER was a Jeffersonian Republican and came to Plattsburgh warmly recommended by General THOMAS and other leading men of the State. He married 1811 CHARLOTTE, the youngest daughter of the Hon. PETER SAILLY. JOHN was elected a Representative in Congress in 1817 and again in 1837; he was District Attorney of Clinton County from June 1818 to Jan 1832 when he was appointed first judge of the county, holding the office until his resignation in April 1837.
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> "From 1812 to 1832 JOHN PALMER was one of the New Loan Commissioners of the county and during those years he held several town offices. In 1832 he was elected to the Assembly to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of JOHN WALKER. JOHN PALMER was in active practice at the bar of Clinton County and was one of its leading members from the time of his arrival in this county until 1832 when he abandoned the practice of the law. He was unostentatious, simple in his manners and habits, highly intelligent, possessing a cultivated taste and no incon-

siderable claims to literary merit. In all the responsible positions he held during his life, he discharged his duties with ability and fidelity, and uniformly enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens."

The Will of JOHN PALMER was dated 14 Nov 1835 and probated 21 May 1841 in which he mentioned his various children and appointed his wife and his son, PETER SAILLY PALMER as Executors, (Vol. B, p. 187, Clinton Co. Records). The son at that time was aged 26 years but he had five siblings who were minors at the time his father died in 1840, and the grandfather, Ensign JOHN PALMER, was appointed Guardian of the minor children (Vol. B, p. 146, Clinton Co. Records).

The "Palmer MSS." (pp. 1011-1012) conclude with a listing of the children of Judge JOHN PALMER and his wife, CHARLOTTE (SAILLY) PALMER as furnished from family records by Mrs. ISABELLA P. BARTHOLF; the eleven children were all born in Plattsburgh:

(1) MARIAN PALMER b 23 Dec 1812, died young.

58. (2) PETER SAILLY PALMER b 20 Sept 1814.

(3) ELEANOR BOYNTON PALMER b 21 Apr 1817, m JAMES A. HICKS of Detroit; they resided Plattsburgh and had one dau named CHARLOTTE HICKS; ELEANOR was named ELLEN in her father's Will; she died Apr 1851.

(4) WILLIAM FREDERICK PALMER b 27 Aug 1820, died 1827, age 7 yrs.

(5) CHARLES LEWIS PALMER b 20 Apr 1822, m EMMA C. RUSSELL.

(6) MARY ELIZABETH PALMER b 22 Dec 1823, m WILLIAM HENRY BUCK. They resided on Cumberland Ave., Plattsburgh; one dau:

i HENRIETTA BUCK who m EDWARD B. GLEASON of Elmira, N.Y. 23 May 1876 and had two daus:

(a) EDITH GLEASON b 28 May 1877, d 14 July 1888.

(b) ADA GLEASON b May 1880 ("Buck Genealogy" page 83, 1917).

59. (7) JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 13 Oct 1826, m 12 Oct 1852 FRANCES MARVIN KIRBY; died 10 Dec 1893 in Florida.

(8) CHARLOTTE ADELAIDE PALMER b 2 Nov 1828, m WILLIAM WALLACE WICKER 7 June 1857; resided Green Bay, Brown Co., Wisconsin and had three children:

i ANN ELIZA WICKER b 2 Aug 1858, m THEODORE BISSELL; one child, HARRY BISSELL.

ii WILLIAM WALLACE WICKER, JR. b 17 Nov 1861.

iii JOHN PALMER WICKER b 23 Feb 1863.

(9) JULIA ANN PALMER b 14 May 1831, m Oct 1853 EDWARD KING in Ypsilanti, Michigan; three children:

i GEORGE RICHARD KING b 1855, m 23 June 1882 EFFIE GILLESPIE;

ii EDWARD CHARLES KING b 17 Aug 1856.

iii JOHN PALMER KING b Aug 1866.

(10) FREDERICK SAILLY PALMER b 6 Jan 1834; Col. in Civil War; died 1 Feb 1890 unmarried.

(11) ANN ELIZA PALMER b 24 Mar 1836; died young.

35. WILLIAM PALMER[7] (Ens.John[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 June 1795 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, the tenth child of Ensign JOHN PALMER and his wife, MARY HILL. He married 3 March 1816 in Hoosick RUTH HAYNES, the daughter of JOHN and PHEBE (PECK) HAYNES of that village. He died 30 Aug 1865 in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York and his widow died there in 1873. They resided in Hoosick until 1832 where the first seven of their nine children were born.

WILLIAM served in the War of 1812 on the Niagara border under General BROWN. Following the end of that conflict he became inspector of militia for the county of Rensselaer with the rank of Major. In 1832 he removed to Plattsburgh, Clinton County, where his older brother, JOHN, had been admitted to practice as an attorney in 1810 and thereafter JOHN had been the county's District Attorney; a Congressman and also a County Judge. In Plattsburgh WILLIAM owned and operated flouring and cotton mills and accumulated large holdings of property in the vicinity of Plattsburgh and also in Franklin County. He continued to reside in Plattsburgh the remainder of his life.

The Will of WILLIAM PALMER was dated 6 July 1865, probated 25 Sept that year in which he mentioned his wife, RUTH, and the following children:

GEORGE W. - BUELL - CHARLES E. - FRANK - JULIA and
Granddaughter ANNA PALMER, daughter of his deceased son, JAMES H.
Grandsons WILLIAM H. and IRVING PALMER, sons of his deceased son,
JOHN H. (Vol. F, page 267 Clinton County Records).

The Will of his widow, RUTH PALMER, is dated 24 June 1872, probated 17 Nov 1873 in which she states that she was of Plattsburgh, "late of Chazy," and mentioned her children and descendants as follows:

To her son, BUELL, property in trust;
To her son, CHARLES and his daughter RUTH;
To her son, GEORGE W. and his wife, FANNY, and their daughter, HELEN;
To her daughter-in-law, CARRIE PALMER, widow of her deceased son,
JAMES, and their daughter, ANNA;
To her daughter, JULIA, wife of VICTOR A. WOOD;
To her grandson, IRVING PALMER, and great-granddaughter, GERTRUDE
PALMER, daughter of her deceased grandson, WILLIAM PALMER;

and she appointed her sons, CHARLES and FRANKLIN, the Executors of her Will (Vol. I, page 150, Clinton County Records).

The record of the children with their dates of birth and other data was furnished to the compiler of the "Palmer Manuscripts" from family records by Mrs. Isabella Palmer Bartholf:

Children born in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York:

(1) daughter born 17 Nov 1816, died 1816.
60. (2) GEORGE WILLIAM PALMER b 12 Jan 1818, m FRANCES ELLEN LYNDE 15 June 1843 in St. Albans, Vermont; d 2 March 1916 in Plattsburgh, age 98 years.

61. (3) JOHN HAYNES PALMER b 12 Aug 1819/1820, m ANNA MARIA HAWKS 28 Dec 1847 in Bennington, Vermont; d 16 April 1857 in Hoosick where he was a Baptist Minister; two sons.

62. (4) BUELL PALMER b 1822, m JULIA BAILEY; died 1894 in Plattsburgh; four children.

(5) CLINTON PALMER b 1825, died 10 July 1848 unmarried in Mozambique; he was a sailor in the United States Navy.

63. (6) CHARLES EDWARD PALMER b 21 Dec 1827, m ISABELLA CHEESEWRIGHT McDERMOTT 17 Sept 1863; d 18 Feb 1908 in Plattsburgh; two daughters survived to adulthood out of eight children.

(7) JAMES HENRY PALMER b 1831, m CARRIE PLATT, dau of ZEPHANIAH PLATT of Plattsburgh; 1 dau,ANNA PALMER who m ROBERT DAVIES of that city; he died 1 Nov 1855 on a western trip.

64. (8) FRANKLIN PALMER b 15 Feb 1834 in Plattsburgh, New York, m (1st) MARION ELIZABETH STETSON 18 Oct 1865; no children; she died 30 Oct 1885; he m (2nd) THEODORA H. MORGAN 12 Jan 1887; two sons; died after 1909; used name "FRANK".

(9) JULIA MARIA PALMER b 1837, m VICTOR A. WOOD 17 Sept 1862 (b 9 Jan 1820 in West Chazy, New York; d 1891); resided W. Chazy; no children; JULIA died 1909 ("Howard Genealogy" (1884) page 55).

Additional Sources Listed on pages 1018-1019 of the "PALMER MANUSCRIPTS" (from which all of the foregoing was copied) included:

History of Clinton and Franklin Counties, New York (1880), pp.75,126.
Genealogical and Family History of Northern New York (1910),Vol.3, p.1034.
Biographical Sketches of Essex and Clinton Counties (1896) pp.150,285.

The original research done by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER prior to 1927 for this subject is found on page 531, volume 2 of his earliest records now in the possession of the compiler. Subsequent to his death that year, typescript volumes were prepared by his surviving Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER. The "Palmer MSS." prepared by HORACE PALMER are numbered as follows:

WILLIAM PALMER b 1795 - Pages 1018-1019.
GEORGE WILLIAM PALMER b 1818 - Page.
JOHN HAYNES PALMER b 1819/1820 - Page 1024.
BUELL PALMER b 1822 - Page 1025
CHARLES EDWARD PALMER b 1827 - Page 1026
FRANKLIN (FRANK) PALMER b 1834 - Page 1027.

The following is quoted from "History of Clinton and Franklin Counties" (above) in a lengthy article paying tribute to "prominent men and pioneers" of that area, including Colonial FRANK PALMER and his father, WILLIAM:

"WILLIAM PALMER combined the occupations of farmer, merchant and manufacturer. ... he engaged in the milling business, building the first mills on the sites now (1880) occupied by the Hartwell Mills. He was also previously engaged in the manufacture of woolen and cotton cloths, and built the mills devoted to that business formerly on Bridge Street. While conducting the milling business

he carried on, in conjunction therewith, a general store. He was one of the organizers of the project of a railroad from Plattsburgh to Montreal, also of the plank-road from Plattsburgh to Redford. In the war of 1812 he served on the frontier and at Lake Ontario.

"His oldest son, the Hon. GEORGE WILLIAM PALMER, was one of three international judges for adjusting difficulties growing out of the slave-trade, was consul to Candia, in the island of Crete; he was a member of Congress in 1857 and 1859 for Clinton, the 35th and 36th."

The other sons of the pioneer WILLIAM PALMER, according to the "History of Clinton County," made notable contributions also:

The second son, JOHN HAYNES PALMER, was a Baptist Minister;
The third son, BUELL PALMER was a Major in the 16th Regiment, New York Volunteers;
The fourth son, CLINTON PALMER was a sailor in the U. S. Navy although he died unmarried at a young age while in Mozambique.
The fifth son, CHARLES EDWARD PALMER was a prominent merchant in Plattsburgh.
The sixth son, JAMES HENRY PALMER, was deceased by 1880; (he died in 1855, aged 24 years).
The seventh son, FRANKLIN (FRANK) PALMER became a Colonial in Company "C" of the 16th N. Y. Volunteers Regiment during the Civil War.

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ASSOCIATION TEST ACT - APRIL 12, 1776

On the above date the Congress passed the Association Test Act and presented it to every town for the citizens to sign:

"WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE AND PROMISE THAT WE WILL, TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISK OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEET AND ARMIES AGAINST THE UNITED COLONIES."

36. NATHAN PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born the final year of the War for Independence 22 Aug 1782 in which his father, grandfather and uncle all served as soldiers. He was the first child of NATHANIEL and SARAH (_____) PALMER who settled in Granville, Washington County, New York when they married in 1781. When that county was formed from Albany County in 1772 it was given the name "Charlotte," in honor of Queen Charlotte, the wife of George III of England. The Revolution, with its long struggles of invasion, house burning, and Indian outrages, developed bitter feelings among the local people against everything of English name or origin. By the end of that war, the name Queen Charlotte was not agreeable to the inhabitants of that county and in April, 1784, the Legislature passed an act that the county "shall henceforth be known as WASHINGTON."

Some time in early 1803 NATHAN married DOLLY LAMB in Granville, the daughter of PHINEAS and ANNA+(GARFIELD)+LAMB of Wells, Vermont. PHINEAS also was a soldier in the Revolutionary War (see page 398 D.A.R. Patriot Index). The villages of Granville (in New York) and Wells (in Vermont) adjoin each other on the border line separating the two states. DOLLY was born 1 Dec 1781 Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts. By the time of the second census (1800) her parents had removed to Newfane in Windham County, Vermont and then to Wells in Rutland County in that state. She was the oldest of ten or twelve children born to her parents. (See page 767 herein.)

NATHAN and DOLLY resided in Granville as farmers where their first child was born 15 Dec 1803. He was named Van RENSSELAER PALMER, probably for the officer under whom his grandfather NATHANIEL, had served during the Revolution, Lieutenant Colonel JOHN VAN RENSSELAER.

In 1806 NATHAN traveled on horseback to Wayne County, New York where he purchased six hundred acres of forest land which he cleared. He thereafter moved with his wife and the son,settling in the village of Walworth where they remained the rest of their lives. However at the time they settled in Walworth it was in Ontario County and in the year 1823 the county of Wayne was created by taking some territory from Ontario and some from Seneca County.

These changes in county boundaries has made the genealogists' research more difficult and the close proximity of two villages which adjoin each other and yet are in two different states also causes discrepancies. One researcher has found a census record of Van RENSSELAER PALMER which indicates he was born in Vermont while other records show Washington County, New York. The fact that his mother's parents resided a short distance away from Granville, yet in another state, might suggest that DOLLY PALMER was in her parents' home when her first child was born and thus his birthplace thereafter could be shown to be Vermont rather than New York.

During the next few years, NATHAN's brothers (ENOS, JOHN C., BENJAMIN and FENNER) all removed from Granville to Walworth as more fully explained in the individual chapters on each of them. However, only NATHAN and ENOS remained permanently in Walworth. The youngest sister of these brothers, LIONA, following her marriage in Granville to ASA MUNYON eventually resided in Ontario in Wayne County according to the 1830 New York Census. However, like JOHN C. and FENNER, she eventually migrated to the Michigan Territory.

NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER were organizers of the first Baptist Church in Walworth in 1815, and the Rev. DANIEL PALMER was the first pastor serving until 1833. NATHAN died at Walworth 13 March 1845 and DOLLY died 20 Nov 1860 in Ontario Center, both in Wayne County. They are buried side by side in the West Walworth Cemetery located across the street from the Baptist Church and not too far from the grave of his father, NATHANIEL, who died only five years previously, and his younger brother, ENOS, who died in 1868.

The Will of NATHAN PALMER was dated 7 March 1845 and probated 21 April 1845 in which he mentioned his wife, DOLLY, and the following children:

"RENSSELAER, OLIVER H., NATHAN, CAROLYN WHITNEY, MARY ANNA PALMER, MARTHA WILBUR and the heirs of his deceased daughter, ADALINE MILLER, to wit: AMELIA and JENETT, both minors."

Children of NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER born Walworth except the first one who was born in Granville, N.Y.:

65. (1) VAN RENSSELAER PALMER b 15 Dec 1803, m 3 Dec 1829 MARY +MILLER, d 15 Dec 1881; 9 children.
66. (2) ADALINE PALMER b 19 Aug 1809, m HARVEY MILLER, son of JONATHAN and PAMELIA+(LEE)+MILLER, whose sister, MARY had married her older brother, VAN RENSSELAER. They had children:
    i AMELIA MILLER
    ii JEANNETTE MILLER
    and ADELINE died before her father's death in 1845.
67. (3) CAROLINE PALMER b 6 May 1811, m 25 Dec 1827 SIDNEY WHITNEY, d 20 July 1874 in Ontario,N.Y. They had three children.
68. (4) OLIVER HAZARD PALMER b 5 Oct 1812, m 2 Nov 1843 SUSAN HART, d 2 Feb 1884; 5 children.

(5) MARY PALMER b 15 July 1814, d 4 Oct 1820.

69. (6) MARTHA PALMER b 6 July 1816, m 29 Dec 1807 THOMAS F. WILBUR, d 18 Jan 1900; 4 children.
70. (7) NATHAN PALMER, JR. b 27 Jan 1819, m 1847 EMILY MASON, d 25 Oct 1902; 2 children.
71. (8) MARY ANNA PALMER b 19 Aug 1824, m 2 Apr 1845 Rev. ERASTUS F.+MAIN; 2 children.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp.1030-1031 which lists sources as:
"Family Records; History of Wayne County, N.Y.
by McIntosh (1877) page 185; and FRANK E. MAIN,"
(son of No. 8 above.)
"Babcock and Main Genealogies" (1909), page 55.
Carolyn PALMER Beha, Clifton Springs, N.Y.
John Boynton PALMER, Webster, New York

37. ENOS PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 March 1785 in Granville, Washington County, New York, the second of ten children born to NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER. About 1811 he married ELIZABETH GROVER (born 8 May 1793, died 14 Oct 1866). In 1806 he had accompanied his older brother, NATHAN, westward to then Ontario County (now Wayne County) where he purchased land in the village of Walworth, cleared it and continued to reside there the rest of his life as a farmer. Here also their eleven children were born and his wife died 14 Oct 1866 and he died 16 Jan 1868. ENOS and ELIZABETH are buried near other members of their family in the West Walworth Cemetery across the street from the Baptist Church.

The National Archives has a military file and bounty land file (Nos. 25373 and 43684) for ENOS PALMER for service during the War of 1812; there was no pension file for him although he died at the age of 83; his wife predeceased him; apparently he was able to maintain a standard of life as a farmer so that he had no need to apply for the veteran's pension.

ENOS participated in the War of 1812"as a Lieutenant of a Company in the Regiment of Infantry in the County of Ontario whereof GILBERT HOWELL, Esquire is Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant" according to his Commission dated 12 March 1812 signed by "DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia."

On 25 November 1850 in the County of Monroe, New York, ENOS gave his Affidavit for the purpose of obtaining bounty land in which Affidavit he listed the dates of his service as follows:

> He was a sergeant in a Company of Volunteer Militia commanded by Capt. SAMUEL JENNINGS in a Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel PHIL SWIFT; that he volunteered in the town of Ontario, County of Ontario, State of New York on or about the 10th or 12th of April 1812; he was sworn in under said Commission on the 14th of May 1812; and was discharged from the Company of Captain JENNINGS at the Mouth of the Genesee River on or about the 25th of May 1812 for the reason that he could not have his work as a lieutenant in said Company; and went home from Genessee River and was called out with the Company which was commanded by Captain GILBERT HINCKLEY in the 39th Regiment of Infantry commanded by Lieut. Colonel GILBERT HOWELL as aforesaid on or about the 6th day of June 1813 and marched to Sodus, New York to oppose the landing of the British forces at that place ... and he was a lieutenant in said Company at that time; and continued in actual service in said war at that time for the term of two days and was discharged from such actual service on or about the 17th day of June 1813 for the reason that the services of the Company were not longer required at that time. ...
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> He served as a lieutenant in the Company and Regiment last aforesaid from on or about the middle of November 1813 at Ontario and marched to Cambria or Cambray near Fort Niagara and that he was drafted again on or about the first week in March 1814 as a

lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain MICHAEL MUSSELMAN in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel AVERY SMITH and marched to Eleven Mile Creek on the route to Buffalo and continued in actual service in said war at that time for a time of over one month and was discharged on or about the 18th of April 1814 at Eleven Mile Creek for the reason that Gen. BROWN's forces and the forces under Col. (now Gen.) WINFIELD SCOTT came on and the services of deponent's company were not required.

And he also recalls that in November 1812 he volunteered with his Company (under Gen. SMYTHE's proclamation calling for troops to defend the frontier) which company was commanded by this deponent as lieutenant and by Colonel GILBERT HOWELL (then as a captain) and continued in such services for about the period of six weeks and marched to Buffalo and thence to Black Rock where they were discharged on the failure of the expedition at Black Rock in December 1812; and he says that he has no written discharge in any of these cases and does not now recollect whether he ever received any; and that if he did they are lost or destroyed.

The NA file contains copy of letter handwritten on the stationery of the PALMYRA BANK, Lyons, N. Y. April 2, 1855, signed by D.W.PARSHALL, President forwarding to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D.C." "ten applications for Bounty Land - I believe all in order. An early reply will much oblige;" Followed with the list of names, headed by that of ENOS PALMER.

The file indicates ENOS received forty acres at first and subsequently he applied for an additional 120 acres; he gave another Affidavit on 10th of March 1855 at Wayne County in which he "appointed D. W. PARSHALL of Lyons, N. Y. his Attorney therefor and revokes all former powers of Attorney for this purpose made." This Affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before HARVEY MILLER, Justice of the Peace for Wayne County.

During the difficult and unsettled years involved in the War of 1812 ENOS and ELIZABETH had two sons born to them but both died before they attained the age of one year.

Children of ENOS and ELIZABETH, all born in West Walworth:

(1) NATHANIEL H. PALMER b 25 April 1812, d 23 Feb 1813.
(2) PETER B. PALMER born 8 Oct 1814, died 15 Jan 1815.
(3) PORTIA PALMER b 10 Sept 1819, m BENJAMIN F. RAND; died 6 Aug 1868, age 49.
(4) EMELINE PALMER b 22 Apr 1822, m JAMES W. MOORE as his second wife; resided Orleans, Ontario Co., N.Y. no children; he was her sister, ELVIRA's, widower.
(5) CHARLES L. PALMER b 22 Feb 1824, m (1st) _____ TABER and had two sons:
    i JOHN PALMER born and died in West Walworth; drowned 4 July when age about 14 years;
    ii DAVID E. PALMER resided Hudson, Michigan.
    CHARLES m (2nd) FRANCES MALLORY of Canandaigua, New York (b 1821, d 5 Mar 1881); they had 1 son:

iii SIDNEY T. PALMER born 18 July 1852, died after 1917, m EMMA BENNETT of Lima, N.Y. (b 15 Oct 1852, Lima); he was a salesman for 17 years, residing in Tacoma, Washington from 1900 to 1917; they had three children: E. MAUD b 7 Jan 1877; GEORGE B. PALMER born 2 Mar 1882, d 4 Oct 1903; and IRMA b 13 Dec 1891.

(6) PERMELIA PALMER b 9 July 1826, m FRANCIS HEATH; d 5 Dec 1861 in Milford, Oakland County, Michigan; they had four children:

i DANIEL HEATH
ii FRANCIS HEATH, JR.
iii ASEL HEATH
iv CORA HEATH

(7) ELVIRA PALMER b 20 Oct 1828, m JAMES W. MOORE as his first wife; they had one child, PALMER MOORE; she died 17 Oct 1854, age 26 yrs. and her husband married (second)her older sister, EMELINE; resided Orleans,NY.

(8) MARY JANE PALMER b 12 June 1831, d 11 Nov 1838.

(9) ANGELINE PALMER b 9 Dec 1833, m JACOB SCHMELZER (born in Central City, Nebraska); they had 1 child, CLARENCE SCHMELZER who became Mayor of Erick, Oklahoma.

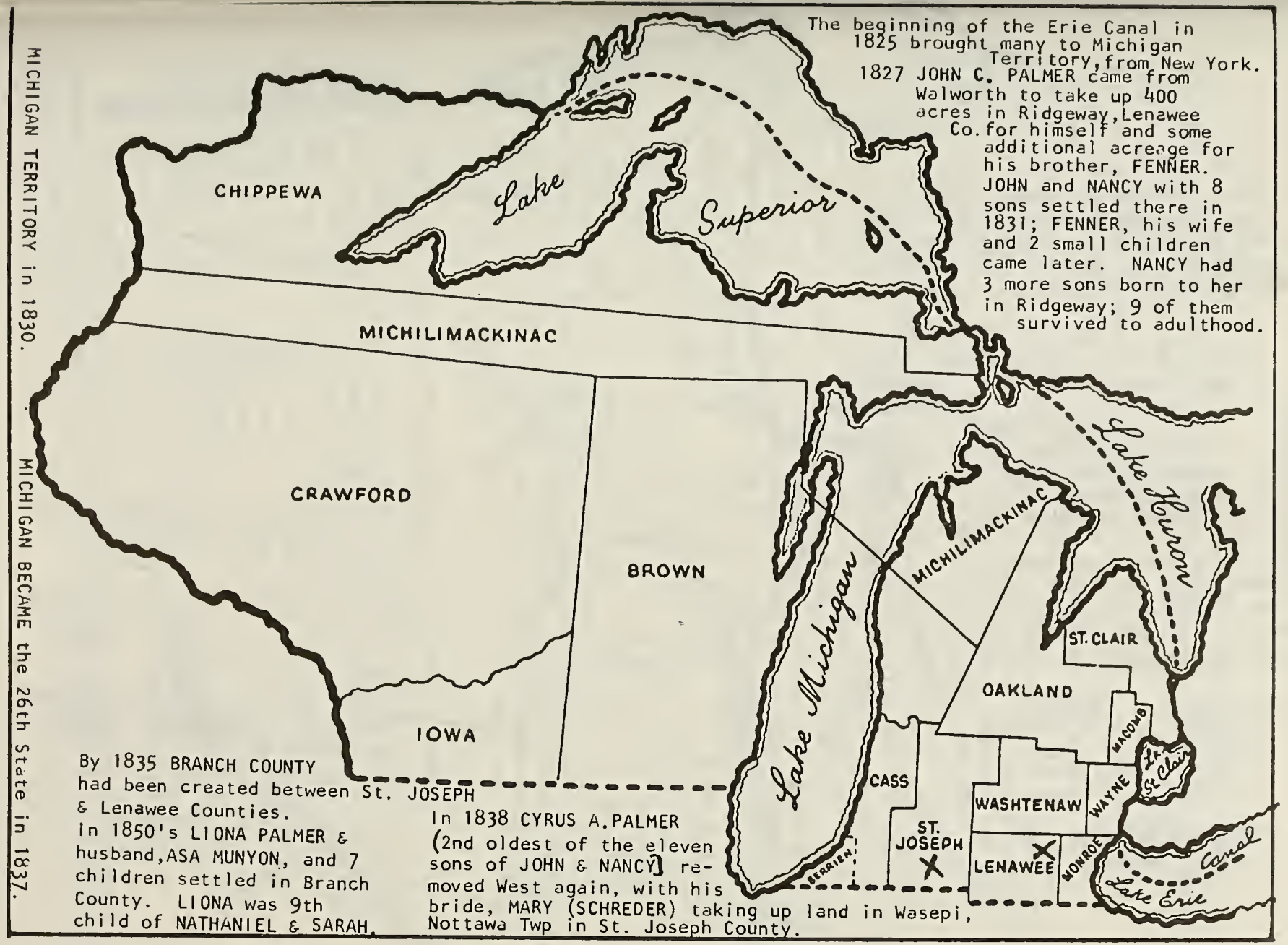
(10) JAMES L. PALMER b 20 July 1836, m 22 Feb 1860 AMELIA H. WILLIAMS (in Clifton Springs, N.Y.), dau of THOMAS and SARAH (HEATH) WILLIAMS of West Walworth; she was born 1 July 1840 and died 30 May 1909. JAMES died 12 July 1899 in Clifton Springs, Ontario County; they are both buried near family members in West Walworth Cemetery. They had one child born in West Walworth:

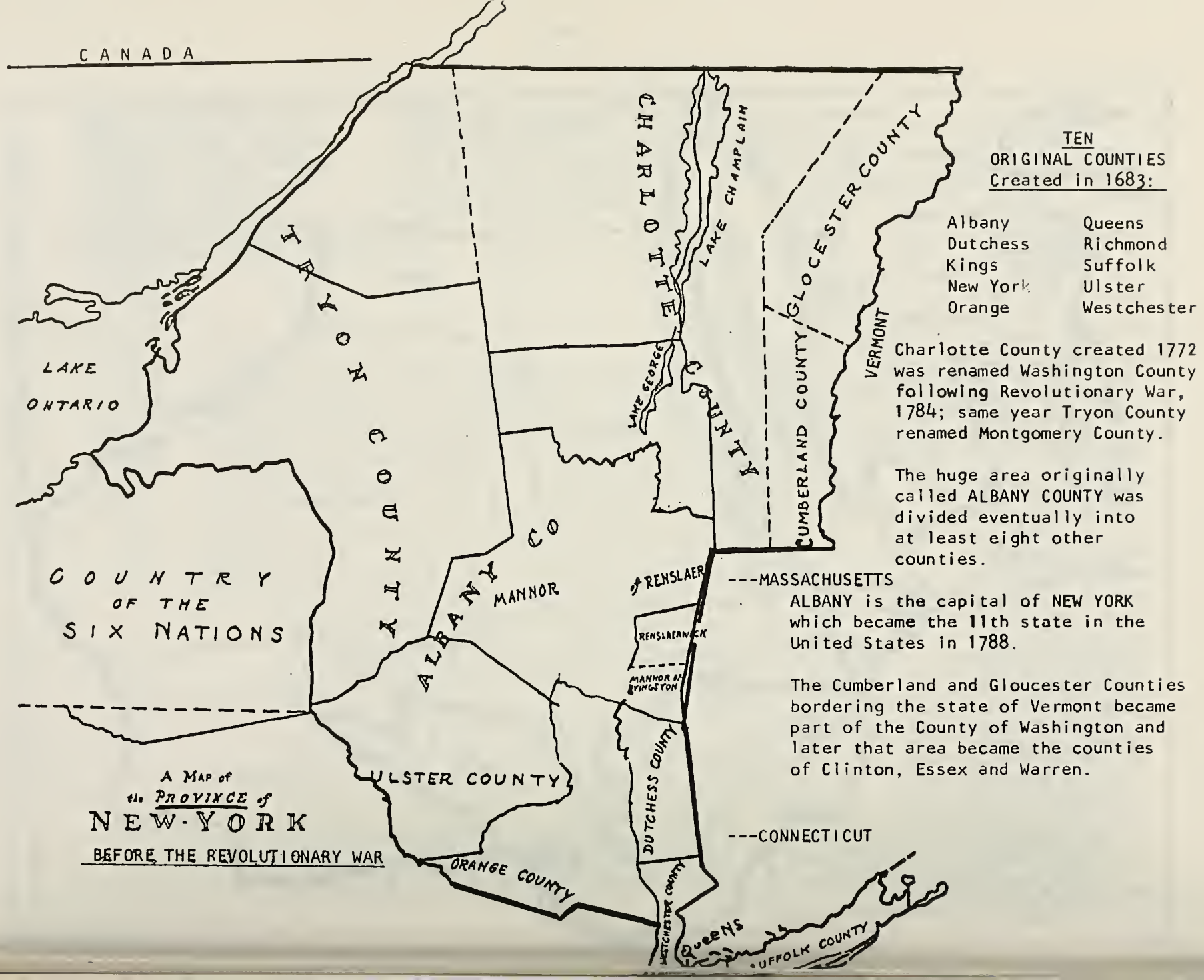
i CLARENCE B. PALMER b 3 Mar 1865, m (1st) 2 Apr 1884 in West Walworth LENA COOPER (b 7 May 1865 Macedon, Wayne County, N.Y., died 6 May 1887); no children. He m (2nd) 6 Dec 1905 NELLIE M. CLARK in Rochester, N.Y., dau of JAMES and FRANCES (GARDNER) CLARK of West Walworth; he was a carpenter by trade and they resided at No. 26 East Street, Fairport, N.Y. They had one child, JAMES G. b 28 July 1909, d next day.

(11) MARY ADALINE PALMER b 2 June 1839, m 22 July 1861 in Penfield, N.Y. WILLIAM HASKELL WEBSTER (b 25 Apr 1835). She died 10 Sept 1900 in Central City, Nebraska; they had two daughters:

i ELVIRA PORTIA WEBSTER.
ii CORA ELIZABETH WEBSTER.

("Palmer MSS." pages 1048-1050 lists source as:
Sidney T. and Clarence B.Palmer above in 1917)
National Archives Files obtained by Compiler.


MICHIGAN TERRITORY in 1830.
MICHIGAN BECAME the 26th State in 1837.
The beginning of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought many to Michigan Territory, from New York.
1827 JOHN C. PALMER came from Walworth to take up 400 acres in Ridgeway, Lenawee Co. for himself and some additional acreage for his brother, FENNER. JOHN and NANCY with 8 sons settled there in 1831; FENNER, his wife and 2 small children came later. NANCY had 3 more sons born to her in Ridgeway; 9 of them survived to adulthood.
CHIPPEWA
Lake Superior
MICHILIMACKINAC
CRAWFORD
BROWN
IOWA
Lake Michigan
Lake Huron
MICHILIMACKINAC
ST. CLAIR
OAKLAND
MACOMB
St. Clair
CASS
WASHTENAW
WAYNE
ST. JOSEPH
LENAWEE
MONROE
BERRIEN
Canal
Lake Erie
By 1835 BRANCH COUNTY had been created between St. JOSEPH & Lenawee Counties.
In 1850's LIONA PALMER & husband, ASA MUNYON, and 7 children settled in Branch County. LIONA was 9th child of NATHANIEL & SARAH.
In 1838 CYRUS A. PALMER (2nd oldest of the eleven sons of JOHN & NANCY) removed West again, with his bride, MARY (SCHREDER) taking up land in Wasepi, Nottawa Twp in St. Joseph County.



A Map of the PROVINCE of NEW-YORK BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

TEN ORIGINAL COUNTIES Created in 1683:

Albany	Queens
Dutchess	Richmond
Kings	Suffolk
New York	Ulster
Orange	Westchester

Charlotte County created 1772 was renamed Washington County following Revolutionary War, 1784; same year Tryon County renamed Montgomery County.

The huge area originally called ALBANY COUNTY was divided eventually into at least eight other counties.

ALBANY is the capital of NEW YORK which became the 11th state in the United States in 1788.

The Cumberland and Gloucester Counties bordering the state of Vermont became part of the County of Washington and later that area became the counties of Clinton, Essex and Warren.

38. JOHN C. PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Oct 1789 in Granville, Washington County, New York, the fourth child (and third son) of Revolutionary War soldier NATHANIEL and his wife, SARAH PALMER. His paternal grandfather was also a soldier of the Revolution, Captain FENNER PALMER, as was his father-in-law,+PHINEAS LAMB (D.A.R. Patriot Index pp.513,398). He was the only child of his mother's who was given a middle initial; what the letter "C" indicated, if anything, has never been known. Some time about 1810 or 1811 he married his older brother's (NATHAN) sister-in-law, NANCY LAMB, in either Wells, Vermont or at Granville. NATHAN had married DOLLY LAMB in early 1803 and by May 1811 had had three children. NANCY was born after her parents, PHINEAS and ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB had removed from Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts to Connecticut about 1790, settling first in Windham County at the town of Stratton where NANCY was probably born (see 1790 U.S.Census). The 1800 Census lists her family in Windham County at Newfane and the 1810 Census has her family at Wells in Rutland County, Vermont. She was born in November 1791 and died 25 May 1865 in Ridgeway, County of Lenawee, Michigan; JOHN died the preceding year on 28 May also in Ridgeway where both are buried in the Ridgeway Cemetery's oldest section in a large Palmer Plot which includes their son, JOHN C. PALMER, JR. and his wife, also named NANCY, and several other members of the family. In the new section of the Ridgeway Cemetery will be found the graves of about three dozen of their descendants spanning the next 125 years.

During the years 1806-1810 JOHN apparently accompanied his two older brothers, NATHAN and ENOS, as they traveled westward to then Ontario County bordering on Lake Ontario where NATHAN and ENOS purchased land, built log cabins, and farmed for the remainder of their lives in the village of Walworth which later was in the newly-formed County of Wayne. In those days it must have been a lengthy, difficult journey by horseback from the landlocked County of Washington on the Vermont border to Walworth near Rochester. JOHN too obtained land in Walworth and settled there with his bride, NANCY LAMB, and during the next twenty years they had eight sons born to them, the first one in 1812.

JOHN's two younger brothers, BENJAMIN and FENNER, eventually migrated to Walworth from Granville as did his sister, LIONA, and her husband, ASA MUNYON. However, none of them remained permanently in the Walworth area; JOHN and FENNER apparently being the most adventuresome of the brothers, looked westward again and found what they wanted in the Michigan Territory where they removed to in 1831, settling in Ridgeway-Tecumseh area in Lenawee County. The brother, BENJAMIN, remained in New York but settled by 1819 in Veteran, Chemung County. In the 1850's LIONA and ASA MUNYON settled in Michigan in Coldwater, Branch County. Thus only the two oldest brothers, NATHAN and ENOS, remained to live out their lives in Walworth, New York, where their parents joined them in 1825, although the mother, SARAH, died the following year and the father remarried, a widow from Vermont, ANNA LEAVITT, by whom he had a son named NATHANIEL L. PALMER.

The American historian, SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON, explains this westward movement which followed the War of 1812 in his "Oxford History of the American People" (1965) pages 402-403:

"Internal improvements, meaning roads and canals, were the complement to protection. Immediately after the War of 1812, people eager to exploit the lands conquered from TECUMSEH (Indian Chief) and the Creek nation, began a new westward movement. Between 1810 and 1820 .... four new states (Indiana in 1816, Mississippi in 1817, Illinois in 1818 and Alabama in 1819) were admitted to the Union. ... and in 1817 New York began the construction of the Erie Canal which was destined to make New York City outstrip all rival seaports."

When this Erie Canal was completed in 1825 (original cost seven million dollars) it provided a new means of access to the Michigan Territory which was first settled by a few white settlers in 1796; the first public land sales there were in 1818 and the completion of the canal saw a great influx of new settlers although Michigan did not become a state until 1837. However, by 1837 fourteen counties had already been established in the Michigan Territory including Wayne County in 1815 (of which Detroit was and is the county seat); Monroe County in 1814; and in 1822 Lenawee County; the latter two counties join Ohio to the north, and it was to Lenawee County that our JOHN C. and NANCY PALMER came to make their permanent home in what was called Ridgeway, still today a tiny village adjoining Tecumseh (now a city of several thousands) and Britton named for the Britton family which arrived much later in 1850.

There is a family tradition that as early as 1827 JOHN C. PALMER had first reached Ridgeway Township in Michigan where he located 160 acres on Sections 5 and 6 and simultaneously took up a similar tract of land for his younger brother, FENNER which latter tract was located in what is now the village of Britton, adjoining Ridgeway. John apparently then returned to Walworth to arrange for the removal of the two families which was not accomplished until 1831 at which time he purchased an additional tract of land so that his total holdings amounted to 500 acres. (See p.239.)

"The History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan" volume one (1879) by W. A. Whitney and R. I. Bonner (reprinted 1982 by the county historical society) enlightens us regarding the arrival of JOHN and his family in Tecumseh on 17 May 1831 (see pages 513-514):

"On the same day he went to Ridgeway and stopped in a shanty with CALVIN BROWN, until he could build one. From the time he moved his family here he always lived upon this farm, and previous to his death he had purchased 400 acres, cleared 250 acres, building a large frame house with barns and everything that was needed. The same year he settled here, he cleared off 20 acres of heavy timber and put it into wheat, and the following year he reaped 400 bushels, which he sold for $2.50 bushel. He also raised 50 bushels of potatoes among the stumps and trees the first year. ... JOHN C. PALMER (JR.) was brought up a farmer, and only received a common school education. He has always been a farmer, and assisted his father largely in clearing and cultivating his land. He carried the first bag of corn into the Globe Mill in Tecumseh after it was ready to run and also assisted in raising the mill...."

When JOHN and NANCY PALMER reached Tecumseh, Michigan in May 1831 after their long trek from Walworth, New York, it is interesting to note the make-up of their family which accompanied them--eight sons:

ALEXANDER, the oldest, is age 19 years;
CYRUS, 2nd son, is age 16 years;
JOHN C., JR. is about 15 years;
FENNER is about 13 years;
WILLIAM is almost age 11 years;
JEROME is not yet age 8 years
GEORGE WASHINGTON is age 4 yrs.
LEONIDAS is age 2 years

Three months after they reached Tecumseh and were settled at Ridgeway, on 15 Aug 1831, NANCY had another son and he was named DECATUR; this child's early death was the first one in the township of Ridgeway; when aged about one year he was drowned in the Raisin River. Two more sons would be born to JOHN and NANCY, however: on 20 Sept 1834 another son also given the name of DECATUR; and HARVEY born 29 Sept 1835. With the exception of the child who drowned and LEONIDAS who also died young, nine of their sons survived to adult-hood, married and had a total of fifty-five children.

The first settlers of the Ridgeway Township are named in "Memoirs of Lenawee County, Michigan" by Richard I. Bonner (1909) pages 417-418 in which he describes it this way:

> "... the first settlements of a permanent nature ... were made in 1831, by GEORGE DROWN, J.O.DENNIS, JONATHAN CLARK and ROBERT WILSON who were soon followed by JOHN PALMER, JOHN F. SCHREDER and others."

It is of special interest to note here that the latter two, JOHN PALMER and JOHN SCHREDER (the former of English stock and the latter of German) had lands which joined and in time their large two-story houses resulted in the two families being neighbors. The PALMER family had nine sons; the SCHREDER family had six daughters and but one son; by 1837 a romance had taken place quite naturally between the oldest SCHREDER child, MARY, and the second son of the PALMERS, CYRUS; they were married in September 1837 in Ridgeway and in due time had six sons and two daughters, and in 1887 celebrated their fifty years of marriage.

From family papers we can read an account of this family written down in 1928 by one of their many grandsons: ALBERT EDWARD PALMER, son of FENNER and PHEBE PALMER, when he was eighty-one years of age; he died 1935 age 88. He had been born in Ridgeway in 1847 and thus knew personally his grand-parents, JOHN C. (SR.) and NANCY who did not die until 1864 and 1865 by which date the author of the family history was seventeen years of age. His recollections of what his grandparents told him follows:

> "When the family departed Walworth, New York, they brought with them their clothing and bedding, one bag of potato peelings for seed, a set of carpenter's tools and nothing else. They reached Monroe, Michigan, March 16, 1831 where they bought one yoke of oxen and a wagon and some axes. Here they loaded all their belongings into the wagon and with the wife and eight sons started westward for Tecumseh, forty miles away, through dense forests inhabited with wild and ferocious beasts such as wild cats, panthers, bears, wolves and other kinds. They

were two days reaching Tecumseh.

"The following morning they commenced to cut a road to their new and future home. At this date of 1831 there were known only two other residents in the Township: one was JONATHAN HALL whose land joined the PALMER land on the North and ROBERT WILSON whose land was located on property on which the Ridgeway Village School House stands (1928).

"The same day after leaving Tecumseh, the family arrived at what is now known as the Ridge Road which now cuts across the front of the land JOHN PALMER had purchased. There they cleaned enough land to erect the log house.

"To commence housekeeping without cook stove or any furniture was no small task for the wife with such a large family (who was expecting another child in three months) but where 'there is a will there's a way." For bedsteads they bored holes in the side of the room, driving long pegs into the logs, placed on them fire brush filled straw tick with grass and thus completed their beds. (Added by compiler.)

"And to light their home they tied a large button in a piece of cloth placed in a dish of melted grease and lit the cloth. This kind of light was often used in earlier days.

"By 1834 the father had constructed for his family a large frame house which stands today (1984) on the west side of Ridge Road on Section 7 and was the first frame house built in that Township.

"The following year (1835) grandfather and his sons built other buildings including barns, hog houses, grainery and 'out buildings' for the protection of the stock as wild animals were very troublesome in those early days--especially bears and wolves. Often these animals would enter the barnyard in the daytime and carry off large hogs, calves and sheep. It was not safe to go far from the buildings after dark without carrying a blazing torch to drive off the wolves, especially in wintertime. But as more and more land was cleared a great distance away from the home and other buildings, the wild animals were less troublesome. Also there was a period when a bounty was offered to help rid the community of the animals, and the settlers took advantage of this offer and actively commenced hunting them which eventually eliminated the problem. However, the smaller animals, such as squirrels, rabbits, quail, partridges and turkeys remained for many years.

"JOHN PALMER lived to see all of his first 260 acres of land under a good state of cultivation and all of his sons except two comfortably settled on adjoining profitable farms. During his last sickness (1864) his great desire was that he might live to see the end of the Civil War. He was a firm anti-slavery man

and believed all slaves should be free and he wanted to see all the states united again. He was an early member of the Republican Party and was still living when his Party elected ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

"JOHN PALMER was the first Tax Collector in the Township of Ridgeway and carried out these duties without charging the community. He and his family were devoted Bible students following in the tradition of their ancestors from Massachusetts who had been amongst the Puritans who fled England in 1628 for religious freedom. The mother, NANCY, was a stout-hearted New England woman who never complained over the hardships and privations she had to endure.

"In 1832 the few settlers commenced holding prayer meetings in the log homes of the different families. In 1835 came the first 'traveling minister' on horseback who would stay two or three weeks and then go on to some other new settlement. .... This continued until the year 1842 when the first church was organized known as the Dutch Reformed Church; but by 1837 there was also a Methodist group forming in the township, and by 1845 they were able to build their church building. The membership increased rapidly and the years 1859 to 1867 brought over two hundred into the church.

"By 1849 the Christian Church was established of which FENNER PALMER and his wife were amongst the fourteen charter members."

JOHN C. PALMER had a brother named FENNER (born 1799) and a son he named FENNER (born 1818); there is no indication by the author of the foregoing "recollections" which FENNER is referred to but inasmuch as the author was the son of the FENNER born 1818, it might be assumed he was referring to his own parents.

It is interesting also to dwell briefly on the political affiliations of these two earliest settlers of Ridgeway, whose son and daughter intermarried. JOHN C. PALMER "was an early member of the Republican Party" (above). The history of his neighbor, JOHN F. SCHREDER, taken from page 418 "Memoirs of Lenawee County" (supra) concludes: "In his day he was a strong Democrat."

The Democratic political party had come into being about 1794 and was generally known as those who supported THOMAS JEFFERSON for President although originally this group (which were opposed by the Federalists) comprised those known as the "new Democratic-Republicans", but eventually only the former designation was retained. Those opposing the JEFFERSONIAN Democrats were known as the Federalists and they had been supporters of GEORGE WASHINGTON, led by ALEXANDER HAMILTON and had subsequently elected JOHN ADAMS the second President. However, that party steadily lost ground after 1800 and in the 1820's disappeared; some Federalists became members of the newly formed Whig Party which appeared about 1832 and they were joined by those opposing ANDREW JACKSON and the policies of the Democratic Party.

The issue of slavery, however, split the Whig Party in the 1840's and 1850's and that party thus disintegrated, many of its members turning to the

newly created Republican Party (as it is known to this day). This group included those opposed to slavery, welcoming former Democrats and Whigs, and was organized in 1854. In 1856 its first Presidential candidate, JOHN C. FREMONT, campaigned on a platform proclaiming "both the right and the duty of Congress to prohibit in the territories those twin relics of barbarism, polygamy and slavery." In 1860 that party elected its first President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, (University Encyclopedia).

Family tradition has been that JOHN C. PALMER attended the first ever meetings in southern Michigan of the group which became part of that Republican Party. His neighbor (and father-in-law to one of his sons), JOHN F. SCHREDER, on the other hand "cast his first vote in the spring of 1809 in Newburgh (Orange County, New York), and that fall he voted for JAMES MADISON, the fourth President of the United States and since that time he has never failed to cast his vote at every election.... always for a Democrat." ("History of Lenawee County" supra, p.262). This German neighbor was the oldest of nine sons born to a Hessian soldier who fought with the British two years (1775-1777) before deserting and joining up with the American forces where he fought with them through the last five years of the Revolution (D.A.R. Patriot Index page 614: Johann Joachim Schröder or John J. Schreeder). His son JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER migrated to Pennsylvania where he served during the War of 1812 and on reaching Michigan about 1831 served in the Black Hawk War. (Both of these two early Ridgeway settlers were second great-grandparents of the compiler on her paternal side.)

According to page 1051 of the "Palmer MSS." following were the eleven children of JOHN C. and NANCY PALMER, the first eight born in Walworth, New York and the last three born in Ridgeway, Michigan--all sons!

72. ≠ (1) ALEXANDER PALMER b 18 April 1812, m LUCEBA HATHAWAY 1835, died 9 June 1878 in Hillsdale, Michigan.
73. ≠ (2) CYRUS A. PALMER b 7 May 1815, m MARY ("AMELIA") +SCHREDER 1837, died 14 Oct 1896 Nottawa Twp, Michigan.
74. ≠ (3) JOHN C. PALMER b 20 Dec 1816, m (1st) BERTHA M. SIMONDS 1839 who died 1845; m (2nd) NANCY FREDERICKS 1846; he died Nov 1894 in Ridgeway, Michigan.
75. ≠ (4) FENNER PALMER b 3 Dec 1818, m PHEBE L.+PALMER ca 1840 (dau of SYLVANUS and HANNAH (WARD) PALMER; the father descended from WILLIAM PALMER[1] of Yarmouth, Mass., EPHRAIM[2], JOHN[3], JUSTUS[4], SYLVANUS[5] and also of Greenwich, Connecticut); FENNER died 17 Oct 1904.
76. ≠ (5) WILLIAM PALMER b 22 Dec 1820, m (1st) ANNA ALMIRA WILLIAMS about 1848; she died 19 June 1858; he m (2nd) her sister, MARY ANN WILLIAMS 1861; he died 25 Feb 1863.
77. ≠ (6) JEROME PALMER b 1823, died 2 Sept 1896.
78. ≠ (7) GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER b 15 Sept 1827, m 9 Oct 1852 RACHEL LUMIS, died 25 June 1878 in Ridgeway.
(8) LEONIDAS PALMER b 1829, died 6 March 1843, age 14 years.
(9) DECATUR PALMER b 15 Aug 1831, drowned 1832 in Raisin River.
79. ≠ (10) DECATUR PALMER b 20 Sept 1834, m 21 Feb 1853 ELIZABETH BODKIN, died 21 March 1912 at Ridgeway.
80. ≠ (11) HARVEY PALMER b 29 Sept 1835, m 1857 SARAH ALMIRA BODKIN, (sister of ELIZABETH), died 29 Sept 1897, Eureka, Mich.

39. BENJAMIN PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 June, 1792 in the village of Granville, Washington County, New York, the fourth son (and fifth child) of his parents, NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER who settled there at the time of their marriage in 1781, during the Revolutionary War. NATHANIEL, his father, Captain FENNER PALMER, and his two older brothers, Ensign JOHN and GERSHOM, all served as soldiers in that war. BENJAMIN removed westward to the village of Walworth (then in Ontario County, which later became the County of Wayne) some time around the year 1810. His three older brothers, NATHAN, ENOS and JOHN C., had all traveled to the Walworth area, obtained hundreds of acres of land there and commenced farming with their wives and eventually numerous children.

BENJAMIN married about 1818 MARGARET ELIZABETH JOHNSON and they removed to Chemung County, New York, settling in the village of Veteran where they continued to reside as farmers for the rest of their lives. When BENJAMIN settled in Veteran, it was then in Tioga County but in 1836 the new county of Chemung was created which encompassed the village of Veteran.

BENJAMIN and his wife had the following children, all born in Veteran:

(1) GEORGE COLVIN b 20 Dec 1819, m (1st) EMELINE LATTIN; they resided their entire lives in Veteran where he was a farmer and carpenter (see pp. 1092-1093 "Palmer MSS." and pp.538,843 Original "Palmer MSS."handwritten). They had following children all born in Veteran:

- i LEROY W. PALMER b 16 July 1853, m. PHEBE N.CAMPBELL 12 Dec 1877, dau of CHARLES and ELIZABETH (REDFIELD) CAMPBELL (b 20 Nov 1856); they had 3 children: EDNA MAY b 2 Oct 1878; LAURA BELLE b 9 Nov 1881; and JAY CRANDALL PALMER b 30 Aug 1885; resided Elmira Heights, New York (p.1125 original "Palmer MSS.").
- ii CHARLES F. PALMER b 21 Feb 1856, resided Elmira Heights, N.Y., Chemung Co. (pp.1126 "Palmer MSS.").
- iii THOMAS FENNER PALMER b 22 May 1857, resided on Elmwood Avenue, Elmira Heights (pp.1127, ibid.)
- iv JOHN A. PALMER b 23 June 1859, resided unmarried with his step-mother in 1911 in Horseheads, N.Y.
- v ENOS C. PALMER b 26 Feb 1862, resided unmarried with his step-mother in 1911 in Horseheads, N.Y.
- vi EMELINE PALMER resided Alpine, Schuyler County, N.Y.
- vii JANE PALMER m. _____ Scott; resided Alpine, N.Y.
- viii PHILANCY PALMER m. _____ TIBBITS, resided at Millport, Chemung County, N.Y.

(See page 1093 "Palmer MSS."for this list.)

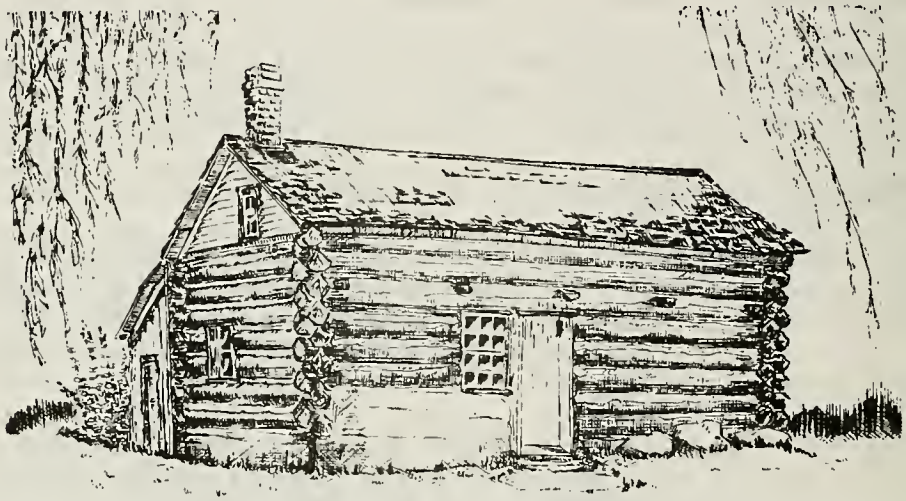
(2) JAMES L. PALMER born 1821, m HANNAH HOWARD 1849 in Veteran (b 29 Oct 1826, dau of JONATHAN and SUSANNAH (BEARDSLEY) HOWARD of Veteran);resided Seely Creek, Chemung County, N.Y. and Caton, N.Y. he died 1888, Caton; one son, HARLEY PALMER,resided Caton, Steuben County,N.Y.

(3) BENJAMIN PALMER, JR. m. ANGELINE _____; resided Pine Valley, Chemung Co., N.Y., died 30 Sept 1860 in Veteran,Chemung Co., N.Y. 1 son, GEORGE E. PALMER who resided Elmira, New York.

(4) JOHN PALMER about whom little is known; he married one LUCIA _____ and they resided in Painted Post, Steuben County, New York; they had one son.

(5) SARAH ANN PALMER who married BENJAMIN KNIGHT; they resided in Elmira Heights, N.Y. and had two children:
i BENJAMIN KNIGHT, resided Elmira, N.Y.
ii CHARLOTTE KNIGHT, resided Elmira or Southport, N.Y.

Sources:
"Palmer MSS" pp. 1092-1094 wherein the source is listed as: THOMAS FENNER PALMER and LeROY W. PALMER. Also pp. 843-847 "Palmer Mss." handwritten.



Sketch of typical log cabin houses erected by pioneers to Ontario County from which in 1823 Wayne County was created; in years 1806-1810 the five sons of NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER settled in Ontario County, N.Y. in village of Walworth, which became part of Wayne Co.

Palatial home of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER in later years in Walworth, Wayne Co., New York.

Three views of home (Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y.) of VAN RENSSELAER and wife, MARY (MILLER) PALMER (1803-1881 and 1806-1890), married 1829, called "Lakeside Farm", where nine children were born. He willed it to youngest son, FRANK, whose dau, MARGARET IRENE (by 2nd wife, MaBELLE) was also born there. A lapse of several years reveals the manner in which rooms were added as the family increased, top photo being taken many years prior to the other two. VAN RENSSELAER PALMER was oldest child of NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER.

MARTHA PALMER, daughter of
NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER,
born 6 July 1816 - died 18 Jan 1900
married THOMAS WILBUR.

OSCAR CONKEY PALMER,
born 5 Mar 1844
died 1 Feb 1919
Civil War Soldier.
Seventh child of
VAN RENSSELAER PALMER
and MARY (MILLER) PALMER.

MARY MILLER, dau of JONATHAN
and PERMELIA (LEE) MILLER,
born 15 Sept 1806
died 24 Mar 1890
married 3 Dec 1829
VAN RENSSELAER PALMER
(born 15 Dec 1803), oldest
son of NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER.

40. FENNER PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) the youngest surviving son of NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER, was born 5 Dec 1799 in Granville, Washington County, New York. He was named for his grandfather, CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER, Revolutionary War soldier in the New York Militia so more accurately he would be designated FENNER PALMER II. This grandfather had been given the surname of his grandmother, SARAH (FENNER)PALMER as a first name and through numerous generations following the fifth one in this family it was a tradition to name a son FENNER PALMER. He married JULIA ANN GODDARD 3 Sept 1826 in Walworth, Wayne County, New York, where he had migrated to in the early 1820's following his older brothers, NATHAN, ENOS, JOHN C. and BENJAMIN. His parents arrived in Walworth in 1825 and his mother, SARAH, died there in 1826. JULIA was born 25 May 1809 in Vermont and died 8 Aug 1897 in Hudson, Michigan. FENNER (II) died in Hudson 9 Aug 1885, age 86; JULIA was aged 88 years; they are buried side by side in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan. (This cemetery is on Maple Grove Road, in the Western part of the Township, next to Hillsdale County, near US127.) The grave on the other side of JULIA's is that of their grandson, DURVIN (DARWIN) D. PALMER born 8 April 1852 who died in 1912; the next two graves are those of DURVIN's parents, FRANKLIN (FRANK) F. (or G.) born 1830, oldest son of FENNER and JULIA, who died in 1902, and his wife, MARY JANE (HANNIBAL) born 1835, died 1909.

(A visit to that cemetery in 1979 by the compiler revealed about a dozen other PALMER graves in the immediate vicinity but their relationship to the FENNER PALMER family has not been ascertained.)

Noteworthy here is the discrepancy between the "Palmer MSS."(page 1095) (typescript copy) and research of this compiler; the manuscripts indicate the first wife, JULIA (GODDARD) PALMER died 8 Aug 1857 in Hudson and that FENNER married (2nd) one MARY L. EDMONSTON 17 April 1864, dau of JOSEPH EDMONSTON, (widow of JAMES VAN DUSEN). However, the dates on JULIA's tombstone in the above mentioned cemetery clearly give her date of death as 1897 which would indicate she outlived her husband who died in 1885. Further corroboration that JULIA survived FENNER (II) is the history we find in "Memoirs of Lenawee County, Michigan" (1909) Volume One, by Richard Illenden Bonner, hereinafter set forth.

The two oldest children, FRANKLIN and SEVILLA EMELINE, of this couple were born while they resided in Walworth, New York, in 1830 and 1832. In 1831, however, an older brother, JOHN C., had removed his family consisting of his wife and eight sons, westward to the Michigan Territory where he had also taken up a tract of land for FENNER (II). Later in 1832 the FENNER PALMER family (consisting of wife, JULIA, two-year old FRANKLIN, and the baby) reached Ridgeway in Lenawee County where they remained many years and where six more children were born to them. The "Memoirs of Lenawee County" (supra) in an account of FRANKLIN F. PALMER, then (1909) senior partner of the firm of PALMER & SON, dealers in Hardware in Hudson, Michigan, present an interesting history of his parents also (pp. 653-654):

> "FENNER and his wife decided to remove to Michigan with their family, that they might take advantage of the cheap land which could be purchased from the Government at a merely nominal price in the newly and sparsely settled regions of Lenawee County.

"The first part of their journey was made on the waters of Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence on Lake Erie to Detroit. At the latter place Mr. PALMER hired an ox-team to convey his family and their possessions to Lenawee County, whither his brother, JOHN, had preceded him the year before; and in his log cabin with his family, Mr. PALMER (FENNER) and his family made their home until he could construct a similar habitation on his own land which his brother had selected for him in Ridgeway Township and had entered for him from the Government. This land on which Britton Station now stands, was two miles from the home of any other human being, and in order to get to it he had to follow a trail marked by blazed trees.

"When he built his cabin other pioneers came from six or eight miles away to help him in its erection. Such was the spirit of mutual helpfulness that actuated the daily lives of the noble pioneers of this country. The cabin had a slab floor, a shake roof, and a door fashioned from the boxes in which the household goods had been brought. It was roughly constructed, as Mr. PALMER could afford neither time nor means to finish it very elaborately, and the children lying in bed at night, could gaze through the wide cracks and watch the stars in their courses.

"FENNER PALMER (II) cleared sixty acres of his land and tilled it with much profit for fourteen years, then sold it at a good price and removed to Ransom in the adjoining county (to the west) of Hillsdale where he bought 200 acres of timbered land. He was then in ill health, and his sons attended to the removal of the timber and to the cultivation of the soil, and when Mr. PALMER finally disposed of it in 1866, it was a fine large farm and well cultivated. He then returned to Lenawee County and bought a farm in Macon Township on which he resided five or six years; then selling it, he came to Hudson and lived in retirement. There, surrounded by all the comforts which had been procured by his own judicious management and hard labor and in the enjoyment of the respect and trust of his neighbors, he passed away from the scenes of earth 10 July 1886. He was prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he had been a member for fifty-four years. He always took an interest in politics, and became a member of the Republican Party on its organization, having been a member of the Whig Party prior to that.

"FENNER's wife, a most estimable lady, retains her home in Hudson, although she spends most of her time with her children. To them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters."

An earlier history (1888) also substantiates the foregoing that the mother, JULIA, survived her husband, FENNER (II): "Portrait and Biographical Album of Hillsdale County, Michigan" published by Chapman Brothers, in a chapter about the second son, CHARLES GILBERT PALMER, (p. 482) explains that "The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was JULIA ANN GODDARD, still survives, and lives with her son, CHARLES G., in Hudson."

Children of FENNER (II) and JULIA ANN PALMER, born Ridgeway, Michigan except the first two who were born in Walworth, New York:

81. ≠ (1) FRANKLIN F. PALMER b 1 April 1830, m July 1851 MARY JANE HANNIBAL of Oswego County, N.Y., d Apr 1902, Hudson,Mich.

(2) SEVILLA EMELINE PALMER b 22 Mar 1832, m 19 Jan 1853 JOHN HENRY; they were farmers and resided in Macon Twp., Lenawee Co., Mich; they had two children:
- i MARY HENRY who m. CHARLES EAST,
- ii CHARLES HENRY, a lawyer in Alpena, Mich.

82. ≠ (3) CHARLES GILBERT PALMER b 10 Nov 1833, m 9 Dec 1865 LUCINDA E. HALSTEAD in Medina,Mich.,dau of JACOB HALSTEAD and she died 10 July 1911; as late as 1915 he was residing in Ransom, Michigan.

(4) MARY CHARLOTTE PALMER b 12 Apr 1836, m 7 Mar 1854 E. W. ROSE in Grand Crossing, Illinois.

(5) JOHN BUCKLEY PALMER b 28 Apr 1838, m 11 Mar 1861 MELISSA SONESBACK; resided Hudson after marriage; 3 children:
- i FRANK PALMER b 22 July 1863.
- ii ETTIE PALMER b 1 Oct 1867 (a twin).
- iii NETTIE PALMER b 1 Oct 1867 (a twin).

(6) GEORGE RODNEY PALMER b 4 Aug 1840, m 13 Feb 1866 LAVINA E. STEWART; d 17 Oct 1877, age 37, Manchester,Michigan.

(7) OLIVER H. PALMER b 28 Aug 1842, m 14 June 1866 ANNA McCALLUM; resided Petersburg, Monroe County, Michigan.

(8) BENJAMIN D. PALMER b 7 Sept 1844, m 1 Jan 1866 MARY E. STEWART; resided St. Joseph County, Michigan.

Source:

"Palmer MSS." page 1095 which, in turn, reveals its source as "Family Records."

First frame house built in Ridgeway Twp., Lenawee Co., Michigan, abt 1834, by JOHN C.PALMER (SR.) corner of Ridge Road and Centennial Hwy. (Photo taken 1979.) He had about a 400-acre farm and adjoining was a 400-acre farm for his brother FENNER PALMER and wife, JULIA ANN (GODDARD) PALMER. JOHN and NANCY had eleven sons; eight had been born in Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. and nine of them survived to adulthood, married and had children.

41. LIONA PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 22 April 1802 in the village of Granville, Washington County, New York, the ninth child of NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER. Her father and grandfather, Captain FENNER PALMER, both served in the Revolutionary War, as did her father's two brothers, Ensign JOHN and GERSHOM.

In 1949 a small (20 pages) book was published entitled "PALMER GENEALOGY" compiled by "the late BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. and BYRON WILBUR PALMER of Ontario, N.Y., Assisted by HOWARD Van RENSSELAER PALMER of Webster, N.Y." LIONA PALMER is listed on page 5 of this little book which reveals she was the ninth child of her parents, she"married ASA MUNYON, had six children and resided in Coldwater, Michigan." As had been the custom, females were rarely carried forward in family genealogies and LIONA was no exception in this instance. However, this compiler has preferred to treat male and female descendants equal whenever possible and much research involving census records, military files, newspaper clippings, and obituaries has revealed much more about this LIONA PALMER MUNYON.

The New York Census Records reveal:

1820 - County of Putnam, town of Kent only:
LEMUEL, NATHANIEL and SAMUEL MUNYAN.
1830 - County of Washington, town of Granville only:
EDMUND MUNION
County of Wayne, town of Ontario only:
ASA MUNION (Wayne Co. was only created in 1823).

From the research done, it has been learned that between 1806 and 1810, LIONA's older brothers, NATHAN, ENOS, JOHN C., BENJAMIN and FENNER, had all migrated from Granville, westward, settling in Walworth (then) in Ontario County, New York, and in 1825 her parents departed Granville and joined the sons in the Walworth area; thus by the 1830 census LIONA and her husband, ASA MUNION had also moved nearer her family settling in the town of Ontario.

The 1840 New York Census reveals the following three MUNYONS--one (EDMUND) still in Granville, Washington County; another EDMUND in Walworth in Wayne County; and ASA MUNYON in Penfield, Monroe County (which adjoins Wayne County). Monroe and Wayne Counties were created in 1821 and 1823 from Ontario County and another adjoining county. The relationship of LIONA's husband, ASA MUNYON, to the EDMUND MUNYON is unknown but it would appear one could be his brother and the other their father.

By the mid 1830's LIONA's two brothers, JOHN C. and FENNER, had continued their westward journey via the newly constructed Erie Canal, to Michigan where they settled about 1831-1833 in what became the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan Territory. The brother, BENJAMIN had departed Walworth and settled in Veteran, Chemung County, N.Y., and only her two oldest brothers, NATHAN and ENOS, and her father (now re-married) remained in Walworth, New York; LIONA's mother, SARAH, died 1826 in Walworth; her father married (2nd) 27 March 1827 ANNA LEAVITT as her third husband, as a result of which marriage LIONA had a half-brother born 1828, named NATHANIEL L., after her father.

LIONA and ASA MUNYON were not found in the 1850 census although it is possible they were then en route from New York to Michigan where they arrived by 1853. In the village of Walworth, Wayne County, New York, there were still three surnamed MUNION residing: JOHN, MARTHA and SARAH; and one WILLIAM MUNION in the town of Denning in Ulster County, New York. LIONA and ASA MUNYON did not appear in the Ohio census for 1850 so doubtless traveled via the Erie Canal to Michigan as her brothers had done almost twenty years previously. Doubtless too LIONA visited her two brothers in Ridgeway en route to the County of Branch where she and ASA settled and lived out their lives. We find in the 1860 Michigan Census Records ASA and LIONA MUNYON are residing in the town of Batavia/Coldwater in Branch County, both aged 58 years, born New York.

The Department of Cemeteries, Coldwater, Michigan has furnished the following burial information from their records regarding LIONA and her husband: Lot 197, Section OP, Plat 1 has following five burials:

LIONA MUNYON died 24 Dec 1866. (She would have been 64y 10m 2 days).
ASA MUNYON died 15 Mar 1881, aged 78 yrs, 7 months, 28 days.
ALONZO MUNYON died 26 Jan 1881, (no other information given).
MELISSA HORNER died 27 Sep 1858, aged 30 years; born New York.

The fifth burial in this plot is that of a LOUISA MUNYON born 1918 in New York, died 15 July 1971 aged 53 years. Her gravesite joins that of LIONA MUNYON which would indicate a close relationship; however, the death certificate listed her father's birthplace as England and her mother's as Clinton County, N.Y., although their names were not furnished. Therefore, her relationship to LIONA and ASA MUNYON is not known; ASA's burial spot joins LIONA on the other side in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

"The Coldwater Republican" of 8 Mar 1881 (p.3) carried the obituary for ASA MUNYON:

> "MR. ASA MUNYON died at his late home in Batavia Sunday evening at 5 o'clock at the age of 79. Mr. MUNYON removed to Coldwater from Walworth, Wayne County, N. Y. 28 years ago, with a family of seven children, but three of whom are living, one giving up his life in defence of his country, and the sad fate of ALONZO who was frozen in Dakota nearly seven weeks ago, and for whose body the relatives are so anxiously waiting, our readers are well acquainted with. This terrible blow hastened in a great measure MR. MUNYON's death. The three remaining children are:
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> JOHN MUNYON who is now in Dakota in charge of his brother's body;
> M. P. MUNYON who resides at Kalkaska, Michigan;
> MARTHA MUNYON HURLEY, wife of ALLAN HURLEY.
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> The funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock at his late residence. The remains were placed in the vault to await the arrival of his son's body from Dakota, when both will be buried."

The few references to LIONA and ASA MUNYON's children do not give us a complete list nor their full names; the "Palmer Genealogy" (supra) credits them with six children; his obituary lists seven children for the couple. From the numerous records thus far checked, the compiler has attempted to write the history of this family; however, due to time limitations more extensive research was not undertaken. From the hand-written "Palmer MSS." in the possession of the compiler (page 542) this couple had children listed as follows:

(1) NATHAN MUNYON
(2) JOHN H. MUNYON
(3) ALONZO MUNYON
(4) MARTHA MUNYON
(5) _____ MUNYON (dau)
(6) _____ MUNYON (dau)

LIONA's two older brothers were named NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER. This additional information was included on page 542:

"One dau married _____ HORNER; one other dau married 'AL' HURLEY. After her death, he married her sister, MARTHA;" the first one to marry AL HURLEY was named SARAH after LIONA's mother.

During 1984-1985 numerous photocopies of two local newspapers in Coldwater were obtained by the compiler which help to clarify this incomplete description of the MUNYON family. The obituary of ALLEN HURLEY (SR.) dated 17 Dec 1897 contains the following:

From "The Courier and Republican"-

"MR. ALLEN HURLEY, a pioneer of Branch County, died at his home, aged 76 years. ... He was born in Maryland 6 Nov 1821 and came to Coldwater in 1852 and moved to Batavia in 1873. He was engaged here during the war (probably the Civil War) as a drover and stock buyer.

"He married MISS ELIZA WRIGHT 11 Mar 1841 who died 5 Feb 1852. To them were born:

(1) GEORGE HURLEY now of Colorado.
(2) WILLIAM HURLEY now of Colorado.
(3) CHARLES HURLEY who died 31 Mar 1891.
(4) ALIDA HURLEY who married GEORGE MILLER 27 Oct 1866.

"He married MISS SARAH A. MUNYON 20 Jan 1853, who died 2 Aug 1862. They had one daughter:

(5) EVA HURLEY born 8 July 1854, died 22 June 1867.

"He married his wife's sister, MISS MARTHA MUNYON 8 Nov 1863, who survives him. To them were born:

(6) ALLEN HURLEY, JR. ("ALLIE") who married 2 July 1887 MINNIE BUYS.
(7) GUY HURLEY, who married MARY ELLSWORTH 6 Oct 1893.
(8) RALPH HURLEY.
(9) MINNIE HURLEY who married _____ BURCH of Batavia.
(10) HARRY HURLEY who married MAGGIE E. HAMMOND 29 Nov 1889; she died 7 Jan 1898; he married MARY HAMMOND 1899."

The research conducted by this compiler seems to indicate there was another son, named THOMAS, born to LIONA and ASA MUNYON, which would total the seven children mentioned in the father's obituary. These will be set out hereinafter with additional information uncovered. The information furnished by the Department of Cemeteries, City of Coldwater in

Sept 1984 from their records appears to establish that the two unnamed (previous page) daughters in the "Palmer MSS." (handwritten) were MELISSA and SARAH A., the former having married one _____ HORNER, and the latter being the second wife of ALLEN HURLEY, SR.:

In Lot 197, Section OP, Plat 1, the family burials include the parents, LIONA and ASA MUNYON, their son, ALONZO, and:

MELISSA HORNER, died 27 Sept 1858, aged 30, born New York.

This seems to clearly indicate that she is the daughter listed in the Palmer MSS., though unnamed, who "married HORNER."

In Lot 433, Section OP, Plat 1, the following burials are listed:
EVA HURLEY d Jan 1867, aged 13 years; BENJAMIN HURLEY (no info.)
SARAH A. HURLEY d 4 Aug 1862, age 38 years; born Ontario Co., New York (who is buried next to)
ALLEN HURLEY (SR.) d 14 Dec 1897, age 76 yrs, 1 Mo, 8 days; born Maryland; closest heir: Mrs. MARTHA HURLEY (who is buried next to)
MARTHA HURLEY d 20 June 1903, age 71 yrs, 11 mo, 27 days; born New York; closest heir is "ALLIE" HURLEY.
"ALLIE" HURLEY d 11 Aug 1935, age 70 yrs. Born and died in Batavia Twp, Mich.; closest heir: MINNIE HURLEY.
MINNIE HURLEY d 22 Feb 1954, age 84 yrs., b 30 Nov 1869 at Burr Oak, Michigan; died Quincy, Mich.; closest heir is Mrs. GULA M. (LOUIS) WILCOX.*

From the Index to News Clippings obtained from the Coldwater Library, one item under the surname HURLEY is the following:

*GULA M. HURLEY married to LOUIS C. WILCOX 7 June 1912

which seems to indicate she was the daughter of ALLEN HURLEY, JR. and MINNIE (BUYS) HURLEY. Thus from the foregoing burial records, we have the names of three of the daughters of LIONA (PALMER) AND ASA MUNYON and their married names.

Information to be set out hereinafter pertains to their three sons, JOHN H., THOMAS and ALONZO; however, nothing has surfaced in all this research about the son named NATHAN MUNYON in the handwritten Palmer MSS. Some readers may be familiar with the large book published in 1982 by the Branch County Genealogical Society at Coldwater, Michigan being the cemetery inscriptions and records 1837-1981 of that County. Attention is called to the absence in that volume of any records for the Oak Grove and South Colon Cemeteries of Branch County; this necessitated the compiler corresponding directly with the Oak Grove Cemetery where she found most of the MUNYON and HURLEY burials. However, no burial was found for either NATHAN or THOMAS MUNYON, the latter having died during the Civil War in Ohio. The "remaining (three) children" listed in the obituary of of ASA MUNYON included one "M. P. MUNYON who resides at Kalkaska, Michigan," who has not yet been identified.

The parents were: LIONA PALMER MUNYON born 22 Apr 1802 Granville, Washington County, N. Y., who married about 1823 ASA MUNYON born also in 1802, probably also in Granville. By the 1830 census they are settled in the town of Ontario, then Wayne County (previously Ontario County), N.Y., but it is not possible to know how many of their children were born in the village of Granville. By 1825 her parents, NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER, had removed from Granville to join her older brothers who had migrated to Ontario County between 1806 and 1810. By 1853 LIONA and ASA MUNYON with seven children are settled in the Territory of Michigan, Branch County in Coldwater where they lived out their lives. In the 1840 census this family is residing in the adjoining county of Monroe in the village of Penfield; perhaps this was their first step in making their final move into the Territory of Michigan. Their children were:

(1) SARAH A. MUNYON born 1824 New York State, m 20 Jan 1853 in Coldwater, Michigan, ALLEN HURLEY; had dau
i EVA HURLEY born 1854, died Jan 1867, aged 13 yrs.
SARAH was the second wife of ALLEN HURLEY and she died 4 Aug 1862, aged 38 years, b Ontario County, N.Y. according to cemetery records; buried Oak Grove Cemetery; in Lot 433, Section OP, Plat 1. Her widower husband then married her younger sister, MARTHA MUNYON (born 1832); her only child, EVA, would have been aged 8 years. EVA died 1867 and was buried in the same plot; SARAH's husband did not die until 1897 and her sister, MARTHA in 1903 and all are buried in adjoining graves.

(2) MELISSA MUNYON was born in New York in 1828 and married _____ HORNER; she died 27 Sept 1858, aged 30 years, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Branch Co., Mich., in Lot 197, Section OP, Plat 1 which plot of six burials now also includes her parents, a younger brother, ALONZO, one ELNORA M. MILLER (not identified) and LOUISA MUNYON.

(3) NATHAN MUNYON - no information available about him; he may have remained in Walworth, N.Y., as he is included in Palmer MSS. (handwritten) of Dr. BYRON S. PALMER of nearby Palmyra, N.Y. Nothing about him surfaced in the Michigan research on this family; if he remained in Walworth, then there must have been another child (eight) as the father's obituary clearly states there were seven children in the family when they settled in Coldwater.

(4) THOMAS MUNYON born 1831, enlisted 9 Aug 1862 at Coldwater, Mich., for three years in the Michigan Volunteers during the Civil War, being then aged 31 years; he was mustered in 5 Sept 1862, a private in Company "C", 19th Regiment, Michigan Infantry; he died a month later on 5 Oct 1862 at Camp Hooker, Ohio, from chronic diarrhoea (as it is written on his Muster-out Roll) which explains he died "at Gravel Pitt, Ohio." His burial in Branch County, Michigan has not been found. This seems to corroborate the statement in his father's obituary (1881) "but three of whom (his children) are living, one giving up his life in defence of his country..."

(5) MARTHA MUNYON born Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y. 1832, married her older sister's widower, ALLEN HURLEY, SR., as his 3rd wife. SARAH MUNYON HURLEY had died in 1862 so MARTHA's marriage probably took place in 1863 as her dau was born in 1864 and a son, named for his father, was born in 1865. They resided in Coldwater, Branch Co., until 1873 when they removed to Batavia where ALLEN, SR. died 14 Dec 1897 aged 76 years. He had been born in Maryland 6 Nov 1821 and migrated to Coldwater in 1852, a year before the MUNYON family arrived there. MARTHA and ALLEN,SR. had children born in Branch County, Michigan, as follows:

i NETTIE HURLEY b 1864 m GEORGE MILLER (not listed in father's obituary but is listed in Palmer MSS., handwritten).

ii ALLEN HURLEY, JR. b 1865, m 2 July 1887 MINNIE BUYS (b 30 Nov 1869 Burr Oak, St.Joseph Co., Mich., d 22 Feb 1954 at Quincy, Mich.)

iii GUY HURLEY married 6 Oct 1893 MARY ELLSWORTH.

iv RALPH HURLEY.

v MINNIE HURLEY who married _____ BURCH of Batavia.

vi HARRY HURLEY (one HARRY HURLEY m 29 Nov 1889 MAGGIE E. HAMMOND; was Batavia Twp Clerk 1892-1894 when ED BUYS was Treasurer; MRS. HARRY HURLEY d 7 Jan 1898; he m 1899 MARY HAMMOND; see Index to Newspaper Clippings, Coldwater Library).

MARTHA died 20 June 1903 at the age of 71 yrs, 11 months and 27 days, at Batavia; the closest heir was listed as "ALLIE" HURLEY, undoubtedly her son, ALLEN, JR. She was buried next to her husband in Oak Grove Cemetery.

(6) JOHN H. MUNYON born Wayne Co., N.Y. 30 Mar 1836, m 29 Jan 1859 at Union City, Mich., MARY RHODES (b 1839 Bury, Lancaster, England, d 24 Aug 1913 Los Angeles, Calif.); like his brother, THOMAS, was Civil War soldier. A more complete history of him follows. He died 25 July 1888.

(7) ALONZO J. MUNYON b probably Penfield, Monroe Co., N.Y. 1848 according to news item about his death in 1881 which placed his then age as 33 years; his mother, LIONA, was then aged 46 years. See complete write-up about his death hereafter. He died 26 Jan 1881 at Washington Hills, Dakota, buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Branch Co., Michigan. No information that he ever married or had children.

When LIONA (PALMER) MUNYON died in 1866 at the age of 64 years, at least three of her children had predeceased her: 1st. MELISSA HORNER who died at the age of thirty years; then SARAH HURLEY who died at the age of 38 years; and THOMAS, who died during the Civil War at the age of 31 years. The month following LIONA's death, her granddaughter, EVA HURLEY, also died at age 13 years. It has been difficult to obtain verification of the names of all her grandchildren. A fourth child must have died prior to her husband's decease according to his obituary which lists but three surviving children: JOHN, MARTHA HURLEY and M.P.MUNYON.

Perhaps it was a blessing LIONA did not live as long as her husband and thus she was spared still another tragedy--the terrible death of her youngest child, ALONZO J. MUNYON, in 1881 when he was found frozen to death in Dakota. His older brother, JOHN, made the long, arduous trek to bring his body back for burial in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. The following news clippings tell the story of the tragedy. Also set forth is information gleaned from the National Archives military-pension file for JOHN H. MUNYON (#230,782 and his widow's pension file #249,724).

RECORD OF SERVICE
OF
MICHIGAN VOLUNTEERS
IN THE
CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

THOMAS MUNYON, Batavia. Enlisted in company C, nineteenth Infantry, Aug. 9, 1862 at Coldwater, for 3 years, age 31. Mustered Sept. 5, 1862. Died of disease at Gravel Pit, Ohio, Oct 5, 1862, (page 66, Vol. 19).

JOHN H. MUNYON, Branch County. Enlisted in Battery A, Oct 1, 1861, at Coldwater, for 3 years. Mustered Oct 1, 1861. Taken prisoner Oct. 7, 1863. Paroled. Discharged at expiration of term of service at Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 30, 1864, (page 19, Vol. 42).

NA Pension File #230,782:

(1) Statement of Adjutant General's Office to the Comm. of Pensions, Washington, D.C. dated 20 March 1877 "acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 13th day of March, 1877 requesting a Statement of Service of JOHN H. MUNYON," and submitting in accordance therewith the following verification of his service:

"The Muster-Rolls of Company 'A' of 1st Battery of Michigan Light Artillery Volunteers, contain the following evidence of service of JOHN H. MUNYON:

'It is stated he was enrolled and mustered in as a pvt for three yrs Oct 1, 1861 at Coldwater. From enrollment to Aug 31, 1865 present; Sept. and Oct. 1863 parolled prisoner since Oct 2, 1863; Nov. and Dec. present. Jany. and Feby. 1864 detached. March and April 1864 present; same to Aug. 31, 1864. Mustered out with Detach at Chattanooga Sept. 30, 1864. This organization became Co. 'A' 1st Mich. Lt. Art. July 10, 1863."

(2) Declaration for Invalid Army Pension (War of 1861).

"On this 30th day of Jan 1877 personally appeared before me, FRANK D. NEWBERRY, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County and State of Branch, Michigan, JOHN H. MUNYON, aged 40 yrs. a resident of Coldwater, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical JOHN H. MUNYON who enlisted in the service of the U. S. at Coldwater on the 1st day of Oct. 1861 as a Private in Company A commanded by Captain HALE in the 1st Regiment of Michigan Arty.... and honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tenn. on the 30 day of Sept. 1864. That while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of duty as a soldier, near a place called Louisville,

Kentucky, on the _____ day of March, 1862 from hard marching and exposure he contracted disease of the lungs and piles that became chronic and are permanent and by which he is greatly incapacitated from manual labor. Received hospital treatment as follows: First treatment by hospital steward only; since leaving the service he resided mostly at or near Coldwater, Mich. His occupation has been a butcher when able. When enrolled he was a butcher. For the purpose of prosecuting his claim he hereby appoints P. H. FITZGERALD of Indianapolis, Indiana, his attorney in fact with full power of substitution. His P. O. Address is Coldwater, County of Branch, State of Michigan.

(signed) JOHN H. MUNYON
Signature of Claimant

On 25 July 1888, at age 52 years JOHN H. MUNYON died in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, Michigan and was buried there in the Valley City Cemetery--just a few years after the tragic death of his youngest brother in 1881 the same year their father died. The attending physician furnished the following statement: dated 12 Sept 1888, signed by E. G. EDWARDS, M.D.: (Widow's Pension File No. 249,724)

(3) "That I, E.G.EDWARDS of 147 Monroe Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, physician and surgeon make oath and say that I attended professionally (assisted by my partner A.B.THOMPSON, M.D.) JOHN H. MUNYON from May 17 1888 to the time of his death July 25, 1888. The immediate cause of his death was due to heart disease. During the time I attended him he suffered from lung disease complicated with asthma and heart disease and he suffered from rheumatism.

"And I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

(signed) E. G. EDWARDS, M.D.

(4) The report of the Sexton of Valley City Cemetery for the week ending July 28, 1888:

NAME OF DECEASED: JOHN H. MUNYON	AGE: 52 yrs., 3 m., 26 days
DISEASE: Heart Disease	COLOR: White
BIRTHPLACE: Wayne Co., N.Y.	SEX: Male
RESIDENCE: Grand Rapids	DATE OF DEATH: July 25, 1888
CEMETERY: Valley City	LOT: 103 "G"

(5) WIDOW's CLAIM FOR PENSION:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 3rd day of September 1888 personally appeared before me, a Clerk of a court of record in and for the County and State aforesaid, MARY MUNYON, a resident of Grand Rapids in said County and State, aged 48 years, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862:

That she is the widow of JOHN H. MUNYON who was a private in Company "A" commanded by Colonel C. O. LOOMIS in the 1st Regiment of Mich. L.A. in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was MARY RHODES and that she was married to said JOHN H. MUNYON on or about the 29th day of Jan 1859 at Union City, County of Branch, State of Michigan, by Rev. JOHN

CLUBINE; that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage. She FURTHER DECLARES that said JOHN H. MUNYON, her husband, died at Grand Rapids, State of Mich., on or about the 25th day of July 1888 of diseases contracted in service for which he was pensioned No.205188. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said JOHN H. MUNYON and that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints C. D. PENNEBAKER & SON as her lawful Attorneys with power of substitution, and authorizes them to present and prosecute this claim. The following are the names, dates of birth, and place of residence of all the children of her deceased husband who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death:

NINA MUNYON born March 14, 1874.
ALONZO R. MUNYON born October 22, 1877

Both reside at Grand Rapids, Mich.
My Post Office address is Grand Rapids, Mich.
Witnesses:
NELSON FARGO
FRED CHASE

Mrs. MARY MUNYON
Signature of Claimant

(6) RETURN OF A MARRIAGE
TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF)
BRANCH, STATE OF MICHIGAN)
SIR:--On this 29 day of January, A.D. 1859 the following named parties were joined in matrimony by me, at Union City, Branch County, State of Michigan.

1. Full name of BRIDEGROOM: JOHN H. MUNYON
2. Color of Bridegroom: White
3. Residence at time of Marriage: COLDWATER, MICHIGAN
4. Age at Last Birthday: 22 years
5. BIRTHPLACE: WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK
6. OCCUPATION: BUTCHER
7. Full name of BRIDE: MARY RHODES
8. Maiden name if a widow. -0-
9. Color of Bride: WHITE
10. Residence at time of Marriage: COLDWATER, MICHIGAN
11. Age at last birthday 20 years
12. BIRTHPLACE: BURY, LANCASTER, ENGLAND

The witnesses to this marriage were:
MR. JOHN McDANIALS Union City, Mich. and
MRS. MARY McDANIALS Union City, Mich.

JOHN CLUBINE,
Minister of the Gospel

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from my record of the marriage referred to.

JOHN CLUBINE
Minister of the Gospel

Dated at Springpost this 4 day of October 1888.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October 1888.
My certificate is on file

ALFRED W. SAULE
Notary Public

Several supporting Affidavits were submitted by those who could verify that MARY RHODES was the widow of the Civil War veteran, JOHN H. MUNYON, including one from :

(7) A. HURLEY on 17 April 1890, then aged 68 years, resident of Batavia, Branch County, Michigan, who being duly sworn, declared:

"I was well and personally acquainted with the late JOHN MUNYON for about 15 years before the War of 1861-1865 and I always supposed him to be a well and healthy man before he went into the Army. I remember that when said soldier came home from the war in 1865, he was very lame, and soon after he came home, I saw him and he was then so bad that he was obliged to walk with crutches and was in that condition for a long time, perhaps a year or more but finally got better and was able for a time to do some light work, and I hired him to work on my farm in Batavia Township but he was not able to perform the work and was soon obliged to give up and was then unable to work for a long time and for a number of years he was not able to do any work on account of rheumatism. I am unable to give dates in this matter on account of the lapse of time and not having given the matter any attention in particular but am positive as to the man's condition from the time he came out of service up to about the year 1884 when he moved to the North part of the state, and he was certainly very seriously afflicted with rheumatism continuously, some of the time having to keep to his bed and much of the time being unable to be out at all.

"Since he moved away I have known very little about him only having heard from him occasionally but have always heard that he was yet troubled with rheumatism up to time of his death.

(signed) A. HURLY"

(This affiant was the husband then of MARTHA MUNYON, older sister of the veteran. On 4 Oct 1888, previous to the foregoing Affidavit, he and his wife, MARTHA HURLEY, had both signed a GENERAL AFFIDAVIT affirming their knowledge of the marriage of her brother to said MARY RHODES MUNYON, the widow seeking a pension; ALLEN HURLEY gave his age then as 67 years and MARTHA was aged 56 years; residents of Batavia. They signed the following affidavit as ALLEN HURLEY and MARTHA HURLEY:)

(8) "That we were well acquainted with Claimant and know that she was the wife of the said soldier, JOHN H. MUNYON. We were not present at the marriage but we do know that they left their homes on the 29th day of January, 1859 stating that they were going to get married and we know that they had been making preparations to get married for some time and when they returned home the next day they said they were married and we know that they lived together as man and wife from that day until his death. We were well acquainted with the said soldier, JOHN H. MUNYON, and that he was the same JOHN H. MUNYON that was a member of Co. "A", 1st Reg't. Mich. Lt. Artly. and we know that neither of the above parties were married prior to the date above given and that neither of them have been married since and that claimant was at work for us when she commenced to get ready to get married and left us and went home for that purpose and after they were married they both came and lived in the same house with us for some time."

(9) GENERAL AFFIDAVIT given by WILLIAM LONG, aged 55 of Coldwater:

"That I have been well and personally acquainted with the late JOHN MUNYON from his discharge from service up to the year 1884. I recollect that when he first came home from the service, he was lame with rheumatism and had to walk with crutches; after about one year he got some better of rheumatism and was able at times to be around without crutches, and to perform some light work and he continued in about such condition until about year 1874 when he was taken down sick with rheumatism and was confined to his bed most of the time and to the house all the time for about four years after which time he got better again and was able to be out some, but not able to do any work and he continued in this condition until he moved away from Coldwater about the year 1884, since which I have not seen him but have heard from him occasionally and have always heard that he was troubled with rheumatism up to the time of his death.
Dated 17 April 1889 and signed WILLIAM LONG"

(10) GENERAL AFFIDAVIT signed by CAROLINE CULVER and MARTHA HURLEY on 14 Sept 1888 before a Notary Public:

CAROLINE CULVER, aged 55 years, resident of Batavia, ... and MARTHA HURLEY, aged 56 years, resident of Batavia, P. O. Address is Old Branch Co., Michigan, declare:

"That we were well acquainted with the Claimant, MARY MUNYON, widow of JOHN H. MUNYON, Deceased, Late of Co. "A", 1st Regt.,Mich. Light Artly. and know that NINA MUNYON who was born March 14th 1874 was the daughter of the said soldier and Claimant and was born on the above date & I, CAROLINE CULVER, was present at the time of birth as the female attendant, and I, MARTHA HURLEY, was present the next day after the birth of the said NINA."

(11) Affidavit signed by NELSON FARGO of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, Michigan, whose Post Office address was: 98 McConnell Street:

"My age is 32 years. I was a resident of Coldwater, Michigan in October 1877 and was well and personally acquainted with the said JOHN H. MUNYON and MARY, his wife, at that time and have known and seen them at intervals ever since. I know of my own knowledge that they were living together as man and wife during all this time, and that they had a son born to them in October 1877 aforesaid. My wife attended Mrs. MARY MUNYON during her confinement on that occasion. I have known the said son ever since; his name is ALONZO R. MUNYON and he is still living with his mother." This was signed before a Notary Public (name not shown); it is not dated but the rubber stamp showing its receipt by the Bureau of Pensions has the date Oct 22,1888.

(12) AFFIDAVIT given in County of Kent on 12 Sept 1888 by EVA FARGO before FRANK P. CARPENTER, Deputy Clerk,Circuit Court, Kent County:

"Personally appeared before me a Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, EVA FARGO, who being duly sworn deposes and says that she has been acquainted with MARY MUNYON for 27 years and that she was present at the birth of ALONZO R. MUNYON who was born October 22 in

the year of 1877, said child being the youngest child of JOHN H. MUNYON and MARY MUNYON and further deponent say that she is positive that said JOHN H. MUNYON and MARY MUNYON never was married prior to their said marriage and further deponent says not.

(signed) EVA FARGO

(13) AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY JOHN LENNON (using his mark) and ADAM F. STAHL before a Notary Public and also before two witnesses which was required (when any affiant signs by mark.)

"JOHN LENNON's Post Office address is 210 Lang Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and he is aged 60 years; ADAM F. STAHL says his Post Office address is 215 South Dearborn Street in said City and that his age is 65 years;

"That they were acquainted personally with the said JOHN H. MUNYON AND MARY, his wife, and know that they were legally man and wife. ADAM F. STAHL states that he has known the said parties intimately for 15 years and knows of his own knowledge that they were considered man and wife by the neighbors and people among whom they lived during the time above specified.

"JOHN LENNON states that he personally knew the said JOHN H. MUNYON prior to his marriage to MARY RHODES in January 1859 and knows of his own knowledge that they were married as man and wife at that time and that they thereafter lived together as man and wife until the death of the said JOHN H. MUNYON; that he knows by reason of his intimate personal acquaintance with the parties aforesaid that neither of them were married to any one prior to the marriage above stated.

Witnesses: (signed) JOHN his X LENNON mark
NELSON FARGO
JAMES J. RUSH ADAM F. STAHL"

The last item in the National Archives file for JOHN and MARY MUNYON is notice that the "PENSIONER (is) DROPPED" dated 16 Sept 1913 at Los Angeles, California: "PENSIONER MARY MUNYON who was last paid at $12. to June 4, 1913, has this day been dropped from the roll because of death AUG 24, 1913; Civil War Widow of JOHN H. MUNYON, Pv. A.1, Mich.L.A."

JOHN and MARY MUNYON undoubtedly had other children than the above mentioned two born 1874 and 1877 by which latter date they had been married eighteen years. The Branch County Clerk has birth records only dating from 1867 but the Federal Census of 1860-1880 doubtless would reveal the names of other children. The record obtained by the compiler listed Record No. 226, ALONZO R. MUNYON born Coldwater 22 Oct 1877, son of JOHN H. MUNYON (born New York, a butcher) and wife MARY MUNYON (born England).

The Birth Record received from the Branch County Courthouse also included the following three children whose parents were LORENZO and MARY MUNYON:

ALLES MUNYON b 25 July 1884 at Batavia, Michigan
GEORGE MUNYON b 27 May 1886 at Batavia, Michigan
ZOE F. MUNYON b 7 Mar 1890 at Batavia, Michigan.

LORENZO MUNYON's birthplace was listed as Michigan and his wife, MARY was born in New York. An extract from the 1870 Branch County Census has the following; residents of Batavia Township:

SIMON L. CULVER, a farmer owning $600. worth of personal property and $2,000. worth of real estate; aged 45
CAROLINE CULVER, wife, age 40, keeping house (born 1830); both were born in New York.
CHARLES CULVER age 20 born N.Y.
JOHN T. CULVER age 18 born N.Y.
FRANK CULVER age 10 born Mich.
FRED CULVER age 8 born Mich.

PALMER MUNYON age 14 born Mich. (born 1854)
LORENZO MUNYON age 9 born Mich. (born 1860-1861)

Who were these two MUNYON boys and why were they apparently residing with the CULVER family when the 1870 Census was taken? Page 250 item No. 10 sets forth that one CAROLINE CULVER of Batavia on 14 March 1874 "was present at the time of the birth of NINA MUNYON (being the female attendant), the parents being JOHN H. and his wife, MARY MUNYON." The age of said CAROLINE CULVER in her affidavit is close enough to the above record of SIMON CULVER's wife to indicate they were one and the same person. It seems obvious there was a close relationship between the CULVER and the MUNYON families.

The obituary of LORENZO T. MUNYON dated 6 Mar 1911 gives us some additional clues which tend to indicate he could have been one of the sons of JOHN H. MUNYON (son of LIONA PALMER MUNYON) and his wife, MARY who had been married 29 Jan 1859:

"LORENZO T. MUNYON, aged fifty years, an old and respected resident of Batavia township, died at 8:15 Saturday evening, March 4, 1911. He was born on the farm where he died, the date of his birth being 23 Nov 1860. He had spent practically his whole life there and was held in the highest esteem by all. He was united in marriage to Miss MARY WORTZ 21 Dec 1881 who survives him. Five children were born to them, four of whom are living:

(1) ALICE MUNYON
(2) GEORGE MUNYON
(3) ALONZO MUNYON who lives at home
(4) Mrs. ED WARD of Sherwood (ZOA)*
(5) Miss BESSIE MUNYON, who died in 1907.

He also leaves one brother, PALMER MUNYON, of Batavia."

The naming of one son ALONZO and having a brother named PALMER MUNYON are certainly significant and tend to show a close family relationship to LIONA and ASA MUNYON, whose youngest son (also named ALONZO) died in the Dakota area in 1881. If this hypothesis is correct and LORENZO T. was one of the sons of JOHN H. (whose youngest brother was ALONZO), then LORENZO also had a younger brother named ALONZO R. (born 1877).

* The subject index at the Coldwater Library for the local newspapers ("Courier and Republican," "Coldwater Republican," and "Union Sentinel") identifies for us the dau MRS. ED WARD of Sherwood, surviving child of LORENZO T. MUNYON: 10 June 1910 ZOA MUNYON was married to EDWARD WARD.

The 1870 Census Extract indicates that said PALMER MUNYON, older brother to LORENZO T. MUNYON (who survived the latter), was aged 14 when the census was taken, making his birthdate about 1856 which presents a problem in identifying him as a son of JOHN H. MUNYON who married 1859. This age is handwritten and inasmuch as old census records are often partly illegible, may not be accurate.

Tragedy continued to strike this MUNYON family down through the years and the young daughter of LORENZO T. and MARY (WORTZ) MUNYON met her death in a tragic accident the morning of July 4th 1907 at the Lake Shore depot in Coldwater; extensive coverage was given to this episode on the front page of the daily paper which included the following:

July 5, 1907

"Miss BESSIE MUNYON, aged 19 years and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LORENZO T. MUNYON, was thrown under train No. 48 yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and sustained injuries from which she died at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Emergency Hospital following an operation in which her right leg was amputated at the knee and the left foot was taken off a few inches in front of the ankle.

"Miss Munyon, in company with her girl friends, all of Girard, had planned to spend the Fourth in Albion and on arriving at the depot they found an immense crowd awaiting the arrival of the train. Miss MUNYON told her friends to get onto the train as soon as it pulled into the station while she would get the tickets for all of the party. The three friends got onto the rear coach, and Miss Munyon, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in getting the tickets. She thereupon caught the front platform of the coach, swung onto the steps and had mounted onto the second step when she lost her hold on the arm of a man in front of her and fell backward to the ground, landing between the depot platform and the track. Had she remained quietly where she fell until the train had passed she would have escaped injury. But she attempted to rise from what she probably considered a dangerous position and was struck by the car and rolled under the rear wheels of the last coach.

"For some time past Miss MUNYON had been employed as stenographer at the office of TREAT & SON on Hudson Street where she was a valued employee. She made her home on Grand Street with Mr. and Mrs. FRED BIDWELL. As soon as possible her parents were notified of the accident and were brought to Coldwater by MORTIMER OLDS of Batavia in his automobile. The funeral will be held Sunday at two o'clock sun time, at Batavia, Grange Hall, following short services at the house at one o'clock.

"This morning Coroner ZUVER ordered an inquest in the case of the death of Miss MUNYON; the entire crew of Train No. 48 will be subpoenaed to act as witnesses and a thorough examination of the facts will be made to determine if possible wherein lies the responsibility for this terrible accident."

If this family relationship is correct, BESSIE MUNYON would have been a great-granddaughter of LIONA PALMER MUNYON and her husband, ASA.

The final episode in this history of LIONA PALMER MUNYON unfortunately involves another tragedy, but one which she did not live to witness. Her youngest son, ALONZO J., died in "Wessington Hills, Dakota" in January 1881 as the result of being frozen to death. News clippings tell the whole story of the tragedy, taken from the previously mentioned Coldwater papers:

"LYMAN HURLBET, Coldwater Jan 28 1881
ALONZO MUNYON frozen to death last night; what shall we do with the remains? D. J. ROOKS

The foregoing dispatch was received in the city which was published in the newspaper with the following explanation:

"These are all the particulars we have of poor 'LON.' He had a host of friends in this city. For several years he was a faithful clerk in E. R. CLARKE & CO.'s store, and his pleasant face was also seen for a number of years behind the counter of J.H.D.WARREN's store. Mr. MUNYON was almost 33 years of age. Last April in company of LEVI HURLBUT he started for the West and engaged in the stock business, with every prospect of success. His brother, MR. JOHN MUNYON, left for Wessington Hills last night to take charge of the remains, which will be brought to this city for interment. Further particulars will be forthcoming later."

Feb. 8, 1881

"A letter received from JOHN MUNYON dated Feb. 2, who left this city for Wessington Hills, Dakota, last week, to take charge of his brother's remains, who was frozen to death while herding stock, states that he is 130 miles from Huron, and had been obliged to team it for the last 120 miles, as no train had been through for the last two weeks. Has had a very hard time of it, being obliged to shovel snow for hours to gain a short distance. He is still 160 miles from his destination."

Feb. 18, 1881

"A letter from JOHN MUNYON to his wife dated Wessington Hills, Dakota, Feb. 18, announces the fact that he has arrived 'after having a very hard time of it.' He was obliged to walk 145 miles through the deep snow and team it over 100 miles. The snow blows so that one cannot see four rods. The body of poor 'LON' lies in a cellar a short distance from the shanty, entirely snowed under. Mr. MUNYON states that the only information he can glean in regard to his death is the fact that he was driving in the cattle and was frozen to death about one-half a mile from the house. He will start for home with the remains just as soon as the blockade is raised."

March 11, 1881

"JOHN MUNYON AT HURON.--The following despatch was received by L. P. PALMER, telegraph operator in this city:

HURON, DAKOTA TERRITORY
FEB 15, 1881

"L. P. PALMER, COLDWATER. Inform friends that J.H. MUNYON is here OK. Will probably be some days before leaving. Wishes to know if all well." OPERATOR. "AS STATED IN OUR LAST: Huron is thirty miles from his place of destination."

April 12, 1881

"PARTICULARS OF THE DEATH OF ALONZO MUNYON.-- The particulars, as we learn them from MR. JOHN MUNYON, his brother, are as follows: ALONZO had taken up and was working a piece of land thirty miles from Huron, Dakota, his business being principally stock raising. At the time of his death, MR. DANIEL ROOKS, formerly of this city, was associated with him in business. On the 26th day of January 1881 MUNYON and ROOKS drove the cattle out on the prairie to graze there being but little snow but quite cold, the thermometer standing 16° below in the morning. About ten o'clock they started for a load of hay when they discovered it was so cold the cattle were scattering and going with the wind. MR. MUNYON immediately returned to the house for his dogs, leaving MR. ROOKS to attend to the hay, and started for the cattle. It is estimated that he traveled about twenty miles before getting around them to drive them in. The day was gradually growing colder, and before night 25° below was registered. MR.ROOKS states that after getting in the hay he ascended a slight rise of ground and could see LON coming in with the cattle not over one and a half miles away. This is the last he ever saw him alive. The cattle came in and were put in the yard and fed before dark, the dogs coming in a short time afterward. MR. ROOKS did not go in search of LON until the next morning when he found him frozen about one mile from the house. MR. JOHN MUNYON stated that in his opinion had ROOKS 'had any moral courage or been any kind of a man' his brother would have been alive today.

"From appearances when found, the marks in the snow would indicate his becoming tired and sitting down in a slight hollow just off the cattle track, and arising from there, but being too exhausted to walk, had fallen and there frozen to death.

"MR. JOHN MUNYON left this city Jan. 27 to take charge of and return with the remains. From Chicago he purchased a ticket over the Northwestern railroad to Huron and return, the company assuring him the road was open and all right. Arriving at St. Peters he found the road blocked with snow, no trains having run through in four weeks. Here he was obliged to leave the road and team it one hundred miles, which took him to Tracy, where the storm was so bad and the snow so deep that he found it impossible to team it farther and started on foot a journey of 140 miles arriving at Huron nearly exhausted. At no time during this tramp was the weather warmer than 15° below and part of the time standing at 25°. After walking 30 miles from Huron the ranch was reached and his journey there finished, having consumed just 21 days. Here he was weather bound until the 30th of March when he resolved to start home with his brother's remains, the road not being open; and 200 miles of that end of the road having been abandoned, he was obliged to team it.

"MR. MUNYON does not speak in very flattering terms of the Northwestern road. At Huron he states the Superintendent refused him permission to store the remains in the freight house, but through the kindness of one of the citizens a room was procured until transportation could be had. MR. MUNYON thanked the Supt. for his kindness in allowing him to walk on his road one way after paying fare both. At Mitchel he struck the Milwaukee & St. Paul where he received the best of attention. At Canton the cars were taken and no more trouble experienced during the balance of the journey."

In this chronological account of the struggle JOHN MUNYON had to endure from January 28, 1881 to April 12, 1881 to recover his brother's frozen body and return it home for proper burial, another tragedy was happening at home in Batavia reported in the "Coldwater Republican" of 8 March, to wit: his elderly father, ASA MUNYON died; this announcement is set out on page 241 of this family's history. Following the burial of the father and his youngest son, ALONZO, there remained the settlement of their respective estates as outlined in the following two news items:

April 22, 1881

"ESTATE OF ASA MUNYON.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BRANCH- ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for said County held at the Probate Office in the city of Coldwater on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty one,
PRESENT: NORMAN A. REYNOLDS, Judge of probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
ASA MUNYON, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of ALLEN HURLEY praying among other things that administration of said estate may be granted to GEORGE MILLER or some other suitable person,
THEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT Saturday, the 14th day of May 1881, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office be assigned for the hearing of said petition.
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Coldwater Republican, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
No. 59814 (signed) NORMAN A.REYNOLDS,
(A TRUE COPY) Judge of Probate"

The petitioner, ALLEN HURLEY (SR.) was the son-in-law of the deceased, being the husband of MARTHA MUNYON, daughter of ASA MUNYON. The reason for his selecting GEORGE MILLER to administer the estate is unclear unless the latter may have been an attorney or a businessman in whom the petitioner had confidence. It is noted that the petitioner's oldest daughter, ALIDA (from his first marriage before he married either of the MUNYON sisters) married one GEORGE MILLER 27 Oct 1866.

May 17, 1881

"ESTATE OF ALONZO J. MUNYON.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BRANCH--ss.
At a session in the Probate Court for said county held at the Probate office in the city of Coldwater on Saturday, the 14th day of May in the year one thousand and eight hundred and eighty-one,
PRESENT: NORMAN A REYNOLDS, Judge of the Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
ALONZO J. MUNYON, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified of MARTHA HURLEY, praying among other things that administration of said

estate may be granted to DAVID B. PURINTON or some other suitable person,
THEREUPON IT IS ORDERED that Wednesday, the 8th day of June 1881 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Office, be assigned for hearing of said petition. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Coldwater Republican, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county for 3 successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
(No. 60514) NORMAN A. REYNOLDS,
(A TRUE COPY). Judge of Probate"

June 17, 1881

A letter was published in the Coldwater newspaper addressed to the Editor, date-lined at Huron, Dakota May 19, 1881, from D. J. ROOKS giving his version of the tragedy which resulted in the death of his associate ALONZO MUNYON, portions of which are as follows:

"Having received a copy of your paper not long since, I discovered therein an article written at the dictation of JOHN MUNYON, purporting to be a true statement of the facts connected with the death of his brother, ALONZO, but which was so utterly devoid of truth and contained so many misrepresentations that it becomes me, through your columns, to make a correct explanation of the circumstances connected with the said affair, in order to exonerate myself from a most inhuman and villainous charge.

"On the 26th day of January, the day of ALONZO's death, the morning was quite cold and blustering. I suggested that the cattle should not be driven out, but ALONZO, remarking that it was not any colder than other days they had been out, started with them, returning at 11 o'clock, said they were all right and in a good place. We soon after started for a load of hay, but on reaching the upper prairie an elevation of 70 feet, discovered the cattle had been driven by the wind onto the lower prairie some two and a half miles distant, and must be brought back. MUNYON being unable to get the hay alone preferred to get the dogs and go after the cattle while I went for the hay into the gulch, one mile from the house. As I returned with the hay to the point where he left me, and from which we first discovered the cattle, I saw him going in pursuit of them. I went to the sheds, took care of my team and shanty, afterwards went up the hill and could see the cattle coming as though some one was driving them, about two miles away, and went on half a mile north from where I found his body (this was one half mile off the cattle track). LON was no doubt with the cattle at this time and I had no reason to fear any danger for him as the wind had gone down, the weather moderated and it was clear and pleasant and starlight. It was about four o'clock. I went to cutting wood for the night and soon the cattle commenced coming to the sheds. I was confident LON would soon be along with the balance of the drove. As the time for his return arrived I became alarmed at the young dog coming home alone and immediately started in search, having first built a fire and put out a signal light. It was now after five o'clock and dark. I took a lantern with me; on going

down the gorge, I met the old dog coming home alone and became more frightened than ever; hastened on to the cattle track leaving occasionally to go upon the bluffs to swing my lantern and call out thinking he might see or hear me. I commenced the search, entering the gorges on each side the trail as far as I could in the snow. After making every effort in my power, traveling till 10 o'clock, I became so fatigued that I was obliged to return to the house to save my own life. Afterwards I thought he might have gone to the station instead of returning home as he expected his partner that night. As no one came in the morning, I renewed my search. When over a mile from the house I discovered a dark object which proved to be the body of poor LON. He could not have been at any time more than four miles from the house and I should have found him the night before had he not been off the cattle trail in this gorge. ALONZO was a man for whom I had too much regard to ever forsake in a moment of peril, and had it been possible would have rendered him any assistance.

"The article JOHN MUNYON had published in your paper is a most scandalous falsehood and based upon no foundation."

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The subject of this history, LIONA PALMER MUNYON, was the youngest sister of the compiler's great-great-grandfather, JOHN C.PALMER. It is a matter of regret that time did not permit research to be carried out to learn the history of her three older sisters, SALLY PALMER SCOTT, ANNA PALMER OSBORN and BETSEY PALMER KINGSLEY.

Another view of the NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER home in Walworth, Wayne Co., New York (see page 236). They settled there in 1806. He was oldest of ten children (b 1782) born to NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER at Granville, Wash.Co., and the ninth child was LIONA PALMER (b 1802) who married ASA MUNYON, subject of the foregoing chapter.

42. NATHANIEL L. PALMER[7] (Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 May 1828 in West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. He was the only child of his father (NATHANIEL) by the second wife, ANNA LEAVITT, of Middletown, Vermont. His parents had married 27 Mar 1827 in her home town, this being the third marriage for his mother. She had married (1st) THADDEUS TERRELL and (2nd) _____ TRUMBULL and had had children by all three husbands: two daughters (ANNA and _____) and a son, EDWIN TERRELL; and a son "SQUIRE" TRUMBULL. NATHANIEL's father was aged sixty-five when he was born and the father died in 1840 when NATHANIEL was only twelve years of age. His mother was almost forty-eight years of age when he was born, and she lived to the age of eighty-eight years and died 12 June 1868. Both the parents are buried in West Walworth Cemetery.

NATHANIEL L. married (1st) MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE on 25 Sept 1850 in Macedon, N.Y. (b 11 Sept 1831), the dau of DENISE and ALCHY (HALSE) DENISE of Macedon. She died 11 May 1879 in Rochester, N.Y., aged forty-eight years and was buried in West Walworth Cemetery alongside her husband's parents, NATHANIEL and ANNA (LEAVITT) PALMER. Her parents had migrated to Macedon from Spencerport, N.Y. and they are also buried in West Walworth Cemetery.

In 1881 on 9 Jan NATHANIEL L. married (2nd) MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY (same family) in Lakeside, Wayne Co.,N.Y. She had been married 1852 (1st) to EDWARD P. POMEROY (b 9 Nov 1829, d 4 June 1888) by whom she had two children: CHARLES THADDEUS POMEROY (b 1853) and ADDIE M. POMEROY (b 1859). The 1880 Federal Census for Wayne Co. lists MARY (aged 50) as a dau living with her parents, RENSSELAER PALMER (age 76) and wife, MARY (age 73) and also that couple's son, LORENZO, aged 41, and one "ADDIE, a teacher," she being the unmarried dau of MARY AND EDWARD POMEROY. From this it would appear that there had been a divorce between MARY and EDWARD POMEROY by at least early 1880. ADDIE POMEROY married WILLIAM M. PARKER the same year her mother married a second time (on 30 Oct 1881).

MARY LOUISE was b 14 Sept 1830 in Ontario, N.Y., the oldest child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER; she d 9 Nov 1899 in Kansas City, Missouri and is buried near her dau and son-in-law according to the inscriptions on the three tombstones in Palmyra Cemetery, Vienna Street, Palmyra, N.Y.:

MARY L. PALMER 1828-1899
WILLIAM M. PARKER 1844-1906 Co.A.111 Regt. N.Y.Vol.Inf.
ADDIE M. POMEROY, wife, 1859-1945

MARY LOUISE was the oldest of nine children born to VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER; her father was the oldest of eight children born to NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER; and NATHAN was the oldest of eleven children born to his father, NATHANIEL, the youngest child being named for the father, NATHANIEL L. Thus NATHANIEL L. married (2nd) his half-brother's granddaughter! An interesting commentary on this relationship was written by the son of NATHANIEL L. (TRUMAN) to OSCAR CONKEY PALMER in one of TRUMAN's many letters in his efforts to trace his family: "We seem to be trebly related, and hence I feel free to write you asking for

information. I believe we come from the same stock, my father married (2nd) your sister (MARY LOUISE) and your brother (FRANK) married (2nd) my sister, MaBELLE." OSCAR CONKEY, MARY LOUISE and FRANK were three of the nine children born to VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER.

The father and grandfather of NATHANIEL L. PALMER were soldiers in the Revolutionary War; the name of the latter (Captain FENNER PALMER) is recorded in the D.A.R. Patriot Index (p.513) which record also includes the name of Ensign JOHN PALMER, uncle of NATHANIEL L., who was the oldest son of the captain; another uncle, GERSHOM, second son of the captain, and NATHANIEL, the third son (and father of NATHANIEL L.) of the captain were also both soldiers in that war, although their names are not entered in the D.A.R.'s records. In the War of 1812 we find a record that ENOS PALMER (older half-brother to NATHANIEL L.) served numerous times in the Infantry Regiment of a volunteer militia in the Walworth area and in due time (1813) he was promoted to lieutenant.

NATHANIEL L. (his son, TRUMAN, writes of him as NATHANIEL, JR.) evidently was both a farmer and a storekeeper. He and his first wife, MARGARET resided on his father's farm in Walworth from the time of their marriage in 1850 to 1869, where three of their four children were born: (1) CORA LOVE; (2) FRANKLIN DENISE; (3) TRUMAN GARRETT. In 1869 they removed to Canewangus (later called Avon), Livingston Co., N.Y., where their fourth child, ALLETTA MaBELLE, was born on 13 August. Then in 1873 the family removed again, to Rochester where, in 1879, the mother, MARGARET, died. Her Will was dated 1879, probated 13 Aug 1879, in which she mentioned her husband, "NATHANIEL L. of Rochester," and four children (Vol. 6, p.464, Monroe Co.Records,N.Y.).

When MARGARET PALMER died in Rochester in 1879 her two oldest children had already married. Although she and NATHANIEL were married almost twenty-nine years, they had only four children; the first three during the 1850's and the fourth (BELLE) in 1869 thus this child was but ten years of age when her mother died in 1879. Some time in the early 1880's NATHANIEL L., his second wife (MARY LOUISE) and youngest child were living in Kansas. Family records reveal that the younger sister of MARY LOUISE (the step-mother of BELLE) was living in Valley Center, Kansas, with her husband and family and also that her own son, CHARLES POMEROY, by her first husband, was in the photography business in Kansas. This could explain why NATHANIEL L. and MARY LOUISE and young BELLE removed from Rochester to Kansas. Over the years they resided in three different communities in that state: Ottawa, Valley Center and Princeton. In the summer of 1884 MARY LOUISE PALMER returned to Wayne County, N.Y. for a visit; and in Aug 1886 seventeen-year old BELLE PALMER travels from Valley Center to Wayne Co., N.Y., visiting at Lakeside, Walworth and also Rochester in adjoining county of Monroe. At one time it is understood that NATHANIEL L. had a 400-acre farm in Ottawa which he sold, using the proceeds therefrom to purchase an orange grove in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California. While still in Princeton, Kansas, on 8 May 1892, his youngest dau, BELLE, was married to FRANK PALMER (same family) and his granddaughter, LILLIAN MAY SARGENT, (oldest child of NATHANIEL's oldest dau, CORA LOVE SARGENT) simultaneously married JOHN R. MURPHY, in a double wedding.

The new son-in-law of NATHANIEL L. PALMER (FRANK PALMER) had become a widower in 1890 due to the tragic death of his first wife, HELEN NORTHRUP by whom he had had three children although the youngest, RAY, aged one year, died in the same tragedy. FRANK was the youngest brother of MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY, the second wife of NATHANIEL L. With the marriage of his youngest child (BELLE) to this FRANK PALMER, BELLE was marrying her step-mother's youngest brother although BELLE was some twenty years his junior.

Following the chronological history of this branch of the PALMER family, it is noted that following the 1892 wedding of his last child, NATHANIEL L. and his wife, MARY LOUISE, removed from the state of Kansas and settled in 1895 on a fruit ranch in Chula Vista, San Diego Co., California. He also purchased in the city of San Diego a house and lot with furnishings described in his probate file as:

> House and lot in San Diego City located at the corners of 13th and "D" Streets, legal description: Lot "A" in Block Number 52 of Horton's Addition to the City of San Diego.

The fruit orchard he purchased was described as:

> 10 acres, Lot 11, Section 150) located in quarter section 150
> 10 acres, Lot 12, Section 150) in Rancho de la Nacion

also described as "the Northerly one-half (1/2) of Block 150, Chula Vista."

In 1896 it appears that NATHANIEL L.'s youngest child, BELLE, with her husband, FRANK, and their young dau MARGARET IRENE PALMER (born 31 July 1893 in Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y.) arrived in Chula Vista on the 19th of August and apparently resided with the father and step-mother for a time. The young couple had been living since their marriage in 1892 in Wayne Co., N.Y. However, early in the year 1897 NATHANIEL L. became ill which interrupted, permanently, whatever plans he and his son-in-law may have had previously about a joint venture in growing and marketing fruit--something both were thoroughly familiar with as that had been their business in New York. From NATHANIEL's probate file (creditor's claim) we learn that he was visited by a doctor (J. M. STEADE) daily commencing 15 Feb and continuing to and including 22 Feb, the day he died. It is interesting to note that the doctor's claim for some days was at the rate of five dollars per day and other days only three dollars; medicines prescribed were either 25¢ or 50¢ and the total claim for the week was $35.00!

Due to the illness of NATHANIEL it appears FRANK had to take charge of the fruit ranch in January and February as the probate file reveals he performed labor ten days in January and fifteen days in February, and his creditor's claim for these days employment at the rate of $1.50 per day was submitted to the estate, along with his claim for moneys he had previously loaned his father-in-law; the total of all his claim, including interest on the promissory note and interest on the cash loaned was $417.80.

NATHANIEL L. was buried in the Masonic (now Mt. Hope) Cemetery in the City of San Diego and a visit to his grave in the 1980's reveals a very well-kept cemetery now owned and operated by the City of San Diego, with his grave and tombstone in excellent condition; the marker reads:

NATHANIEL L. PALMER
Born at West Walworth, N.Y.
MAY 3, 1829
Departed at Chula Vista, Calif.
FEB 22,1897

At Rest

Inquiry at the Cemetery Office revealed that Mrs. N. L. PALMER had purchased three burial graves and the one on both sides of NATHANIEL L. remain vacant. (Under California law, only direct descendants of the deceased and/or the owner of the plot can be buried in the vacant graves; they cannot be sold or disposed of in any other way.)

The obituary (newspaper not known) for NATHANIEL L. PALMER:

> NATHANIEL L. PALMER, one of the wealthiest fruit farmers of southern California, died at his country residence near San Diego, Monday night after an illness of less than a week. Mr. Palmer's son, TRUMAN G. PALMER of this city, left for San Diego on Saturday, but did not arrive in time to see his father alive. The funeral services will be held today at 2 o'clock in San Diego. Nathaniel Palmer was born in Rochester, N. Y., May 3, 1828."

The creditor's claim for the "undertaker's statement" totalled $105.50 (which included cost of the casket, care of remains, graves, hearse, decorating the grave and one item of $5.50 which was not legible).

In the matter of the birthdate of NATHANIEL L. PALMER, as in other instances, it has been noted that different years are given in different sources; i.e. NATHANIEL's tombstone marker has his date of birth as 1829 whereas his obituary and family records give it as 1828.

Inasmuch as NATHANIEL L. died intestate, it was necessary for his widow to petition the court to appoint her as Administratrix and Letters of Administration were issued to MARY LOUISE PALMER on 1 Apr 1897 by the Superior Court of San Diego County. The first item before the Court was her petition for support payments during the administration which was granted in the sum of $40. per month "gold coin of the United States" to be paid out of said estate. The final tabulation of assets for him revealed NATHANIEL's estate was just under $10,000.--a considerable sum in 1897. His four children and the widow signed a "consent for the sale of the Chula Vista property" and thereafter entered into an agreement for the final distribution of the funds remaining in the estate after the sale of both properties (house in San Diego and ranch in Chula Vista) and after all creditor's claims (including those for notes signed by the deceased) had been paid. The San Diego City house, lot and furnishings were sold to

the sole bidder, VERNON G. MATTHEWS for the sum bid $1,650., the total appraisal for the city lot and house being $1,120. NATHANIEL's son-in-law, FRANK PALMER, purchased the 20-acre fruit ranch from the estate, including the house thereon and: "1 horse; 1 cow; 1 calf; 1 brown horse; 1 wagon; 1 2-seat wagon; 1 set double harness; 1 single harness; 1 cultivator for 2 horses; 1 cultivator for 1 horse" and the six-room cottage erected thereon and all household furniture owned by the decedent contained in his late residence in Chula Vista. Receipts accounted for by the administratrix during probate were small amounts resulting from the sale of oranges, lemons, milk and butter. The "highest and best bid being $7,122.60 for the aforementioned ranch, house and equipment", bid by FRANK PALMER, enabled BELLE to continue living in her late father's home with her husband and small daughter; the appraiser's figure had been $6,000. for the ranch.

The agreement reached by the widow and her four step-children for the distribution of the funds derived from sale of the assets in the estate was subsequently carried out when the moneys on hand were distributed as follows:

MARY L. PALMER received the sum of	$ 3,209.15*
TRUMAN G. PALMER received the sum of	939.70
CORA L. SARGENT received the sum of	896.70 + a $43. note
BELLE PALMER received the sum of	939.70
F. D. PALMER received the sum of and surrender to him of notes for sums his father had loaned him	469.85 + cancellation

* The widow consented to the waiving of any commission due her for administering the estate; she was represented by the law firm of HAINES & WARD.

TRUMAN PALMER has left some handwritten notes which clearly express a son's admiration for his father and which enable others to know more about the life and character of NATHANIEL L. PALMER than would otherwise be possible. These notes were found in the fly-leaf of "An American Dictionary of the English Language" by Noah Webster (revised 1864) with the following explanation: "This dictionary belonged to my dearly beloved father, Nathaniel L. Palmer, who departed this life February 22d 1897 at Chula Vista, San Diego, Co., Cal." TRUMAN wrote:

> "Throughout his life, from a boy up, he studied his dictionary. It was his constant companion, his aid to his prose and poetical writings. His command of language was most exceptional and his elaborate vocabulary came from his natural gift in that direction and the <u>study</u> of words.
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> "Left fatherless at the age of twelve, he was obliged to 'pick up' most of his education and how well he did it is evidenced by his writings, his speech and power to overcome obstacles.
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> "It is because of the companionableness of this book for him for over thirty years, that I prize it so highly.
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> "His motto was 'the right word in the right place' and it was within these two covers that he found and learned the right words.
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> "A most companionable and entertaining man, a most agreeable companion, a man without a low instinct, a man who recognized ability and ennobling thoughts and character wherever he found it, a man who never lived in a community but what that community was bettered and elevated by his having lived in it, a God-fearing, Christ-loving man,

NATHANIEL L. PALMER and first wife, MARGARET DENISE PALMER, m. 1850.
(1828-1897) (1831-1879)
Their three oldest children in group photo:
FRANKLIN DENISE (b 1853), CORA LOVE (b 1851) and TRUMAN GARRETT (b 1858).
Middle photo of CORA LOVE (PALMER) SARGENT, taken 1869, aged 18 years.
Below: two sons of NATHANIEL and MARGARET PALMER: "FRANK" and TRUMAN.

ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER, youngest dau of NATHANIEL L. PALMER(below) and first wife, MARGARET DENISE. She was usually called "May-Belle" and was born 1869 and died 1945. Photo taken 1882, aged 13 years. Below are two different photos of NATHANIEL L. PALMER; the one on the left was taken in 1883 when he was aged 55 years. He died in Chula Vista, California 1897.

bereft of his loving wife, my darling mother, nearly twenty years ago, deprived of his property at the same time, he still had a sweet heart, a firm will and at an advanced age he started life anew to retrieve what he could of his property, and determined to become a burden on no one.

"He was fond of all things bright and beautiful and for the last year of his life he enjoyed without stint the beauties of that 'Italy of America' -- Southern California.

"Yet, amidst this all, he had his griefs which he carried with him to the last and they were noted by his physician.

"Had he had nothing on his mind and not have felt obliged to labor so hard, his life would unquestionably have been prolonged.

TRUMAN G. PALMER
465 St. Charles Ave.
Chicago March 21 '97"

When NATHANIEL L. was but four years of age, his father for whom he was named applied for a pension for many years' services rendered during the Revolutionary War, most of which were devoted to serving with and as "a waiter" and an aide to his own father, Captain FENNER PALMER. The Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832 had made provision for such pensions and NATHANIEL's affidavit was dated 2 Oct of that year. One year later on 28 Oct 1833 his older brother, Ensign JOHN PALMER, furnished a corroborating affidavit affirming his personal knowledge of the service by his brother, NATHANIEL, with their father at Fort Ann, Ticonderoga, Fort Edward and other spots in that area of New York. At this late date it is sad to realize and difficult to understand why the outcome of NATHANIEL's effort to be granted a pension (at age 69) resulted in the following disposition: "disallowed for lack of proof of service." Pensions amounted usually to about $8. per month and totalled $96. per year; what a difference that might have meant to this family for had he been granted the pension, then on his death in 1840 his widow, ANNA (LEAVITT), would have been granted a widow's pension of a similar amount until her death and the early part of that period (1840-1846) would have encompassed the years when NATHANIEL L. was growing up from age twelve to age eighteen. The outcome of the father's attempt to obtain a pension at age sixty-nine in 1832 (49 years after the end of the Revolutionary War) seems even more regrettable when it is realized he entered the service in 1776, serving his father as a waiter or aide, when he was but twelve years of age! and this continued through the end of the war in 1783 when he was still but nineteen years of age and he had been married by that time two years.

NATHANIEL L. had four children by his first wife, MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE, the first three born in Walworth and the last child born in Canewangus (later Avon), Livingston Co., N.Y.:

83. (1) CORA LOVE PALMER b 27 Sept 1851, m 18 Aug 1872 ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT (b 12 Jan 1849, d 29 Aug 1889). They had four children. CORA died 1973, aged 78 years in Santa Ana, California.

84. (2) FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER b 6 Sept 1853, m 21 June 1876 MARIA ("RIA") SANDS DOTY (b 23 May 1851, d 23 May 1923); one dau; he d 8 Oct 1945,aged 92.

85. (3) TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER b 27 Mar 1858, m 13 June 1884 at Chicago, VIRGINIA ELIZABETH LINCOLN (b 1 Dec 1860, Chicago; d 6 May 1952, Washington, D.C., aged 91 years); no children.

86. (4) ALLETTA MaBELLE (BELLE) PALMER b 13 Aug 1869, m 8 May 1892 FRANK M. PALMER (b 10 Oct 1849 Lakeside, N.Y., d 13 Jan 1940 Orange, CA., aged 90 years). They had one dau; BELLE died 10 Dec 1945 Kensington, Maryland. FRANK had two surviving daughters by his first wife.

Sources:

Family Records of Harry PALMER Bean, El Paso, Texas.
"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) (supra).
"Palmer MSS." pp. 1097-1098.
Probate File No. 1589 (1897) San Diego County Superior Court.

This huge, well-kept city cemetery in San Diego originally comprised a group of different cemeteries, i.e. Masonic, Odd Fellows, etc. but eventually were all formed into one large cemetery which is administered by the City of San Diego. These photos were taken by the compiler in 1979. The lone tombstone marks the grave of NATHANIEL L. PALMER b 1828 Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., died 1897 Chula Vista, San Diego County. The graves on both sides of his are still vacant; all three graves are in the name of his second wife, "Mrs. N. L. PALMER," who died soon thereafter and was buried in Palmyra Cemetery, Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y. NATHANIEL's first wife, the mother of his four children, was MARGARET (DENISE) who died 1879 and is buried in the plot in West Walworth Cemetery just two spaces from his father and mother, NATHANIEL and ANNA (LEAVITT) PALMER. It is believed the space in that cemetery between MARGARET's and her father-in-law is that of the first wife of NATHANIEL, SARAH who died 1826.

43. EPHRAIM PALMER[7] (Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 May 1788 in the village of Mapletown, Saratoga County, New York, the oldest son of PETER WARD and MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN. When only eighteen years of age he married (1st) about 1806 HANNAH PHELPS (b 12 Jan 1790 in Cambridge, Washington County, N.Y., who died 9 Mar 1828 at the young age of thirty-eight years) who was aged sixteen when the marriage took place. HANNAH had twelve children and died within a few weeks after the birth of the last one.

EPHRAIM married (2nd) about 1829/30 MARY BAKER of Jefferson County, N.Y. by whom he had a son, name unknown, who died at the age of eight years. There is no record of more children by the second wife and it is presumed she too died early for he married (3rd) HARRIET MARSHALL (b 1800, d 1861 in Niagara County, N.Y.). It has also been said that he had a fourth wife but no record has been found of that marriage or the name of the wife.

In 1792 EPHRAIM was residing in Florida, Montgomery County, N.Y. with his parents and thereafter he lived in Herkimer County, N.Y. with them, in the town of Warren, where his father died in the early 1800's. Following the death of his father, EPHRAIM removed to Lewis County, N.Y. and lived in the town of Lowville where his first child was born; his first wife's parents, NOAH and RUTH (LOVELAND) PHELPS were residing in that county at Martinsburg although EPHRAIM's wife, HANNAH, was born in Cambridge in Washington County. It is noteworthy here that his first child, a son, was named FENNER WARD PALMER, retaining the surnames of female ancestors on the Palmer side which had become traditional in this family.

Before the birth of EPHRAIM and HANNAH's second child the first of 1809, they had removed to Canada, across the St. Lawrence River from New York State, residing variously at Elizabethtown, Markham and Cramba and had a child or children born to them in each of those towns.

The family then returned to Lewis County, N.Y., settling at Lowville again by the summer of 1816 where they remained for several years and where four more children were born to them. They remained in Lewis County but had moved to Martinsburg by 1824 when a daughter named HANNAH was born. The next child, EPHRAIM, JR. was born the end of 1826 by which time the family had settled in Antwerp, Jefferson County, N.Y. EPHRAIM apparently continued to reside at this latter address for almost twenty years when he removed about 1847 to the eastern part of Niagara County, N.Y. on the Ridge Road.

HANNAH's last child, a daughter named MARY MELISSA, was born in Antwerp 19 February 1828 and in less than three weeks thereafter HANNAH died in Antwerp (on 9 March 1828).

It appears EPHRAIM and HANNAH while residing at Lowville had become members of the Quaker Church, following the tradition of his father, PETER WARD PALMER. Following the death of HANNAH, he married about 1829/30 one MARY BAKER about whom little else was learned by the compiler of the "Palmer MSS." Research in 1980 resulted in information being received from

Watertown, New York, which is set out verbatim as follows:

"Minutes of the Orthodox LeRoy monthly meeting 11th of 9th month 1828 (copied in 1951-1952):
LeROY QUAKER MINUTES
29th of 1st month 1829: EPHRAIM PALMER - Married out - Certified to Lowvill Monthly Meeting and they disowned him.
EPHRAIM PALMER disowned 9th of 6th month 1831; married his deceased wife's sister."

The reasons for these constant moves by EPHRAIM will doubtless always remain a mystery; certainly it was unusual; by the time he was sixty years of age he had resided in six different New York counties and in three different communities in Canada. A study of the New York map reveals, however that the first five counties were all contiguous; however, the last one was Niagara County, quite a distance from the others. In addition to being an experienced farmer, EPHRAIM was also a skilled carpenter and was also adept as a willow weaver and splint basket maker. Doubtless this enabled him to obtain employment almost anywhere he decided to settle down. However, he lived to be eighty-seven years of age and his travels continued as he settled in 1864 in Ohio near his brother, PETER, in Pataskala, Licking County. This brother had reached Licking County, Ohio by the time of the 1850 U. S. Census.

At least two of EPHRAIM's sons, JOEL and NOAH, were even more travel-minded than he was and more adventuresome, JOEL eventually settling in Oregon and NOAH being an early pioneer in Santa Ana, California. EPHRAIM had reached the advanced age of seventy-six years when he removed to be near his brother in Ohio in 1864 but in due time he migrated to California where he lived out his life in the home of his son, NOAH, in Santa Ana, where he died 21 Jan 1875.

EPHRAIM and his first wife, HANNAH, had the following children:

87. (1) FENNER WARD PALMER b 11 May 1807 in Lowville, Lewis Co., N.Y., died 10 Jan 1884 Dayton, Yamhill Co., Oregon; one son, JOHN b 22 Jan 1829 Cincinnati, Ohio.

(2) POLLY PALMER b 4 Feb 1809 Elizabethtown, Canada, m ROWLAND HALL; d 24 Sept 1896 Laurel, Franklin Co., Indiana.

88. (3) JOEL PALMER b 4 Oct 1810 Elizabethtown, m (1st) ca 1829/30 CATHERINE CAFFEY (b 15 Jan 1811, d 1835); three daus; m (2nd) 21 Jan 1836 SARAH ANN DERBYSHIRE (b 11 Apr 1815 Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, d 14 Dec 1891 Dayton, Oregon) dau of ALEXANDER and ELIZABETH DERBYSHIRE; eight children. Became famous as an experienced guide to Oregon Territory making his first journey there in 1845 when he was elected captain of his wagon train.

(4) LYDIA PALMER b 23 May 1812 Markham, Canada; m _____ HALL and had one son; died Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N.Y.

89. (5) JOHN RICHARD PALMER b 12 Feb 1815 Cramba, Canada; married 12 Oct 1837 LYDIA ANN SCHOEMAKER in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (b 8 July 1813, Pennsville, Bucks Co., Pa.). They had six children; he enlisted 3 Sept 1861 at Knoxville,

Iowa in 3rd Regiment of Iowa Cavalry; died 21 July 1862.

(6) AURILLA PALMER b 27 Sept 1816 Lowville, New York, m GEORGE KIDNEY; d 2 Feb 1891 Traverse City,Grand Traverse Co.,Mich.

(7) AMELIA PALMER b 24 May 1818 Lowville, m CHARLES RATCLIFF HENDERSON; resided Bloomfield, Indiana, where she died 16 Mar 1905, aged 87 years. They had children:

i THOMAS ALBERT HENDERSON, m NETTIE MARKEL and had children:

(a) ARTHUR HENDERSON.
(b) NELLIE HENDERSON.
(c) LEON BINKLEY HENDERSON.
(d) CHARLES E. HENDERSON. He received his A.B. degree from Univ. of Oregon 1893; A.M. degree received 1895; same year he received LL.B. from Univ.of Michigan. Practiced law Bloomfield, Ind. 1895-1906. 1897 elected to (and was youngest member of) Indiana Legislature. In 1906 elected Judge of 14th Judicial Circuit Court of Ind. and served until 1912 when he declined renomination, removed to Indianapolis where he continued to practice law.

ii ELLEN HENDERSON.
iii CHARLES E. HENDERSON.
iv ALICE HENDERSON.
v EMMA HENDERSON.
vi FRANK HENDERSON.
vii BELLE HENDERSON.

90. (8) NOAH PALMER b 3 Sept 1820 Lowville, m 16 Mar 1843 in Laurel, Franklin Co., Ind., SUSAN EVANS (b 28 Jan 1824 in Laurel, d 28 Oct 1903 in Santa Ana, California), dau of WILLIAM and SARAH (ROSS) EVANS of Laurel. They were married over sixty years and had 5 children. He d 10 Jan 1916 Santa Ana and was buried Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana.

(9) RUTH PALMER b 17 Nov 1821 Lowville, m 30 Dec 1841 (or 1849) EDWIN ATLEY HARTLEY in Lockport, Niagara Co., N.Y. They resided Mount Gilead, Morrow Co., Ohio, and in Los Angeles, California where she died 18 Sept 1890. They had one dau:

i HANNAH HARTLEY b _____, m 29 July 1873 in Mich. LUCIEN SHAW; they had one son:

(a) HARTLEY SHAW b 2 June 1874 in Ind., who m FERN WEST 17 Sept 1901 in Calif. where they resided in Glendale.

(10) HANNAH PALMER b 9 Feb 1824 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., New York, m JAMES DERBYSHIRE and had six children; she d 2 Sept 1887 in Connersville, Fayette Co., Ind.,where they resided some years. Their children were:

i OSCAR DERBYSHIRE.
ii ELIZABETH DERBYSHIRE.
iii ALBERT DERBYSHIRE.
iv ALLIE DERBYSHIRE.
v CAROLINE DERBYSHIRE.
vi _____ DERBYSHIRE.

91. (11) EPHRAIM PALMER, JR. b 17 Nov 1826 Antwerp, N.Y., m AMANDA _____, from whom he was divorced and she married (2nd) ONE _____ WILSON and resided then in Boise, Idaho and had several children. EPHRAIM and AMANDA had one son, PHILIP who died unm in Boise, Idaho. EPHRAIM d 20 Mar 1913 in the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C. and is buried in National Cemetery in Arlington.

(12) MARY MELISSA PALMER b 19 Feb 1828 Antwerp, m 9 Jan 1847 at Martinsburg, N.Y. WALTER DEWEY HUBBARD (b 14 Feb 1821 Turin, N.Y., d 14 Dec 1887, Turin) son of CORYDON and LUCY(RICHMOND) HUBBARD of Turin. MARY married (2nd) 1901 Rev. THOMAS GRAVES; she d 30 Jan 1906 at Greig, Lewis Co., N.Y. She had five children by her first husband:

i JAMES MONROE HUBBARD b 2 Nov 1848, d 15 Apr 1865.

ii SARAH AURILLA HUBBARD b 1850, d 1852.

iii ELLA HUBBARD b 3 Feb 1853, a twin, m 31 Dec 1868 JOHN HENRY BROWN; they resided Boonville, N.Y. and had four sons:

(a) CHARLES DEWEY BROWN.
(b) WALLACE DRAYTON BROWN.
(c) FRANK EARL BROWN.
(d) JOHN WILLET HUBBARD.

iv EMMA HUBBARD b 3 Feb 1853, a twin, d 29 June 1878, aged 25 years.

v HATTIE HUBBARD b 14 Apr 1865, m 23 Feb 1891 NATHANIEL FOSTER SARGENT, resided Boonville, N.Y. and had two sons:

(a) JOHN WALTER SARGENT b 15 Nov 1893.
(b) ROLAND LYLE SARGENT b 19 Nov 1901.

Child by second wife, MARY:

(13) _____ a son, born ca 1831/32, died at age 8 years.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." (typescript) pp. 1101-1106, 1109-1118.
"Palmer MSS." (handwritten volumes) Vol. 2, page 543-a and Vol. 2, pages 858- to 858-1
Family Records of Alice PALMER Bumbera of Crosswicks, N.J.
National Archives Pension File for EPHRAIM PALMER,JR.#P32,966A, Certificate No. 14676 and Military File.
National Archives Military File for JOHN RICHARD PALMER.
National Archives Pension File for LYDIA ANN (SCHOEMAKER) PALMER, widow of JOHN RICHARD PALMER #WC 13-007.

44. PETER PALMER[7] (Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born about 1796/97 in the village of Mapletown, county of Saratoga, New York, the second son of PETER WARD PALMER and his wife, MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN. PETER's grandfather, Captain FENNER PALMER, had died in 1794 in Saratoga County at which date PETER's parents were residing in Florida, Montgomery County, New York. Inasmuch as PETER's father had to take over as administrator of the grandfather's estate, it may be that at that date (1794) they settled for a time in Saratoga County where PETER was born. Thereafter PETER resided with his parents in Warren, Herkimer County, N.Y. and were there at the time his father died in 1802/03 when PETER was still a small child and his mother as administratrix had to furnish a bond on behalf of the minor children.

PETER married LOVISA _____ (born 1802) but no other information has surfaced about her. PETER resided at different times in Lowville, Lewis County and in Niagara County, both in New York and eventually removed to Pataskala, Licking County in Ohio where he continued to reside the remainder of his life.

According to the "Palmer MSS" (page 1119) there was found a record "of only three children as given herein from family records, LORENZO, NELSON and MALISSA, but there were other children as given in the 1850 United States Census for Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio," in which census PETER's age was then given as 53 years (placing his birth as 1797) and his wife, LOVISA's, age then as 48 years, furnishing for her the birth date of about 1802; the census record listed New York as the place of birth of both parents; by the 1860 United States Census the parents were residing in Pataskala Township but had no children residing in the household.

Children born in New York:

(1) LORENZO PALMER - listed in family records but not in the 1850 Census; may have been of age then.

(2) NELSON PALMER b 1828, died while on a visit to Buffalo, New York; m (1st) ISABELLA _____ (b 1834 Ohio) in Pataskala Township, Ohio; m (2nd) a widow with three daus. NELSON is listed in 1860 U S. Census with wife and two children: ELLIS G. PALMER b 1857 and LELAND D. PALMER b 1859, both in Ohio. NELSON's occupation in the census was shown to be that of a shoemaker.

(3) MARY PALMER born 1830.

(4) CAROLINE PALMER born 1833.

(5) MELISSA A. PALMER born 27 Jan 1842, m 6 Sept 1864 EDWIN DAVIS (b 22 June 1835 in Yates Co., N.Y.). They had five children born in Pataskala, Ohio:

i ZELLA DAVIS b 19 Nov 1865, m Rev. GRANGER DOUGLASS CHASE 2 Aug 1888 (b 20 June 1864 in Bainbridge, Ross Co., Ohio. He was a minister of the "M.E.Church" and they resided in Michigan and had 5 children:

(a) CHARLES DUDLEY CHASE.
(b) HENRY WAYNE CHASE.
(c) JENECIFER LOIS CHASE.
(d) STALEY DAVIS CHASE.
(e) LOUISE ANNETTE CHASE.

ii EDWIN DAVIS b 1871, d 7 Nov 1876, aged 5 years.

iii DAISY DEANE DAVIS b 8 Sept 1873, m 26 June 1894 HAVEN HUBBLE KEYS (b 30 Oct 1872 Rock Camp, Ohio); they had five children:

(a) DOROTHY DEANE KEYS.
(b) EUDORA RUTH KEYS.
(c) WILLARD DeWITT KEYS.
(d) MARY MARGARET KEYS.
(e) DAISY ELIZABETH KEYS.

iv STALEY FRANKLIN DAVIS b 8 Apr 1877, m 4 Nov 1907 HELEN LARTER FREDERICKS (b 17 May 1885 Newark, N.J.). STALEY was a minister; they had one dau, HELEN MARJORIE DAVIS.

v EUDORA R. DAVIS b 12 Dec 1880, m 18 June 1909 JOHN ARVIN SMITH (b 14 Sept 1884); they had one son, EDWIN MILTON SMITH.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp.1119, 1120; the latter page gives as its source for information about MELISSA A. PALMER DAVIS: "Bixby Genealogy" by W. G. Bixby (1914), Vol. 2, pp.318-319.

Photos taken by Compiler in 1975. The small cemetery adjoining this church to the rear is the last resting place of Ensign JOHN PALMER, his wife, MARY and many of their sons, a daughter-in-law and one grandson. He was the oldest son of Capt. FENNER and LYDIA PALMER and it is very possible they too are buried here as some graves have no markers and there was no plot book earlier than 1800. The family were members of the Dover First Baptist Church (Wingdale, Dutchess Co., N.Y.) before settling here at Hoosick Falls and doubtless many of them became members here. LYDIA PALMER died here in 1788 and Capt. FENNER died in 1794 in nearby Saratoga County. (See page 193a)

45. PHEBE PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Mar 1792 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the oldest child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. She married JOSEPH PAYNE and after marriage they resided in Barre, Orleans County, N.Y., which is located in the upper northwest corner of that state. PHEBE died in Barre 26 Nov 1860. (No information has been found regarding JOSEPH.) Her parents and grandparents had resided in the most easterly section of New York in the counties of Dutchess and Albany which bordered the states of Conn., Mass. and Vermont; in 1791 a portion of the county of Albany had been taken to create the new county of Rensselaer. PHEBE and her husband settled in an area which in the 1790's was a very great distance away from her family. However, following the history of numerous descendants of Captain FENNER PALMER, we find others removing to the same northwesterly corner of New York and settling there in Ontario and Wayne counties some of them residing there to this day.

The Will of PHEBE's father, dated 16 June 1828, probated 1 July that year, has references to his daughter, also named PHEBE: after making ample provision for his second wife, PHEBE, including his household furniture "during her natural life" his Will disposes of the "rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, not hereinbefore disposed of. I give, devise and bequeath the same to be divided among my children, their heirs and assigns forever in such manner and subject to such rule of distribution, as is hereinafter laid down and prescribed..." However, he had previously advanced certain sums of money to several of his sons and to his daughter, PHEBE, which amounts "so advanced ... to each of my said children, shall be deducted from the share of my estate which he or she would have been entitled to receive if no such advancement had been made."

PHEBE's father especially provided in his Will a restriction regarding the bequest to her:

> "Item. I further will and direct that such part or portion of my estate as shall fall to the share of my daughter PHEBE, the wife of JOSEPH PAYNE, shall not in any manner or respect be subject to the control, use or management of the said JOSEPH PAYNE, but I hereby will and devise the same to THOMAS SHERMAN, of the Town of Nassau to be held by him in trust for the said PHEBE during the life of the said JOSEPH PAYNE, her husband. And I direct that the said THOMAS SHERMAN pay to her the said PHEBE and her only, at such time or times as her necessities shall require, such part of the principal and the annual interest or income arising and growing out of such part or portion as shall be sufficient to supply the necessary comforts for herself and family to be applied by her for the purposes aforesaid at her descision; And I further will and direct that if the said JOSEPH PAYNE shall depart this life previous to the decease of my said daughter, PHEBE, then the said THOMAS SHERMAN shall pay over to her the whole amount of such part or portion as shall remain unexpended, together with the interest due thereon, reserving thereout such reasonable compensation as he may be entitled to receive for his agency and services in and about the same. And I further will and direct that if my said daughter,

PHEBE, shall die during the life-time and previous to the death of the said JOSEPH PAYNE, her husband, then and in that case the said part or portion so as aforesaid devised and bequeathed to her, or such part thereof as shall not have been expended during her life, shall be divided equally among such of her children as shall be living at the time of her decease, their heirs and assigns and the heirs of such children of the said PHEBE as shall have departed this life previous to her death. And I further will and direct in such case that the said THOMAS SHERMAN shall pay to such of the children of the said PHEBE as shall have arrived to the age of twenty-one years the share or shares, portion or portions of the said devise or bequest which he, she or they may be entitled to receive; and he, the said THOMAS SHERMAN, shall hold the residue, if any there be, in trust for such of the children of the said PHEBE, if any there be, who shall not have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and upon their arriving at such age respectively, he shall pay to each such child, his or her proper and rightful share of such bequest as aforesaid...."

Inasmuch as PHEBE's father had to provide first for all his minor children, it was many years before she received her share from her father's estate. He expressly provided in his Will that:

"... there be no partition of the real estate lastly above mentioned among my heirs before all my children then living shall have arrived at the age of twenty-one years..."

PHEBE's youngest half-sister, HARRIET, was three years of age when the father died; there were five half-sisters and one brother still minors when FENNER, JR. died in 1828; thus it would not be until May 1846 that the youngest child reached the required age of twenty-one years. The estate was finally settled in August 1850, by which time PHEBE's stepmother and even one of the co-executors had also died. Her father had specified in his Will that he had previously advanced "to my daughter PHEBE, the wife of JOSEPH PAYNE, the sum of five hundred dollars," which amount would be deducted from her share of her father's estate. Her oldest brother, THOMAS, had been named and served throughout as one of the three co-executors.

PHEBE and JOSEPH PAYNE had the following children:

(1) JANE PAYNE who married MAURICE CARPENTER.
(2) SMITH PAYNE who in 1867 was residing in Manteno, Kankakee County, Illinois.
(3) ELIZABETH PAYNE who married _____ HUYCK and resided in Union City, Branch Co., Michigan in 1867.
(4) CORNELIUS PAYNE who resided in Lockport, N.Y. in 1867.
(5) FRANCES PAYNE who married _____ GRINNELL and resided in Barre, N.Y. in 1867.
(6) GEORGE W. PAYNE who was residing in Lockport, N.Y. in 1867.
(7) CYRUS PAYNE who in 1867 resided in Kankakee, Illinois.
(8) THOMAS F. PAYNE.

46. THOMAS PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Mar 1797 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York, the oldest son of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. THOMAS was their third child; a baby sister named SARAH had been born 4 Apr 1795 and apparently died at birth.

He married 17 Jan 1814 in Kinderhook, N.Y. CHRISTIANA SMITH according to the records of the Dutch Reformed Church although no other information was found about her. The dates and places of their deaths have not been found.

THOMAS' father had died in June 1828 in Nassau and in his Will he appointed his oldest son as one of three executors, to serve along with "my friends THOMAS SHERMAN and ENOCH SHERMAN." THOMAS' mother had died in 1813 when he was only sixteen years of age; he married the following month. Thus when he was appointed to carry out his father's wishes, he had five minor half-sisters and one minor brother(inasmuch as his father had married (2nd) PHEBE SHERMAN in 1814 by whom he had five daughters) to care for; and by 1829 THOMAS had had his first four children.

The Will of FENNER, JR. contained a bequest to his sons as follows:

> "I give and bequeath to my sons, THOMAS, CORNELIUS, GEORGE, JONATHAN and FENNER, the sum of Five hundred dollars each, to be paid to such of them respectively as shall not have received an advancement during my life, equal in amount thereto as soon as one year after my decease shall have expired. . . .
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> "Item. I further will and direct that after the payment of the legacies last mentioned, or such of them as shall be payable according to the ... conditions connected therewith, the residue and remainder of my Estate be divided equally among all my children, their heirs and assigns, share and share alike; but inasmuch as I have heretofore paid to those of my children hereinafter named diverse sums of money for their benefit and advancement, that is to say, to my son, THOMAS, the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars; to my son, CORNELIUS, the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars; to my son, JONATHAN, the sum of seven hundred dollars, and to my daughter, PHEBE, the wife of JOSEPH PAYNE, the sum of five hundred dollars. Therefore, I further will and direct that upon the division of my estate among my children, the sum so advanced as above mentioned to each of my said children shall be deducted from the share of my estate which he or she would have been entitled to receive if no such advancement had been made...."

By 1836 THOMAS and CHRISTIANA and their children were living in Manchester, Ontario County and as late as 1849 they were living in Arcadia, Wayne County, New York. During all this time THOMAS continued to serve as a co-executor of his father's estate which was not finally settled until

August of 1850, 22 years after the death of the testator! By that year all THOMAS' minor half-sisters had married and one of the named co-executors, ENOCH SHERMAN, had died, and the widow of FENNER, JR., PHEBE (SHERMAN) had died in August of 1849. Both Ontario and Wayne Counties are located in the northwesterly corner of the state of New York, near Orleans County where the oldest sister, PHEBE (PALMER) PAYNE had settled following her marriage.

The records of Rensselaer and Ontario County reveal the following deed transactions involving THOMAS PALMER:

3 Mar 1829 THOMAS PALMER of Nassau was deeded land in the town of Nassau by his brother, GEORGE FENNER PALMER of Nassau (Vol. 21, p. 162), Rens. County.
15 Dec 1836 THOMAS of Manchester, Ontario Co., was deeded land in that place (Vol. 61, p. 266, Ont. Co.); and
2 May 1838 THOMAS and wife, CHRISTIANA, deeded the same land in Manchester (Vol. 63, p. 470).

THOMAS and CHRISTIANA had the following children:

(1) ELIZABETH PALMER who married _____ BILLINGS.
(2) SMITH PALMER who resided in Saginaw, Michigan.
(3) JANE PALMER.
(4) SARAH A. PALMER who married WILLIAM REED.
(5) PHEBE A. PALMER born 1831, died 13 Mar 1902, unm. Administration on her estate was issued to her only heir, her sister, SARAH A. REED of Newark, N.Y.

The next sibling born to FENNER, JR. and ELIZABETH (HOAG) after THOMAS was named JOHN; he was born 3 April 1799 but inasmuch as he was not named in his father's Will, it is presumed he died young.

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47. CORNELIUS PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 May 1801 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the fifth child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. He married 21 Nov 1818 in Nassau CATHERINE SMITH (b 3 June 1802, d 6 May 1872 in Lyons, N.Y.), dau of MICHAEL and MARY (BACKUS) SMITH of Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y. He died 6 Oct 1851 in Manchester, Ontario Co., N.Y.

CORNELIUS continued to reside in Nassau following his marriage until about 1834 when he removed to Wayne County where he resided in the village of Palmyra; however, it is believed all his children were born in Nassau. Several of his siblings eventually resided in that area of N.Y., in the adjoining counties of Orleans, Wayne and Ontario.

The records of Ontario County (Vol. 56, p. 90) reveal that land was deeded to CORNELIUS PALMER in Palmyra on 6 Sept 1834; previous to 1823 the territory of Wayne County was a part of Ontario County.

Administration on the estate of CORNELIUS PALMER was issued to his widow, CATHERINE, on 30 Oct 1851; the petition revealed that they were then residing in Manchester, Ontario County and that he left surviving him three children, the youngest one, MARY JANE, who would be aged 18 years the June following her father's death (Vol. H, p. 226, Ont. Co.).

The widow, CATHERINE (SMITH) PALMER, died 6 May 1872 in Lyons, N.Y., also in Wayne County, and her Will was dated 4 July 1871, probated 2 Sept 1872. In it she mentioned her three children: HENRY W., GEORGE F. and MARY JANE WATERMAN, and the children of her daughter, CALLIE L., ENELL VELLEDA and FRANKLIN P.WATERMAN. MARY JANE's fourth child, ADELBERT, was not born until some years after her parents' deaths. Her Will also mentioned her son-in-law MURRAY I. WATERMAN.

CORNELIUS and CATHERINE PALMER had four children, born in Nassau:

92. (1) HENRY WESLEY PALMER b 1 Oct 1820 m BETSEY ANN BROWN of Port Gibson, N.Y. They had six children born Port Gibson:
    - i ELLA PALMER b 1848, d 1851.
    - ii CHARLES WESLEY PALMER b 1850, d 1873 unm.
    - iii ELDA ADEL PALMER b 2 Oct 1853, m JUDSON BRADLEY of Lyons, N.Y. (b 8 Aug 1852); 1 child who died young.
    - iv WILLIAM DAVID PALMER b 5 May 1857, m 1879 in Newark, N.Y., FLORA A. NORTON; he died 9 Aug 1889, aged 32. They had two children:
        - (a) JUDSON BRADLEY PALMER b 21 Mar 1882.
        - (b) GRACE A. PALMER b 20 Feb 1887, d 9 Dec 1920, unm., in Manhattan, Kansas
    - v EDWARD PARKER PALMER b 3 Mar 1861, m 16 Nov 1882 in Newark, CAROLINE ADELIA BILLS (b 31 Aug 1862 Palmyra) and had seven children all born in Palmyra:
        - (a) LOUIS EDWARD PALMER b 29 Oct 1883.
        - (b) FRED ARTHUR PALMER b 25 Aug 1885, m FLORENCE PIERCE; resided Palmyra.
        - (c) HENRY WESLEY PALMER, II, b 5 June 1887.
        - (d) LUELLA ELIZABETH PALMER b 2 Aug 1889, m MILAN WOODWARD; resided Syracuse,N.Y.
        - (e) JUDSON HIRAM PALMER b 12 Nov 1892.
        - (f) ELDRIDGE ALLEN PALMER b 14 Feb 1895.
        - (g) FLETCHER GARLOCK PALMER b 28 June 1896, m GLADYS PARKER; had one child.
    - vi BENJAMIN JUDSON PALMER b 10 May 1863, m 11 Mar 1885 MARY ELIZABETH LANGDON (b 17 Jan 1867, d 3 July 1921). He died 1924 in Newark, N.Y. They had four children:
        - (a) BENJAMIN LANGDON PALMER b 18 Sept 1886.
        - (b) ERLE (EARL) R. PALMER.
        - (c) CAROLYN RUTH PALMER m _____ GALE; resided Alpena, Alpena County, Michigan.
        - (d) CHARLES W. PALMER.

    (2) JOHN FENNER PALMER b 7 June 1823, d 21 Nov 1845, aged 22.

93. (3) GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER b 23 May 1832, m 9 Jan 1854 in Port Gibson, N.Y., LOUISA SCHUTT (b 6 Oct 1838, d 3 Mar 1887).

GEORGE FREDERICK and LOUISA (SCHUTT) PALMER had seven children, all born in Port Gibson, N.Y.:

i MURRAY WATERMAN PALMER b 1 Feb 1857, m 9 May 1886 in Elizabeth, N.J., FLORENCE ADELL BEEBE (b 16 Dec 1861 in Morris, Grundy Co., Illinois); he died 25 25 May 1895; one child:
   (a) DONALD BEEBE PALMER b 22 Apr 1894.

ii FRANK ALLISON PALMER b 10 Nov 1859, m 15 Oct 1879 DELLA BIGELOW; rem to Wisconsin; two children:
   (a) ARTHUR ROY PALMER b 16 Nov 1884, m ALMEDA JOHNSON; one child: FRANK ARTHUR PALMER b 23 May 1908.
   (b) BESSIE MAUD PALMER b 8 Dec 1890, m FRED BLODGETT 17 Mar 1909.

iii HATTIE CATHERINE PALMER b 16 Oct 1861, m 11 Jan 1888 JOHN T. LEGGITT; two children:
   (a) JOHN T. LEGGITT, JR., b 20 Sept 1890, died 8 June 1910.
   (b) EARL PALMER LEGGITT b 6 July 1898.

iv JENNIE LOVISA PALMER b 23 Nov 1863, d 1921 unm.

v REUBEN FENTON PALMER b 1865, m 21 Nov 1888 JENNIE SNYDER; two children:
   (a) MURRAY PALMER.
   (b) ETHEL PALMER married ROY SHOEMAKER.

vi JOHN WESLEY PALMER b 2 Nov 1866, d ca 1898, unm., Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana.

vii GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER, JR. b 14 June 1873,d 1894.

(4) MARY JANE PALMER b 23 June 1834, m MURRAY I. WATERMAN of Lyons, N.Y. (b 17 Dec 1830, Walcott, N.Y.)

i ENELL VELLEDA WATERMAN b 1855, m ALMOND GRAY in Buffalo, N.Y. She d 4 Dec 1920.

ii CALLIE L. WATERMAN b 19 July 1857, m MARTIN L. FAILING

48. ANNA PALMER[7], (Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 Dec 1804 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York, the sixth child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. She married 1 Jan 1820 at Nassau JOHN+VALENTINE (b 9 Dec 1795 at Nassau, d 30 Mar 1847 in Arcadia, Wayne County, N.Y.) the son of JOEL and ANNA (WATERBURY) VALENTINE of Nassau.

ANNA and her husband had both come from families which had been farmers and this they continued also. Her husband was named beneficiary along with his brother, DAVID VOLLENTINE, of their father's farm when he died 12 July 1828 in Nassau, just one week after ANNA's own father died there. JOHN VALENTINE along with another brother, DANIEL, were named Executors of their father's last Will and Testament.

ANNA and JOHN eventually removed to the northwesterly area of New York State and his Will was dated 4 Jan 1845 in the County of Wayne, town of Arcadia; it was witnessed by JOHN M. HARDER, husband of ANNA's next youngest sister, ELIZABETH. Her husband named as Executors of his Will, his son, DANIEL B., and FENNER PALMER, the latter being a younger brother of ANNA VALENTINE, although in the Will JOHN refers to him as "my friend, FENNER PALMER."

On 12 Dec 1850 an official record was made of the "Free Inhabitants in the Town of Arcadia, County of Wayne" which reveals ANNA, the mother, was then living in the household of her only son, DANIEL B., and his wife, SALLY A., and their two children: MARY E. and ELLA. At that time ANNA's age was given as 46 years. She apparently never remarried and died 6 Jan 1895, aged 90 years (having been a widow almost fifty years) in Rochester, N.Y., but like her husband, was buried in the North Main Street Cemetery in Newark, Wayne County.

ANNA and JOHN's two children were born in Nassau:

94. (1) DANIEL BRAYTON VALENTINE b 9 May 1821, m 9 Sept 1841 SALLY ANN GALLOWAY at Newark (b 21 Oct 1821 in Wayne County) dau of MILO and ANN GALLOWAY who had removed from Vermont to Newark; died 25 June 1900 Chicago. They had seven children.
(2) MARY ELIZABETH VALENTINE ("BETSEY") b 9 Mar 1823, m 25 Dec 1840 JAYSON SANFORD; rem. to San Francisco where they resided on Van Ness Avenue; she died there in 1925. they had one dau, ANNIE SANFORD who m JACOB C.JOHNSON and resided in Newark, Wayne County, N.Y.

The 1881 Rochester City Directory reveals DANIEL BRAYTON VALENTINE is residing there at 38 Mumford Street with his widowed mother, ANNA.

Source:
HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL of Fort Worth, Texas (1985).

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN VALENTINE

In the name of God amen. I, JOHN VALENTINE, of the town of Arcadia, county of Wayne and state of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of a sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, first I give and bequeath unto my wife ANNA VALENTINE the farm on which I now reside, containing about thirty acres of land, for her own support, to be used as she may think proper during her natural life, but in case the avails of this farm shall not be sufficient for her support, she shall be at liberty to dispose of any part or the whole of the above mentioned farm for this purpose. I also give and bequeath to my wife, ANNA, the household furniture, one cow, one horse and waggon, one horse sleigh and harness. I further will and direct the residue and remainder of my estate be divided between my son DANIEL B. VALENTINE, and daughter BETSEY, the wife of JASON S. SANFORD, as hereinafter directed, but inasmuch as I have paid DANIEL five hundred dollars more than the said BETSEY SANFORD, she shall be entitled to receive five hundred dollars to make her equal with the said DANIEL. I further will and direct that when the said BETSEY has received the above sum to make her equal, they shall be entitled to an equal share of what remains if any there be. I further direct that my executors hereinafter mentioned, pay all my just debts and funeral charges as soon after my decease as conveniently may be. I hereby appoint my son, DANIEL B. VALENTINE, and my friend, FENNER PALMER of Arcadia, executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Witnessed by:
JOHN M. HARDER (signed) JOHN VALENTINE

AFFIDAVIT OF DEATH IN CASE OF WILL

STATE OF NEW YORK)
WAYNE COUNTY) ss:

DANIEL B. VALENTINE of Palmyra in said county, being duly sworn, says that JOHN VALENTINE died a natural death, on the thirtieth day of March 1847 at Arcadia in said county, which was the place of his residence at the time of his death: that he left a certain instrument in writing purporting to be his last will and testament, and which relates to both real and personal estate: that this deponent and FENNER PALMER are named executors in said instrument: that ANNA VALENTINE of said town of Arcadia is the widow of said deceased: that this deponent and BETSEY SANFORD, wife of JASON S. SANFORD of said town of Palmyra are the heirs at law and next of kin to the said deceased, and are respectively of the age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of April 1847 before me
JAMES C. SMITH, Surrogate.

(signed) DANIEL B. VALENTINE

49. ELIZABETH PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Feb 1806 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the seventh child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH and she married 16 May 1822 JOHN M. HARDER (b 1801 in Columbia Co., N.Y. and d 1891 in Rochester, N.Y., aged 90 years).

They resided in Columbia County until after the birth of all their children; about 1859 they removed to Rochester, N. Y. where they lived the remainder of their lives. ELIZABETH died 13 Apr 1897 in Rochester, aged 91 years.

The children of ELIZABETH and JOHN HARDER were:

(1) HENRY HARDER who m. SARAH MOORE and had dau CARRIE HARDER.
(2) MARY HARDER who m. RICHARD ELLIS and had two children:
  i. JENNIE ELLIS who m. _____ MARTIN.
  ii. EDWIN ELLIS who died Oct 1868 in Rochester.
(3) CAROLINE HARDER who m. LYMAN FISH.

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50. GEORGE FENNER PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Feb 1808 in Nassau, the eighth child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. He married (1st) GERTRUDE ELIZABETH BECKER (b 12 Mar 1805 in Kinderhook, N.Y., died 1 Apr 1862 in Barre, N.Y.) by whom he had two children.

GEORGE married (2nd) ELIZABETH SMITH (b 10 Aug 1814, d 3 Sept 1867, Barre). The Will of the second wife, ELIZABETH, is dated 6 July 1867, probated 30 Dec 1867, in which she mentioned her husband, GEORGE, and his two children, and also her sister, MARIA PHILLIPS, of Arcadia, Wayne County, N.Y. (Vol. 6, p.345, Orleans Co.)

GEORGE married (3rd) JANE H. KIRBY who survived him. He died 29 June 1871 in Barre and administration on his estate was dated 1871 and his Will mentioned his widow, JANE H. PALMER and his two children (Vol. 4, p. 598, Orleans Co.) GEORGE had continued to live in Nassau where he was born until after the birth of his two children; he then removed to the county of Orleans, settling in the village of Barre where he continued to reside the remainder of his life.

GEORGE and GERTRUDE ELIZABETH (1st wife) had two children:

95. (1) CHARLES FENNER PALMER b 27 Oct 1830, m MARY ANN SWEET (who died 12 July 1908, Barre, N.Y.); they had three children b Barre, N.Y. He d 9 Nov 1890, Orleans Co.
(2) JOSEPHINE PALMER who m (1st) FRANK GRINNELL; m (2nd) LOUIS ECKLER of Leslie, Ingham Co., Mich. by 1871; m (3rd) _____ EDGAR; she had no children. In 1873 she resided Jackson, Jackson Co., Mich.; later in Jonesville, Hillsdale Co., Michigan; but there are no burials in Hillsdale Co. surnamed EDGAR (see "Hillsdale Burials" 1978, pub. by Southern Mich.Genealogical Society.)

51. JONATHAN PALMER[7], (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 June 1810 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the ninth child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG. He married 7 May 1829 in Nassau BETSEY HERRICK (b 26 Mar 1808 in Nassau, d 3 May 1886 in Clyde, Wayne Co., N.Y.), the dau of LEWIS and LUCY (CASTLE) HERRICK of Nassau ("Herrick Genealogy" p. 67 (1885).) JONATHAN died in 1869 in Arcadia, Wayne County.

JONATHAN continued to reside in Nassau and then in an adjoining town, Schodack, until about 1846 when he removed to Wayne County where he resided as a farmer in the town of Lyons in 1849 and later in the town of Arcadia. His children were born while they resided in Nassau.

In his Will dated 25 Sept 1868, probated 20 Sept 1869, he mentioned his wife, BETSEY and only one son, RICHARD H. However, the Will of his widow is dated 10 Oct 1883, probated 1886 which recites that she was of Clyde, N. Y., and she mentioned her sons, Richard H. and Lewis H. Palmer and her daughter, Lydia Shaw; Richard and Lydia's place of residence were listed as Arcadia,N.Y. and Lewis resided at Clyde; the Will also mentioned her granddaughter, JENNIE HUNT of Clyde and her grandson, JONATHAN, age 17 years, of Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, who was then residing with an aunt, Mrs. MARY SHAWHAM.

The children of JONATHAN and BETSEY were:

96. (1) FENNER THOMAS PALMER b 26 Apr 1830, m (1st) OLIVE HOWLAND 13 Dec 1854; m (2nd) ELEANOR WELLS SHAWHAN 19 May 1868.

(2) RICHARD HERRICK PALMER b 11 Sept 1833, m ALIDA JANE HINMAN (b 2 Sept 1840 in Phelps, N.Y., dau of WILLIS and OLIVE A. (MILLER) HINMAN of Phelps. They resided in Newark, Wayne County, New York of which village RICHARD was President; for many years he was Trustee and Treasurer of the Methodist Church. He was also a farmer and a commercial traveler. They had no children.

97. (3) LEWIS HERRICK PALMER b 31 Jan 1835, m 26 Dec 1861 in Clyde LOUISA MARTHA BRIGGS (b 16 May 1838, d 8 May 1895), dau of SAMUEL S. and MARTHA (REED) BRIGGS. They had 6 children.

(4) JONATHAN PALMER, JR., died young.

(5) LYDIA PALMER who married _____ SHAW and resided Arcadia.

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Source for information for seven children of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH (HOAG) PALMER, in addition to the probate file of his in Surrogate Court, Rensselaer County, Troy, New York, has been the following pages from the "Palmer MSS." by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, New York:

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CORNELIUS PALMER - page 1125
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52. FENNER PALMER III[7], (Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Nov 1812 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the youngest of ten children of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIABETH HOAG. He married GERTRUDE OSTRANDER (b 13 Apr 1818 in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, N.Y. and d 1867 Arcadia, Wayne County, N.Y.), the dau of DAVID OSTRANDER of Greenbush. FENNER III died 1868 in Arcadia, New York.

When he was but one year old his mother died on 19 Dec 1813 and the following year his father married (2nd) PHEBE SHERMAN, also of Nassau, who was thirteen years younger that FENNER, JR. and she was only ten years older than her oldest step-child; in addition PHEBE became the step-mother to seven minor children ranging in ages from one year to sixteen years! When FENNER was but sixteen years of age his father also died.

The Will of FENNER PALMER, JR. had mentioned the gift of Five Hundred Dollars to each of his sons, THOMAS, CORNELIUS, GEORGE, JONATHAN and FENNER (III). (Inasmuch as his son JOHN born 3 Apr 1799 was not mentioned in that Will, it has been presumed JOHN had died young.) However, the Will also provided that previous advancements made by the testator to THOMAS, CORNELIUS, JONATHAN and PHEBE"should be deducted from the share of his estate which they would have been entitled to receive..." Inasmuch as FENNER, III was still a minor, his father had not given him an "advancement" of moneys prior to his death; consequently, FENNER, III would be entitled to receive his full share at the time of the final distribution of his father's estate.

The Will also provided for the guardianship of FENNER, III by this Item: "I hereby commit the Guardianship of my son, FENNER, until he shall attain the age of twenty one years unto my trusty friend, ENOCH SHERMAN, of the Town of Nassau" and ENOCH SHERMAN was named one of the three co-executors.

When the father died, FENNER III had five young half-sisters ranging in ages from three to twelve years and his father's Will provided for the maintenance, support and education of them and further that "it is my express will and direction that there be no partition of the real estate lastly above mentioned among my heirs before all my children then living shall have arrived to the age of twenty one years..." This could not then be until at least the year 1846 when the youngest half-sister, HARRIET, born 1825, would become aged twenty-one on May 25th.

Apparently FENNER, JR. owned considerable property and left a sizeable estate and after the passage of twenty-two years it was finally settled and distribution made of the total remaining sum of $4,794.16 of which FENNER, III received his equal share amounting to $428.68.

However, before the final settlement of his father's estate, FENNER, III and his wife removed to Wayne County, N.Y. where they resided the remainder of their lives. This was about the same year his brother, JONATHAN, had removed to Wayne County and settled in Lyons and later in Arcadia; FENNER, III was in the village of Newark in

1849. His Will is dated 30 Oct 1866, probated 1 June 1868, in which he mentioned his wife "GITTY" and his brothers and sisters and also EDWIN PALMER ELLIS, son of RICHARD and MARY ELLIS of Rochester, N.Y. One witness to his will was JANE PALMER. This MARY ELLIS was the daughter of his sister, ELIZABETH (PALMER) HARDER and thus his niece. MARY HARDER had married RICHARD ELLIS and had only two children, the younger one being a son named EDWIN ELLIS who died Oct 1868 in Rochester, a few months after the probate of this Will.

It is interesting to recall at this late date the migrations of this group of siblings, ten children of FENNER, JR's. by his first wife and five daughters by his second wife. From the "Palmer MSS." we learn that all eight of the older brothers and sisters migrated from eastern New York to the northwesterly corner of that state, settling in four contiguous N. Y. counties: Ontario, Orleans, Monroe and Wayne spanning a period of some thirty years; three of those counties border on Lake Ontario. The three youngest half-sisters, LYDIA, JULIA and HARRIET lived out their lives in Rensselaer County, living first in Nassau and later in Troy, the county seat. However, the oldest half-sister, MARY sometime after her marriage to SILAS COOK removed to Ashtabula County, Ohio, while SARAH, the fifth half-sister and her husband, JOSEPH WATERBURY, moved to the state of Kansas.

It seems particularly significant that so many of these children of FENNER, JR. selected Wayne County to settle in during the 1830's, 1840's and 1850's inasmuch as five of their first cousins (NATHAN, ENOS, JOHN C., BENJAMIN and another named FENNER PALMER) had all removed from Washington County on the eastern New York border with Vermont and settled in the area of Walworth in Wayne County as early as 1806-1810 at which early date Wayne County had not yet been created from the counties of Ontario and Seneca. In 1823 Wayne County was created with Lyons as the county seat. The common bond amongst all these settlers in Wayne County and vicinity was that they were the children of two brothers--NATHANIEL and FENNER PALMER, JR.--sons of Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER. Whether or not the two brothers had remained in contact through the years and whether or not the cousins were all acquainted with each other living in the same area will doubtless never be known. NATHANIEL did not die until 1840 in Walworth, having removed from Granville, Washington County in 1825 with his first wife, SARAH, to be near their five sons. Only NATHAN and ENOS, however, remained to live out their lives in Wayne County; JOHN C. and his younger brother, FENNER, continued westward settling in Lenawee County, Michigan, in 1831; BENJAMIN removed to Chemung County, N.Y. after marriage where all his children were born and where he lived out his life.

FENNER, III and GERTRUDE had only one child:

(1) EDWIN PALMER of whom little is known except that he died at age 21 years and 2 months and that he had been married about one year before his death. If he left no son surviving him, this would be the end of the line for male descendants carrying the name of Captain FENNER PALMER. However, the family tradition of naming sons FENNER continued for many generations in other branches of this family.

53. MARY PALMER[7] (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 July 1816 in Nassau, Rensselaer Co.,New York, the first child of FENNER PALMER, JR. by his second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN. Her father had had ten children by his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG,who had died in December 1813; and he had five daughters by PHEBE PALMER. MARY married at age fifteen on 11 Oct 1831 SILAS COOK (COOKE) (b 7 July 1810, Lisle Twp, Broome Co., New York, d 5 July 1877, Saybrook Twp, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, aged 66 years). She died 14 Jan 1892, aged 75 years, Saybrook Township; both MARY and SILAS are buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Ashtabula, Ohio. (The foregoing is from family records, family Bible and page 1140 "Palmer MSS." However, a certified copy of MARY's death record made 23 May 1892 has her date of death as 14 February 1892; and her place of birth as Troy, New York.)

PHILIP COOK, grandfather of MARY's husband, was born 2 Feb 1752 in Goshen, Connecticut. He married about 1774 THANKFUL TUTTLE and they removed to Richmond, Massachusetts where all their children were born. In 1808 he removed to Nassau, Rensselaer Co., New York; in 1815 he moved to Schodack, same county, where he died 9 Jan 1816; his wife died there 26 Mar 1825. Their son, ERASTUS COOK was born Richmond 18 Dec 1779 and married there (or at West Stockbridge, Mass.) JERUSHA HEWINS who lived in the latter community, on 18 March 1800; JERUSHA was born 14 Dec 1777. The family tradition has been that the first three children of ERASTUS and JERUSHA were born in Richmond although the cemetery records (in Ashtabula, Ohio) reveal that the second child was born in West Stockbridge which is contiguous to Richmond. The Bible of ERASTUS COOKE from which these dates were obtained has the name spelled COOKE but it appears his children adopted the spelling COOK at some period.

ERASTUS COOK removed to Lisle Twp., Broome Co., New York some time between 20 Feb 1804 and 20 Jan 1808 where MARY PALMER's husband, SILAS COOK, was born 7 July 1810. In the summer or fall of 1813, when SILAS was about three years of age his parents and siblings removed again, to Ashtabula Twp., Ashtabula Co., Ohio, the latter having become the 17th state in the Union as recently as 1803; the county of Ashtabula had only been created in 1808.

According to family tradition, ERASTUS and JERUSHA sent each of their children back to Nassau in New York, after they finished the public school, to attend a school taught by ERASTUS' sister, GRATIA THANKFUL COOK, (who had been born 27 Oct 1783 and died in Nassau, unmarried 4 Oct 1840). Presumably this explains SILAS' meeting MARY PALMER since her parents had married in Nassau in 1814 and lived out their lives there. SILAS and MARY married in Nassau in Oct 1831 when he was aged 21 years and appear to have remained there a year or two but had settled back in Ashtabula County, Ohio before the birth of their first child in 1834, in Ashtabula Twp. Here they remained until 1840 and four more children were born in that township; then the family removed to Saybrook Twp, same county where MARY and SILAS lived out their lives and where eleven more children were born to them.

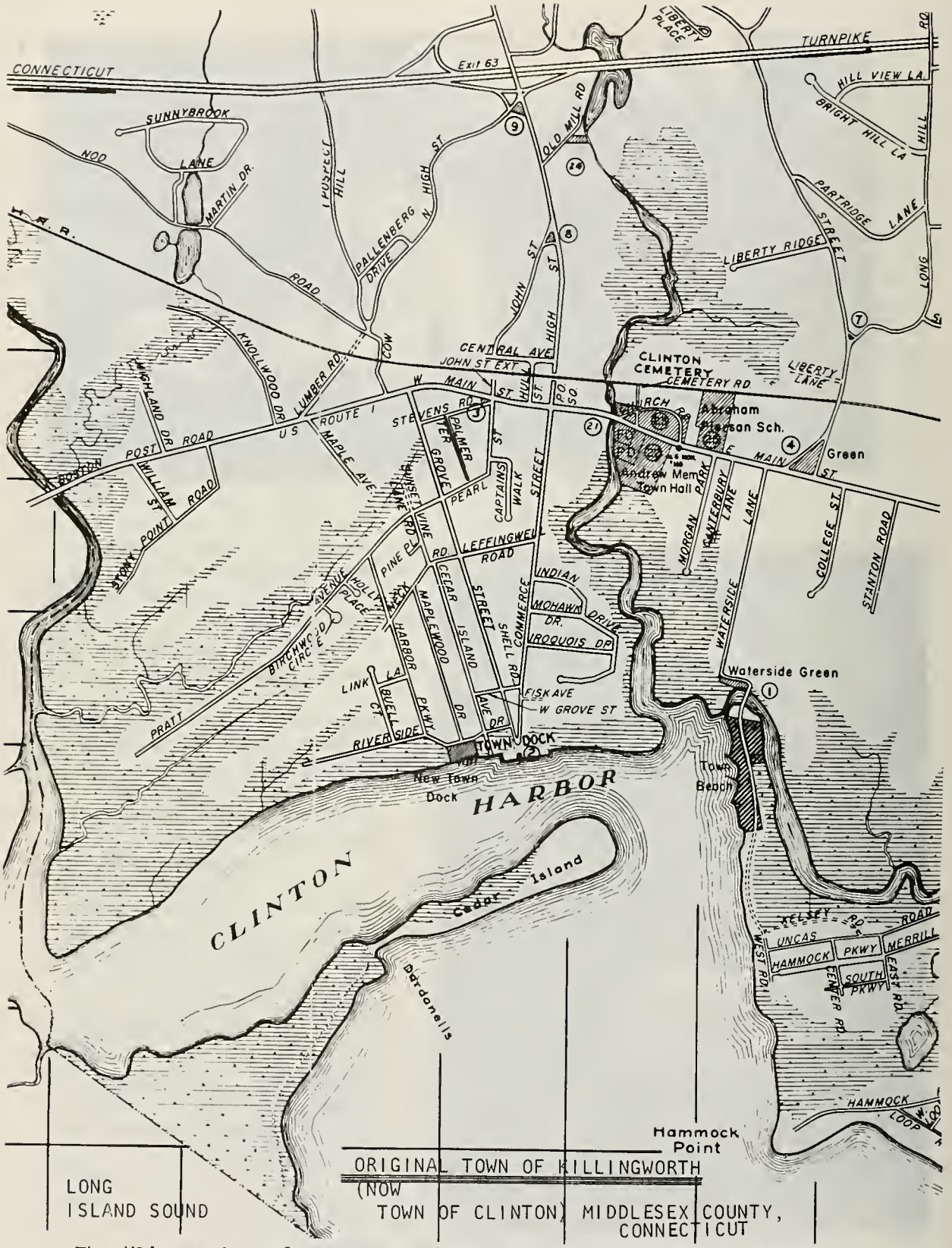
The early history of this family followed the pattern of most families of that period; the first home for the family after their move westward would be a log cabin; here they remained for several years and

Above is home of MARY PALMER COOK and her husband SILAS COOK built ca 1850 on Edgewater Drive, Saybrook Twp Ashtabula County, Ohio. They had sixteen children.

They are buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Ashtabula, Ashtabula County, Ohio:
SILAS COOK b 7 July 1810
d 5 July 1877
MARY PALMER COOK
b 3 July 1816
d 14 Jan 1892

She was the 11th child of FENNER PALMER, JR. (son of Capt. FENNER & LYDIA PALMER), but the first child by the second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN.

FENNER, JR. had had ten children by his first wife, ELIZABETH (HOAG) PALMER.



The "Plantation of Hammonasset" named for the Indian tribe which inhabited the area, in 1663 became the settlement of 12 planters followed by 16 others in the next two or three years, including WILLIAM PALMER, son of WALTER. The name was changed to Kenilworth, then to Killingworth and in more recent years to Clinton; the district had been separated with the inland portion being called North Killingworth (7 miles from the coast) as it is today; the original Killingworth is today known as Clinton.

here several children would be born; the father would have been a farmer and eventually would build a large, comfortable house for his growing family; in this family they settled in 1834 in Ohio but it was about 1850 before the large frame house was completed. The records of deeds for the county of Ashtabula revealed that on 27 Aug 1835 SILAS purchased 25 acres of land adjacent to that of his father's farm in Ashtabula Twp., from AMOS and MARY FISK "for the consideration of seven hundred dollars." On 27 Aug 1839 he sold that land to his sister, AMANDA (COOK) SCARSDALE and purchased the lake front property in Saybrook Twp. the next day from that sister; she had purchased the property 19 March 1833, (Warranty Deeds Ashtabula Co.Courthouse).

SILAS COOK's mother, JERUSHA, had been a charter member of the Presbyterian Church, and as was customary in the early days, each married couple acquired a large family Bible in which they entered the dates of birth, marriage and deaths of all the family members. The ERASTUS COOKE Bible commences with the marriage of SILAS' parents and lists their births in the 1770's and some entries have been made as recently as 1949.

MARY (PALMER) COOK's three youngest sisters all remained in the area of Nassau-Troy, New York; her sister, SARAH, moved westward to Kansas after marriage where she lived out her life. The five daughters of FENNER, JR. and his second wife all married and all had several children. MARY's half brothers and sisters removed from Nassau also, most of them eventually settling in northwestern New York in the counties of Ontario and Wayne. An older brother of FENNER PALMER, JR., NATHANIEL, had removed to Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. in 1825 with his wife SARAH, but five of their sons had preceded them to that area commencing in 1806. NATHANIEL would have been an uncle to MARY COOK and her four sisters and he resided in Walworth until his death in 1840. Although NATHANIEL was an older brother to FENNER, JR., he outlived him by about twelve years.

MARY and SILAS COOK had sixteen children, all born in Ohio; the first five being born in Ashtabula Twp. and the remainder after the family settled in Saybrook Township:

(1) FENNER PALMER COOK b 8 Mar 1834, m 9 June 1856 LUCY M. HICKOK (HICKOX); died 9 Feb 1859.
(2) PHILLIP S. COOK b 6 Aug 1836, m 25 Dec 1859 CHARITY CLEMENTINE KLUMPH; died 5 Mar 1909.
(3) CHARLES HENRY COOK b 23 Apr 1838, m 29 Oct 1863 HENRIETTA MATILDA FISH; died 7 May 1887.
(4) ARTHUR C. COOK b 24 Feb 1840, a twin, died 12 June 1840.
(5) ALBERT F. COOK b 24 Feb 1840, a twin, died 14 June 1842.
(6) MARY ELLEN COOK b 24 May 1841, m 7 Sept 1861 CHARLES B. RANDALL; died 17 Mar 1918.
(7) ORVILLE H. COOK b 12 July 1844, died 20 July 1845.
(8) HOMER A. COOK b 22 Nov 1845, m 13 May 1869 SARAH ELIZABETH FISH; died 28 June 1919.
(9) HERBERT A. COOK b 24 Nov 1845, a twin, m 26 Nov 1873 MARY ELIZABETH STAFFORD; died 20 June 1901.

(10) JULIA H. COOK b 12 Jan 1847/8, m 19 Sept 1869 WILLIAM H. H. WARREN; died 16 Feb 1928.

98. (11) GEORGE BINGHAM COOK b 12 Aug 1849, m 20 Apr 1875 LOVINA JOSEPHINE ROWLEY (b 8 June 1853, Saybrook Twp., Ashtabula Co., Ohio; d 18 Nov 1921); they had five children; he died 24 Mar 1927:

i IDA MAY COOK b 5 Jan 1879.
ii BERT STANLEY COOK b 26 Nov 1880.
iii FRANK MERTON COOK b 26 Feb 1885.
iv FLORENCE ALTHEA COOK b 6 Feb 1888.
v ROBERT MORGAN COOK b 1 May 1897.

(12) FLORENCE (FLORA) A. COOK b 23 Jan 1851, m 16 Mar 1870 COLLINS M. ANDREWS; died 1936.

(13) EUGENE ERASTUS COOK b 24 May 1852, m 26 Apr 1877 SYBIL BARNES SCOVILL; died 16 Sept 1937.

(14) FANNY LOUISE COOK b 1 Sept 1853, m 4 Oct 1882 WILLIAM S. CROZIER; died 29 Sept 1922.

(15) HATTIE B. COOK b 7 Oct 1856, died 5 June 1861.

(16) FRANK E. COOK b 4 Sept 1859, m 11 Apr 1883 MINA STEWART; died 22 Aug 1931.

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54. SARAH PALMER[7] (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 June 1818 in Nassau, Rensselaer Co.,New York, the second child of FENNER PALMER, JR., and his second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN. SARAH married 2 Feb 1836 JOSEPH WATERBURY (b 19 July 1814, d 20 June 1894 in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas). Following their marriage SARAH and her husband moved to Kansas first locating in Great Bend in Barton County and later settling in Winfield, Cowley County, where they lived out their lives. They had five children:

(1) FRANK WATERBURY.
(2) EMMA WATERBURY.
(3) JULIA WATERBURY.
(4) GEORGE WATERBURY.
(5) LAURA WATERBURY.

Source for SARAH PALMER:

Mrs. ISABELLA P. BARTHOLF; Family Records; "JONATHAN WATERBURY GENEALOGY" (1930), page 260;
"Palmer MSS." page 1141.

The family records and information from family Bible regarding MARY PALMER COOK were furnished by RAYMOND GEORGE COOK of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1984-1985.

55. LYDIA PALMER[7] (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Feb 1820 in Nassau, Rensselaer Co., New York; she was the third daughter born to PHEBE SHERMAN PALMER, second wife of FENNER PALMER, JR. and doubtless was named after her grandmother, LYDIA PALMER, wife of Captain FENNER PALMER (SR.).

LYDIA married 11 Oct 1836 HENRY POTTER (b 10 Sept 1813, died 1888 in Troy, N. Y.), son of WILLIAM K. and _____ (BIDWELL) POTTER. They resided their entire married lives in the area of either Nassau or Troy, New York; LYDIA died there in 1886 and her husband died in 1888.

They had six children, all born in Rensselaer County:

(1) CHARLES S. POTTER b 1840, m 1865 MARY JANE THORPE (b 1848, died 1911, D.A.R. Vol. 149, p. 123).
(2) SARAH J. POTTER.
(3) MARY LISETTE POTTER died young.
(4) PALMER POTTER b 1846, d 1846, bur Nassau.
(5) WINFIELD SCOTT POTTER.
(6) MARY LYDIA POTTER.

Source: "Palmer MSS."page 1141 which lists its source as "Family Records."

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56. JULIA HALL PALMER[7] (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Mar 1822 in Nassau, Rensselaer Co., New York, the fourth dau of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN. She married 8 Nov 1837 SIMEON (SIMION) P. OSTRANDER (b 18 Oct 1812, d 20 Mar 1886 in Castleton, N.Y.) They resided their entire married lives in the area of Nassau or Troy, New York and were buried in Schodack Landing Cemetery; JULIA died 17 Nov 1899 in Troy.

They had five daughters:

(1) EMILIE C. OSTRANDER who married WILLIAM G. JOHNSON.
(2) AMELIA R. OSTRANDER who m. Rev. GEORGE W. BROWN.
(3) MARY ELIZABETH OSTRANDER who died unmarried.
(4) CAROLINE D. OSTRANDER who married HENRY READ.
(5) MARGARET V. H. OSTRANDER who died young.

Source for JULIA HALL PALMER:

"Palmer MSS." page 1142 which lists its source as "Family Records."

57. HARRIET PALMER[7] (Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 May 1825 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York, the fifth and last child of record of FENNER PALMER, JR. by his second wife, PHEBE SHERMAN.

HARRIET married 31 Jan 1843 in Nassau CHAUNCEY D. PACKARD (b 4 Jan 1822 in Troy, died there 21 Dec 1896), the son of DAVIS and HANNAH (SHERMAN) PACKARD of Troy. HARRIET and her husband resided their entire married lives in Troy and she died there 22 Sept 1879.

They had three sons:

(1) EUGENE C. PACKARD b 19 Oct 1843, m ELLA CLARK (who died 25 Dec 1913) and he also died 25 Dec 1913 in Cambridge, Mass.
(2) AUGUSTUS P. PACKARD b 16 Aug 1846, m KATHERINE MARTSH; they resided in Troy, N.Y.
(3) ANGELO S. PACKARD b 11 Apr 1848, married (1st) MARGARET ANDERSON; married (2nd) GERTRUDE WELCH.

Source for HARRIET PALMER:
"Palmer MSS." page 1142 which lists its source as Family Records.

NASSAU-SCHODACK CEMETERY in Nassau-Schodack, Rensselaer Co., New York. FENNER PALMER, JR. and his two wives, ELIZABETH HOAG and PHEBE SHERMAN are all buried there. (He was son of Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER.)

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(Note: The foregoing list comprising the historical write-ups contained in this chapter do not represent all of the descendants listed in Chapter Seven. There are several instances where no information was available and thus certain lines were concluded with Chapter Seven.)

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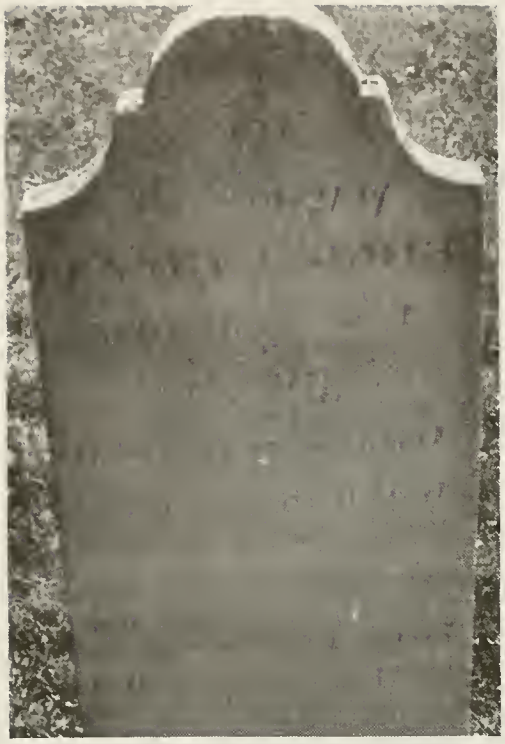
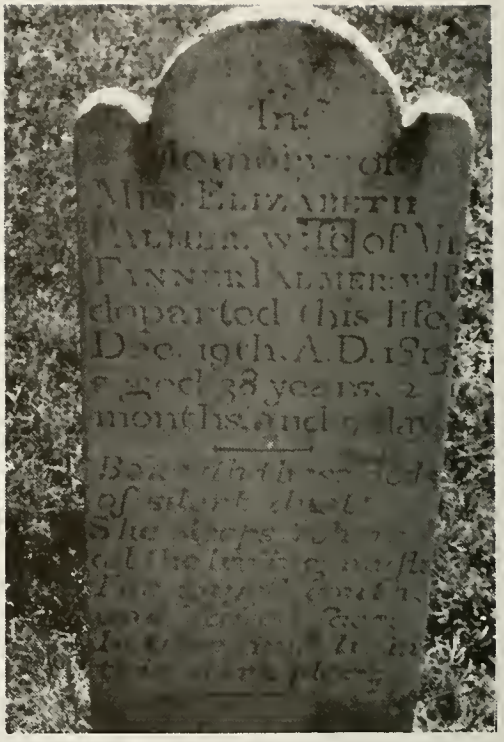
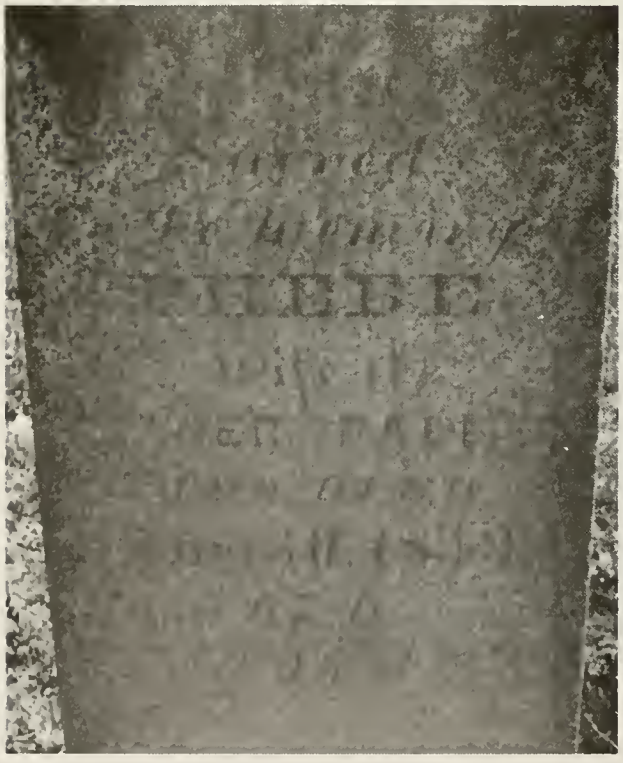


FENNER PALMER, JR. (son of Capt. FENNER and LYDIA PALMER) born 17 Jan 1769, Hoosick, N.Y. died 5 July 1828, aged 59 years, 5 months and 16 days.



ELIZABETH (HOAG) PALMER, (first wife of FENNER,JR.) born 10 Oct 1775, Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., died 19 Dec 1813, aged 38 years, two months, 9 days.



PHEBE (SHERMAN) PALMER, (second wife of FENNER,JR.) born 4 Jan 1782,Salem,N.Y., died 30 Aug 1849,Nassau,N.Y. aged 67 years, 7 months, 26 days.

Three burials are in NASSAU-SCHODACK CEMETERY, Rensselaer County, N.Y.

58. PETER SAILLY PALMER[8] (John[7], Ens.John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born at Hampton,Washington Co., New York, 20 Sept 1814, the second of eleven children born to Judge JOHN PALMER and his wife, CHARLOTTE THERESA (SAILLY) PALMER of Plattsburgh, N.Y. His family had removed from Plattsburgh to Hampton during the invasion of the former place by the British during the War of 1812.

According to Morison's account of that war ("Oxford History of the American People" page 385 (1965) wherein the city is spelled "Plattsburg" and not "Plattsburgh") during several encounters with the Canadians, "There still remained a considerable force at Plattsburg on Lake Champlain, under the immediate command of Major General HENRY DEARBORN, a sixty-two year old veteran of Bunker Hill. He was supposed to strike the Canadian trunk at Montreal. On 19 November1912 he marched his troops twenty miles north of Plattsburg. The militia then refused to go further, and DEARBORN marched them back to Plattsburg."

Plattsburgh is the county seat of Clinton County which was created in 1788 from the county of Washington which, in turn, had been created in 1772 from Albany and originally had been named Charlotte but renamed in 1784 after the Revolutionary War leader, General WASHINGTON. The 1985 Rand McNally Atlas maintains the spelling Plattsburgh although it also has nearby the village of West Plattsburg, spelled differently.

The Clinton County Bar and a write-up on its early members is included in the history of that county published 1880 (supra) and on pages 126-127 appears the following about the subject:

> "PETER SAILLY PALMER, son of Hon. JOHN PALMER was educated at the Plattsburgh Academy, and commenced the study of his chosen profession in the office of Judge WILLIAM P. HAILE at Plattsburgh and closed his studies in the office of the celebrated law firm of McKown and JOHN VAN BUREN in Albany, N.Y. He was admitted to the Supreme Court 13 May 1836 and to the Court of Chancery in September of the same year. He subsequently removed to Michigan and was admitted to the courts of that State in October 1839, and in 1840 was elected Judge of Probate of Macomb County, Michigan. In the spring of 1841 he resigned and returned to Plattsburgh where, in 1845 he resumed his practice.
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> "In 1863 he was elected County Judge and Surrogate of Clinton County and held that office from 1 Jan 1864 to 1 Jan 1868. Judge PALMER has ever been closely identified with the interests of Plattsburgh, and has officiated as president of the village, trustee, village clerk, etc., for a long series of years. He was clerk of the village as long ago as 1836 and perhaps earlier, he being at that time twenty-two years of age.
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> "Notwithstanding the multifarious duties incident to an active professional life, Judge PALMER has found time to indulge his taste for literary pursuits, and has added many highly interesting and valuable works to the historic literature of this section, among which may be mentioned 'Palmer's History of Lake Champlain from 1609 to 1814,' a work indicating great

research and containing such valuable historical information; 'Battle of Valcour;' 'Historical Sketches of Northern New York,' including a history of Plattsburgh and much interesting matter bearing upon the history of Clinton County generally, etc. Judge PALMER has taken an unusually active interest in historical matters and to him more than any other person is due the preservation of the pioneer history of this section.

However, this history contained nothing about his marriage and children; from the "Palmer MSS." (handwritten page 805) in volume 3 we learn that PETER SAILLY PALMER married 6 Sept 1838 at Plattsburg MARGARET SMITH, dau of Captain SIDNEY and PHEBE ALTA (BAILEY) SMITH of that city and also of Malone, N.Y.; she was born in 1817 and died 19 July 1906 aged 89 years; PETER died 15 Aug 1890 in Plattsburgh aged 76 years.

PETER and MARGARET (SMITH) PALMER had eleven children but only the following three lived to adulthood and only these three are named in the above manuscripts:

(1) SIDNEY SMITH PALMER, believed to have resided in San Francisco.
(2) MELANCTON SMITH PALMER who died 5 Jan 1897.
(3) CATHERINE SMITH PALMER who died unmarried.

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59. JOHN BOYNTON PALMER[8] (John[7], Ens.John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 13 Oct 1826 in Plattsburgh, New York, seventh child of Judge JOHN and CHARLOTTE (SAILLY) PALMER. He married 12 Oct 1852 FRANCES MARVIN KIRBY, dau of Colonel EDWARD and ELIZA (BROWN) KIRBY of Detroit, Michigan (p. 809 "Palmer MSS." handwritten) or of Brownville, Jefferson Co., N.Y. (p.1017 "Palmer MSS." typescript). Inasmuch as Colonel was a regular member of the U. S. Army, his address may not have been permanent in either place. FRANCES PALMER had been born 21 Apr 1829 in Brownville, N.Y. and died 19 Jan 1922 in New York City aged 93 years. JOHN died 10 Dec 1893 in Florida.

JOHN removed to Detroit, Michigan about 1850 where he resided for a few years. Soon after his marriage in 1852 he went to North Carolina where he purchased a large estate on the Linville River in Mitchell County which he continued to maintain as his residence. In 1858 he removed to Richmond, Virginia, where he was Vice President of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 he became a Colonel in the 58th N.C. Regiment in the Confederate Army and was placed in command of the soldiers in the western section of that state with headquarters in Mitchell County; his home in that county was burned during that war.

According to the research of the two Palmer genealogists, their manuscripts revealed that following the end of the Civil War he could not return to New York State inasmuch as it became known that because some of his soldiers had deserted, they were executed. Therefore he continued to

live out his life in various places in the South and died in Florida. His widow then sold the property in Mitchell County, North Carolina, in 1899 ("History of Watauga Co., N.C."by Arthur (1915) page 163). Both JOHN and his wife were Northerners and following his death his widow resided in New York City. Her mother was ELIZA A. BROWN, the daughter of General JACOB BROWN of the War of 1812.

Administration on the estate of FRANCES M. PALMER was issued in 1922 and the petition showed only one child who was then residing in Columbia, South Carolina (N.Y.Co. Adm. #1636).

It is interesting now to speculate on the two choices JOHN had when the Civil War began and he decided to remain with the South where he had resided about ten years and undoubtedly had vast financial holdings. He made that decision rather than to join the Union Army fighting for the preservation of the same United States which his grandfather (Ensign JOHN PALMER) and great-grandfather (Captain FENNER PALMER) had fought so long and so hard to establish.

The only child of record for JOHN BOYNTON and his wife FRANCES (KIRBY) PALMER was:

(1) EDMUND KIRBY PALMER born 15 Nov 1858 who in 1910 was unmarried; in 1922 he was residing in Columbia, South Carolina.

Page 1017 of "Palmer MSS." (from which most of this information has been copied) lists the following references as sources:

History of Clinton and Franklin Counties, N.Y. (1880) by Lewis, pages 124-126.
The MARVIN Genealogy (1904) page 179.
The BROWN Genealogy (1896) by PENROSE, page 18.
The KIRBY Genealogy (1898) page 193.
The STARKWEATHER Genealogy (1904), page 70.

60. GEORGE WILLIAM PALMER[8] (William[7], Ensign John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Jan 1818 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, the oldest son of WILLIAM and RUTH (HAYNES) PALMER. He married 15 June 1843 in St. Albans, Vermont (Vt.VR, D.A.R. Vol.8,p.322)FRANCES ELLEN LYNDE, daughter of JOHN and ELIZABETH (STERNE) LYNDE who had migrated from Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts to Willsboro, Essex County, New York. FRANCES was born 13 Feb 1819 and died 1892 in Plattsburgh, New York; GEORGE died 2 March 1916 aged 98 years, also in Plattsburgh.

In 1832 GEORGE removed with his parents to Plattsburgh where he continued to reside the rest of his life. He studied law there and was admitted to the Bar in 1843, following in the footsteps of his Uncle (Judge) JOHN PALMER who had been admitted to the Bar in 1810. During the years 1844-1847 GEORGE was Surrogate of Clinton County; a County Judge from 1848-1856; Member of Congress from 1856-1860; Consul at Crete in 1861-1862; and in 1866 he was made Judge of the Mixed Court at Sierra Leone. ("History of Clinton Co.,N.Y."(1880)p. 124).

GEORGE was one of the founders of the Republican Party and one of the earliest followers of ABRAHAM LINCOLN; he was also a Member of Congress in 1885 and 1886.

For a time GEORGE resided in Belmont, Franklin County, New York, where he had large lumber interests but by 1865 he had returned to Plattsburgh. There appears to be no Will on record for him but the Will of his wife, FRANCES PALMER, is dated 20 April 1891, probated 6 Sept 1892, in which she mentioned her husband and five children. (Vol. Q, p. 330, Clinton County Records.)

Children born in Plattsburgh except the youngest:

(1) WILLIAM PALMER b 1844, d 1852, age 8 years.
(2) daughter born 1845/1846, died young.
(3) HELEN MARY PALMER b 4 March 1847, died 1920 unmarried in Plattsburgh, New York. Her Will is dated 12 Dec 1913 in which she mentioned her brothers, CHARLES G., OWEN A., LYNDE and FRANCIS STERNE; her cousin, RUTH PALMER; her sisters-in-law, LOUISE and BEATRIX PALMER (Vol.2, page 253).
(4) OWEN ALDIS PALMER b 6 Sept 1849.
(5) CHARLES GEORGE PALMER b 7 Aug 1851.
(6) LYNDE PALMER b 23 Dec 1855, died unmarried. Engaged in the lumber business in Tacoma, Washington; in 1915 was in the wholesale lumber business in New York City at 136 West 44th Street.
(7) FRANCIS STERNE PALMER b 14 Sept 1863 in Belmont, New York.

(Copied from page 1020 of HORACE WILBUR PALMER's typescript of "Palmer MSS." which information was furnished him by OWEN A. and FRANCIS S. PALMER.) However, page 813 of Vol. 2 of the original record explains:

"GEORGE WILLIAM PALMER entered Yale College in the Class of 1841 but left because of ill health. He studied law, practiced with his cousin, PETER SAILLY PALMER, and still later went with his father, WILLIAM who was then Judge of the Surrogates Court of Clinton County; he was sent to Europe during the War of 1860-1864 in the interests

of the Northern States. Later he was Judge of the International Court at Sierra Leona, Africa, for the suppression of the slave trade."

JOHN HAYNES PALMER

61. JOHN HAYNES PALMER[8] (William[7], Ensign John[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Aug 1819/1820 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, son of WILLIAM and RUTH (HAYNES) PALMER. He married 28 Dec 1847 in Bennington, Vermont ANNA M. HAWKS the daughter of IRA and FANNY N. HAWKS. RUTH was born 12 Aug 1818 and died 8 April 1868 in Hoosick. JOHN died 18 April 1857 also in Hoosick and was buried in Hoosick Rural Cemetery; his wife was buried in Old Bennington (Vt.) Cemetery.

JOHN probably resided his entire life in the village of Hoosick where he was a Baptist Minister although he may have preached in various other places adjacent thereto which was a common practice in those years.

Inasmuch as JOHN was only thirty-seven years of age when he died and his two sons were minors, aged four and seven, his widow was appointed guardian of the children on 11 May 1857 (Vol. 51, pp. 44,51, Rensselaer County Records).

Administration on JOHN's estate was issued to his widow as MARIA A. PALMER on 6 May 1857.

Children born in Hoosick:

(1) WILLIAM H. PALMER b 13 July 1850, m DORA DRAKE; was a drummer boy in the 118th New York Regiment during the Civil War; had one daughter, GERTRUDE born 27 Dec 1869 who died unmarried in 1910. WILLIAM died before 24 June 1872, the date of his grandmother's (RUTH HAYNES PALMER) Will in which she mentioned his daughter: "great-granddaughter, GERTRUDE PALMER, daughter of my deceased grandson, WILLIAM PALMER." GERTRUDE PALMER was head matron at the New York State School for the feeble minded women at Newark, N. Y.

(2) IRVING H. PALMER b 19 June 1853, m OLIVE STONE TAVIS of W. Chazy, N. Y. and had 3 children:
BURTON PALMER b ca 1881, m. _____ THOMAS; no ch.
JESSIE PALMER b ca 1883, m. FRED GUIBARD; no ch.
GRANT S.PALMER b ca 1889,m. _____ WEIR of Plattsburgh 1908; 1 child: MILDRED LEONA PALMER b 1910.

(Copied from page 1024 of "Palmer MSS."- information furnished by Mrs.ISABELLA BERTHOLF; also page 814, vol. 2 of original Palmer records.)

According to the D.A.R. REGISTER OF CEMETERY BURIALS, Vol. 68, page 15 (New York State Library at Albany, N.Y.) "a Pastor of the Hoosick Baptist Church, the Rev. JOHN H. PALMAR, who died 18 April 1857 and was born 4 Jan 1820, is buried in the Hoosick Rural Cemetery."

62. BUELL PALMER[8] (William[7], Ensign John[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1822 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, son of WILLIAM and RUTH (HAYNES) PALMER. He married JULIA BAILEY, daughter of JAMES and CORNELIA (HALSEY) BAILEY of Plattsburgh, New York. He died in May 1894 in Plattsburgh, New York, where he had removed to in 1832 with his parents and siblings and where he resided the rest of his life.

BUELL PALMER, like an uncle before him (born 1793, died 1810, age seventeen years) seems to have been named for his paternal great-grandmother's family, LYDIA BUELL, if indeed this wife of CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER was a member of the BUELL family of Killingworth, Connecticut. The naming of LYDIA's grandson and great-grandson BUELL would seem to lend credence to the tradition that her maiden name was BUELL. This is especially true when it is realized that the grandson was born in the year 1793 and LYDIA's husband, Captain FENNER PALMER was still living in the area (of Hoosick, Cambridge and Granville) until his death in 1794 oovering the period when the first BUELL PALMER was born (1793) to FENNER and LYDIA's son, Ensign JOHN PALMER. (Proof of LYDIA's kinship with the BUELL family has not yet been found although LYDIA was a popular name with that family which was one of the pioneer families of Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut. (See "History of the BUELL FAMILY in England and in America" (1881) compiled by ALBERT WELLES.)

BUELL and JULIA had four children born to them in Plattsburgh prior to the Civil War. Although he was aged thirty-nine in 1861, BUELL enlisted "as a Major in the War of the Rebellion on the 15th day of May 1861, in the 16th New York Volunteers." (National Archives Pension File #859903.) On 10 Oct 1861 he was "detailed on the recruiting service for his Regiment and was to report to the Adjutant General of the Army for orders...." BUELL was honorably discharged at Washington, D.C. 19 Nov 1861. On 17 March 1893 BUELL filed Declaration for Invalid Pension in the County of Clinton, New York, under the Act of Congress of June 27, 1890 at which time he was aged 72, a resident of the town of Chazy, Clinton County; the original Declaration was signed by him BUEL PALMER, in which he affirmed his occupation as that of a laborer and that he had resided in Plattsburgh since his discharge. A corroborating General Affidavit was submitted signed on behalf of BUEL PALMER by FRANK PALMER, "late Col. 16th N.Y. Volunteers" signed 20 June 1893 before a Notary Public.

The file contained a handwritten memorandum dated October 10th 1861 at "Headquarters, 16th Rgt., N.Y.Vols., Fort Lyon, Alexandria, Va." as follows: "SPECIAL ORDER -- MAJOR BUEL PALMER, 16th Regiment, N.Y.Volunteers is hereby appointed Recruiting Officer for this Regiment at Plattsburgh, N.Y. He will report immediately to Capt. RUGGLES, Assistant Adjt. General, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C. for information & for orders, and report at these Head.Qts. on the 31 day of Oct. 1861.

APPROVED
H.N.SLOCUM
Brig. Gen. Vols."

BY ORDER

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(illegible)

Thereafter the following letter was handwritten at Plattsburgh Oct. 21st 1861 addressed to MAJ. I.F. SPRAGUE, U.S.A. and signed by MAJ.B.PALMER, 16th N.Y. VOL. :

"MY DEAR SIR:

IT IS MY INTENTION TO JOIN MY REGIMENT ON MONDAY OCTOBER 28th THE REGIMENT IS NOW STATIONED ABOUT THREE MILES FROM ALEXANDRIA, VA. MY REASON FOR TROUBLING YOU WITH THIS NOTE IS TO ASCERTAIN HOW I AM TO GET THE RECRUITS TO CAMP. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY AND OBLIGE YOURS RESPECTFULLY."

The Declaration for Invalid Pension dated 17 March, 1893 which BUEL PALMER signed before a Notary Public alleged that he "was wholly unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of Rheumatic disease of hands and heart and general debility and malarial affliction."

On 7th day of April 1893 BUEL PALMER appeared before a Notary Public and signed an agreement to employ as his attorney M. H. O'BRIEN of Plattsburgh, N.Y. for the fee of Twenty-five Dollars in the furtherance of his claim for a pension. His first name was signed "BUEL." Another certificate favorable to BUEL PALMER was given by "G. F. NICHOLS, Late Col. 118th, N.Y. Vols."

A physician's certificate was included giving results of physical examination on 26 April 1893 in which BUEL PALMER was said to be 5 feet 8½ inches in height; weight 150 lbs., 72 years of age and recommending that he be granted a "first grade rating for his disability."

The opportunity to receive a pension as an invalid soldier in this instance was based on the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. However, inasmuch as BUEL PALMER died in May of 1894, the U. S. Pension Agency reported to the Commissioner of Pensions on June 21, 1897 that BUELL PALMER a pensioner under Certificate No. 859903 was last paid at $12. to May 4, 1894 and "had been dropped under Section #4719."

Children born in Plattsburgh, New York:

(1) SARAH PALMER b_____, d _____, m (1st) MELVIN WITHERILL and had two sons: JAMES and JOHN WITHERILL; and m (2nd) HARRISON WOOD of Plattsburgh.
(2) JAMES BAILEY PALMER b 1850, d 1908 unmarried in Plattsburgh.*
(3) FRANCIS PALMER - died unmarried.
(4) CAROLINE HALSEY PALMER b _____, d _____, m WILLIAM JOHN HORNICK 4 Oct 1883; 1 child, ROBERT HORNICK who d.y.

(Copied from page 1025 of "Palmer MSS." - information furnished by Mrs. ISABELLA F. BARTHOLF; also page 815, vol. 2 of original Palmer records.) Data from National Archives Military and Pension File No. 859903 added by compiler.)

*The Will of JAMES BAILEY PALMER (above) was dated 13 June 1902 and probated 31 March 1908 in which he mentioned his Uncle FRANK PALMER and the two children of said Uncle, WILLIAM MORGAN PALMER and FRANKLIN HALL PALMER (Vol.W, page 10, Clinton County Records).

63. CHARLES EDWARD PALMER[8] (William[7], Ensign John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 December 1827 in Hoosick, county of Rensselaer, New York, son of WILLIAM and RUTH (HAYNES) PALMER of that town. He married ISABELLA CHEESEWRIGHT McDERMOTT 17 September 1863, daughter of Capt. JOHN and ISABELLA (BENNUS) McDERMOTT. Captain McDERMOTT was a member of Company "C", 91st New York Volunteers in the Civil War.

In 1832 CHARLES accompanied his parents and siblings when the family removed from Hoosick to Plattsburg where he resided much of his life except for an extended visit to California. CHARLES prepared himself for college but trouble with his eyes prevented his continuing and he sailed for California, by way of Cape Horn, in 1852, returning the next year.

CHARLES became a merchant in Plattsburg and he and his wife, ISABELLA, had a total of eight children, all except two dying young. He inherited from his father the place purchased by his grandfather, Ensign JOHN PALMER, from his Uncle (Judge) JOHN PALMER.

CHARLES died 18 Feb 1908 in Plattsburgh, New York and administration on his estate was issued the same year (Vol. 9, page 149, Clinton County Records).

Children born in Plattsburgh, New York:

(1) ISABELLA FRANCES PALMER born 28 July 1864, m Lieut.Col. JOHN HENRY BARTHOLF 18 Dec 1890 in Plattsburgh, a Surgeon in the United States Army. She had graduated from Smith College. They had one son, JOHN CHARLES PALMER BARTHOLF b 26 Oct 1891 at the Plattsburgh Barracks. In 1940 she was residing in Plattsburgh.

(2) RUTH LOUISE PALMER born 5 Oct 1867, resided Plattsburgh; died unmarried.

(Copied from page 1026 of "Palmer MSS." - information furnished by Mrs. ISABELLA FRANCES (PALMER) BARTHOLF above during 1930's to Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City; also page 816, vol. 2 of original Palmer records.)

64. FRANKLIN (FRANK) PALMER[8] (William[7], Ensign John[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Feb 1834 in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, the seventh son of his parents, WILLIAM and RUTH (HAYNES) PALMER who had settled in that town in 1832 having moved from Hoosick in Rensselaer County. FRANKLIN married (1st) MARIAN ELIZABETH STETSON 18 Oct 1865 (born 25 Sept 1837 in Champlain, New York, died 30 Oct 1885 in Plattsburgh) the daughter of JOHN SMEDLEY and CYNTHIA (BEACH) STETSON of Champlain. On 12 Jan 1887 he married (2nd) THEODORA H. MORGAN in Plattsburgh, the daughter of WILLIAM MORGAN of that city.

FRANKLIN was a merchant in Plattsburg where he resided except for the years of the Civil War. The Muster Roll Sheets, Records and letters in his Military File in the National Archives reveal his service in the Civil War:

May 15, 1861 he enlisted for a period of two years, rank of Captain, Company "C", 16th Regiment, New York Infantry.
Aug 12, 1861 he was "Acting as Major" since this date
July 4, 1862 he was "promoted from Captain of Company "C" to Major by Commission from Gov. State of New York."
Sept 29, 1863 he was "Promoted to Lt. Col."

Under date of Aug. 30, 1861 FRANK PALMER wrote from Camp Vernon, Virginia to Lieut. Col. S. MARSH, Acting Colonel of the 16th Regiment of New York S.V.:

"Sir-
I most Respectfully apply for a leave of absence for thirty days from Aug. 30, 1861 sincerely believing that by going home for a short time I shall sooner be able to do active duty than by remaining in Camp or at Hospital."

Approval was indicated on the copy of this letter by S.MARSH, Lt.Col. and W. T. DAVIS, Colonel, and attached was the physician's statement as follows:

"CAPTAIN PALMER of the 16th Regiment of N.Y.Vols. having applied for a certificate on which to grant an application for leave of absence, I do hereby certify that I have carefully examined this officer, and find that he is suffering from a very low grade of Typhoid fever and that in consequence thereof he is in my opinion unfit for duty. I further declare my belief that he will not be able to resume his duties in a less period than thirty days.

"I therefore recommend that leave of absence be granted him for the above mentioned time.
DATED at Camp Vernon, N.E.Va.
AUGUST 30th 1861

W.CRANDALL, M.D., Surgeon
16th Regt. N.Y.V."

Under date of 31 Aug. 1861 at Alexandria, Virginia, the following order was issued at "Head Quarters, 16th Regt. N.Y.S.V." by S. MARSH, LT.COL.:

"I HEREBY APPOINT CAPT. FRANK PALMER RECRUITING OFFICER OF THIS REGIMENT IN THE COUNTYS OF CLINTON, FRANKLIN & ST. LAWRENCE, STATE OF NEW YORK UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS, THE PRESENT STATE OF THE REGIMENT REQUIRING IT."

Pursuant to the foregoing, there was an additional authorization contained in his file:

"CAPT. FRANK PALMER
AUTHORITY GRANTED. THE OFFICER DETAILED WILL PROCEED VIA ALBANY & REPORT FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO MAJOR SITGRAVES, MUSTER OFFICER IN THAT CITY.

BY ORDER OF
E. D. RUGLES
ASST. AGT. GENL.
AGT.GENL'S. OFFICE
AUG. 31, 1861

"I CERTIFY ON HONOR THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER APPOINTING ME RECRUITING OFFICER FOR THE 16TH REGT., N.Y.VOLUNTEERS,
Dated FRANK PALMER
Plattsburgh,N.Y. Capt. Co.C,16 Regt.
Sept. 12, 1861 N.Y.Volunteers"

The following letter from FRANK PALMER was dated at Plattsburgh, June 17, 1862, to

"MAJ. SPRAGUE
DEAR SIR

I AM HOME ON SICK LEAVE BUT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO REJOIN MY REGT. NEAR RICHMOND. THE REGT. NEEDS RECRUITS. IF I CAN GET SOME GOOD MEN HERE TO JOIN THE REGT. TO SERVE UNTIL THE REGT. IS DISBANDED WILL YOU PAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF BOARD & FURNISH TRANSPORTATION AND SWEAR THEM INTO THE SERVICE ON MY ARRIVAL AT ALBANY. PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU BY RETURN MAIL.

MOST RESPECTFULLY,
YOUR OBT. SERVT.
FRANK PALMER
CAPTAIN, 16TH RGT., NY VOLS."

Included in the Military File was the following notice of FRANK PALMER's being wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia:

CASUALTY SHEET

NAME: FRANK PALMER RANK: Lieut.Col. REGIMENT: 16th N.York Vols.
ARM: INFANTRY STATE: NEW YORK PLACE OF CASUALTY: Near Fredericksburg, Va.
NATURE OF CASUALTY: Wounded
DATE OF CASUALTY: May 2 3 4 & 5 1863 SIGNED: W. H. BROOKS
Brig. Gen'l. Co. NY Div

The National Archives contained no Pension File for FRANK(LIN) PALMER and therefore it must be assumed he never applied for one. From the wound he suffered in May it appears he was discharged from further service as the MUSTER-OUT ROLL has this:

MUSTER-OUT TO DATE MAY 22, 1863
LAST PAID TO May 31, 1863

This file and the "Palmer MSS."do not include the date of death of FRANKLIN PALMER. Two of his brothers were still living after the turn of the century: GEORGE WILLIAM died 1916 and CHARLES EDWARD in 1908, both in Plattsburgh. However, the Military File contains a NOTATION dated 18 Aug 1910 about the FRANK PALMER, LIEUT. COL., 16th Reg't. N.Y.INF. from the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C. which would indicate he was still living at that date:

> "UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED FEBRUARY 24, 1897, THIS OFFICER IS HELD AND CONSIDERED BY THIS DEPARTMENT TO HAVE BEEN MUSTERED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL, CO. _____, 16 REG'T., N.Y.INF. TO TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPT. 29, 1862."

FRANKLIN PALMER and his first wife had no children of record although they were married just twenty years when MARIAN died. There were two children born by the second wife in Plattsburgh:

(1) WILLIAM MORGAN PALMER b 30 Dec 1887. He graduated from Harvard University in 1911 with the degree of A.B. and the following year went to China where he joined the faculty of the College of Pao Ting Fu. Later he joined the staff of the British Salt Administration located at Peking. Thereafter he purchased a ranch on the Sungari River in the Province of Kirin in Manchuria where he was conducting an experimental farm. In 1922 he returned to the United States and a few months later went back to China, taking his mother with him. The farm was attacked by Chinese bandits in 1925 resulting in the death of WILLIAM PALMER on July 20th. His mother was residing at the ranch at the time but escaped with other parties who were visiting them.

(2) FRANKLIN HALL PALMER b 30 June 1889.

(Copied from page 1027 of "Palmer MSS."(typescript) and Vol.2, page 818 of original Palmer Records (handwritten). Data from National Archives Military File added by compiler. This NA Military File did not have a number.)

The "History of Clinton and Franklin Counties, New York" (1880) by J. W. Lewis & Company of Philadelphia, pages 74-76 pays tribute to this PALMER family and specifically outlines the history of FRANKLIN and his father, WILLIAM. Following is quoted from that narrative:

"FRANK PALMER received an academical education, and at the age of twenty took the position of clerk in his father's store. Soon after in company with his brother, CHARLES, he bought his father's interest in the store and milling business. This partnership continued until the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion.

"On the receipt of news of the firing on Fort Sumter and the simultaneous call for troops, he was one of the first to respond. A meeting was called, and a sufficient number to form a company at once enrolled, and the officers elected to command were:

"Col. FRANK PALMER, as Captain;
ROYAL CORBIN, First Lieutenant;
PLINY MOORE, Second Lieutenant.

"This Company became Company "C," 16th N.Y. Volunteers and did efficient service in the many battles in which the Army of the Potomac participated -- in the first battle of Bull Run, campaigns of Peninsula, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, in which last battle Colonel PALMER received a flesh-wound in the thigh, which rendered him unfit for further service until his regiment was mustered out, some twelve days thereafter.

"Since the war Colonel PALMER has been engaged in the manufacture of iron from the ore, first at Wood's Falls, remaining there two years, then building his present works at Altona, where he employs on an average one hundred and twenty-five men, turning out two thousand tons of iron per annum.

"Colonel PALMER married MARION STETSON 18 Oct 1865, the youngest daughter of JOHN S. STETSON of Champlain.

"In politics, he is a Republican and by that party has been elected to represent his town in the Board of Supervisors for eight terms. Colonel and Mrs. PALMER are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Plattsburg, N.Y."

65. VAN RENSSELAER PALMER[8], (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Dec 1803 in the village of Granville, Washington County, New York, the first child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. Both his paternal and his maternal grandfathers (NATHANIEL PALMER and+PHINEAS LAMB) were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Family writings usually referred to him as "RENSSELAER" omitting the use of the "VAN." He married 3 Dec 1828/1829 in West Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. MARY MILLER (b 15 Sept 1806/1807 Russia, Herkimer Co., N.Y., d 24 March 1890 in Ontario), the dau of+JONATHAN MILLER, III and PERMELIA+(LEE) MILLER of West Walworth. He died 25 Dec 1881 and both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Lakeside, N.Y. where numerous members of this Palmer family are also buried; his name on the tombstone appears as RENSSELAER PALMER.

As a small boy of about three years of age RENSSELAER had accompanied his parents when they removed from Granville westward to settle in the village of Walworth, Ontario County (now in Wayne County), N.Y. He settled down as a farmer(following his marriage)in Lakeside, near Walworth, where he remained the rest of his life and where all his nine children were born. He owned a large flock of Merino sheep (a fine-wooled white sheep of a hardy gregarious breed with heavy twisted horns in the male). His wife would spin flax and wool from them but she did not weave, according to the family tradition, which has also handed down an experience RENSSELAER had as a young man in West Walworth when he attended a square dance; this was contrary to the church's teachings and the minister refused to pardon him, explaining that RENSSELAER's only salvation would be to ask for forgiveness from God. This made RENSSELAER so angry that he never again went to that church; however, all his children attended the Baptist Church at Lakeside which he supported. He was one of the first deacons of First Baptist Church, Ontario and his name is mentioned often in the Minutes of that church located in Wayne County, New York.

Children born at Lakeside:

99. (1) MARY LOUISE PALMER b 14 Sept 1829/30, m 1852 EDWARD P. POMEROY (b 9 Nov 1829, d 4 June 1888, divorced)of Syracuse, N.Y. She m (2nd) in Lakeside 9 Jan 1881 NATHANIEL L. PALMER (same family), a widower (b 3 May 1828 Walworth, N.Y., d 22 Feb 1897 Chula Vista, San Diego Co., California.) (They may have been married in Kansas City.) MARY's 2nd husband was a half-brother of her grandfather, NATHAN PALMER. NATHANIEL L. had had four children by his first marriage to MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE but he and MARY had no children; she had 2 children by EDWARD POMEROY.

100. (2) GEORGE LAMB PALMER b 12 Mar 1832, m (1st) MARY MALVINA SMITH on 7 Jan 1855 in Lincoln, Wayne Co., N.Y., (b 10 Sept 1833 in Lincoln, d 26 Jan 1885 Garrison, Iowa) dau of DANIEL M. and ELIZABETH (HERENDEEN) SMITH of Lincoln; m (2nd) 25 Oct 1888 MRS. CATHERINE A. (HOSKINS) JONES of Garrison. He had five children by his first wife; d 4 Mar 1924 Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa.

101. (3) AMELIA MILISSA PALMER b 27 July 1834, m 21 Apr 1855 GEORGE WILLARD DAVIS (b 21 May 1826 Lakeside, d 9 Nov 1898). They had five children; AMELIA d 22 Feb 1892 Valley Center,Kansas.

102. (4) JONATHAN (JOHN) M. PALMER b 10 Sept 1836, m at Walworth 23 Aug 1863 JULIA E. REED, marriage performed by HARVEY MILLER, Justice of the Peace of Walworth; no children. He died 6 May 1864 "as a result of action" in Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness. JULIA was born 1839 and d 9 Jan 1916, aged 77 years; she m (2nd) 20 Dec 1871 HENRY L. GOULD at Fairport, Monroe Co., N.Y., also a Civil War soldier; he d 12 Mar 1905 in Michigan.

103. (5) LORENZO NORTON PALMER b 21 Feb 1839, m 10 Nov 1880 LAVINIA (ALVINA) BURLING (b 19 Feb 1861, d 1936) dau of JAMES and MARTHA (BRIDGEMAN) BURLING of Byron, Wayne Co., N.Y. He died 8 July 1907; they are both buried in Lakeside Cemetery. They had three children all born in Lakeside.

104. (6) OLIVER HAZARD PALMER b 28 Dec 1841, m at Lakeside 17 Jan 1865 MARY HARRIET BOYNTON (b 14 June 1844, d 11 Feb 1931 in Lakeside), dau of LORENZO BOYNTON and MARY (HOPKINS) BOYNTON of Lakeside; the HOPKINS family being direct descendants of the MAYFLOWER passenger STEPHEN HOPKINS. * OLIVER died 21 July 1891; both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery; they had five children, born Lakeside.

105. (7) OSCAR CONKEY PALMER b 5 Mar 1844, m in Webster, N.Y. on 14 Oct 1869/1870 AMELIA ANTOINETTE BOTSFORD (b 28 Mar 1849 in Webster, d 4 Mar 1920, Rochester) dau of HENRY HARVEY and DIANA AMELIA (FOSTER) BOTSFORD of Webster. OSCAR died 1 Feb 1919 Union Hill, Wayne Co., N.Y. and was also a Civil War veteran. They are buried in Webster Rural Cemetery.

(8) ADELINE (ADALINE) PALMER b 10 Oct 1846, d 26 Mar 1865, unm. Buried Lakeside Cemetery; aged eighteen years.

106. (9) FRANK PALMER b 10 Oct 1849, m (1st) 18 Sept 1873 HELEN CORNELIA NORTHRUP (b 27 Feb 1849 Webster, d 16 Aug 1890) dau of RANSOM and EUNICE(FARNHAM) NORTHRUP; three children. HELEN d 16 Aug 1890 and baby son, RAY same day in accident. Both bur Lakeside Cemetery. FRANK m (2nd) 8 May 1892 ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER (same family) (b 13 Aug 1869 at Lakeside, d 10 Dec 1945 Kensington, Maryland), dau of NATHANIEL L. and MARGARET LEVINIA (DENISE) PALMER. She was known by her second name, pronounced MAY BELL. FRANK died Orange Co., Calif. 13 Jan 1940; he and MAY BELL and his dau FLORA MAY by first wife all bur Fairhaven Cemetery Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

RENSSELAER PALMER was a public-spirited pioneer and did much to bring the then wilderness to its (1881) present state of improvement (according to his obituary). He died from the effects of a sunstroke. He had been supervisor of the town of Ontario in 1870.

Sources:

Family Records of John Boynton Palmer of Webster, N.Y.

Family Records of Harry Palmer Bean of El Paso, Texas

*(The compiler has not been able to verify the connection to The Mayflower passenger, STEPHEN HOPKINS.)

"Palmer MSS." pp. 1032-1033, 1039-1042; and "Palmer Genealogy" * compiled 1949 by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and DR. BYRON WILBUR PALMER.

Family Records of Mrs. BEATRICE PALMER PEER.

INTRODUCTION TO THE VAN RENSSELAER PALMER PHOTO
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The father of this family, VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, had died 25 Dec 1881; his widow, MARY (MILLER) PALMER died 1890; the photo was taken in 1884. MARY PALMER is seated in the middle row dressed in black surrounded by all of her then living children: five sons and two daughters shown seated with her. Also included are the wives of her sons, ten of her grandchildren, the husband of one and the wife of another, and two great-grandchildren. The photo was taken at the Lakeside, New York farm where she and her late husband had lived most of their lives; her youngest son, FRANK PALMER, was bequeathed the farm following his father's death. FRANK resided there with his first wife, HELEN and their two young daughters, BERTHA and FLORA; also residing in the home was his mother, MARY; his older brother, LORENZO NORTON PALMER who (in the photo) is holding his own first born, RENSSELAER WILBUR PALMER, born the previous year.

The reason for this gathering has been lost. However, it must have been a very special occasion as MARY LOUISE PALMER (POMEROY) (the oldest child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY) by 1884 was married to her 2nd husband, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, probably came home from Kansas as did her sister, AMELIA (PALMER) DAVIS, who was residing in Valley Center, Kansas; AMELIA's youngest son, LYNN DAVIS, then aged about seven years, also accompanied his mother. (NATHANIEL L. PALMER apparently remained in Kansas as he does not appear in the photograph.)

It is probable that MARY's oldest son, GEORGE LAMB PALMER, and his wife, MARY (who died the following January in Iowa) had come from either Iowa or Michigan. Judging from the children's ages and the fact that the wife of GEORGE LAMB died 26 Jan 1885 and the youngest appearing child, RENSSELAER (son of LORENZO) was born 10 Apr 1883, it would appear the photograph was taken between early summer and early fall of 1884. On 15 Sept 1884 MARY (MILLER) PALMER would have had her 78th birthday and on 14 Sept 1884 her daughter, MARY LOUISE (POMEROY) PALMER would have had her 54th birthday.

The photographer probably was CHARLES T. POMEROY (son of MARY LOUISE and her first husband, EDWARD P. POMEROY) who at that time still had a photo studio in nearby Rochester, New York; he had been responsible for many, many photographs of this PALMER family. His wife, DELLA and first child, CHARLES H. POMEROY (born 1883) also appear in this family photograph.

AMELIA DAVIS' husband, GEORGE DAVIS, had a drug store in Valley Center, Kansas. GEORGE LAMB PALMER resided in both Iowa and Michigan and his two sons, BYRON SMITH PALMER and WILLIS WALLACE PALMER, graduated from the university in Michigan. Although MARY LOUISE (POMEROY) PALMER journeyed from Kansas, neither her husband nor her step-daughter (MaBELLE) who was then aged 15 years, were present at this very special family gathering.

Harry PALMER Bean.

(Standing L-R Rear)

1. HELEN CORNELIA (NORTHRUP) 1849 - 1890 (1st wife, FRANK PALMER)

2. DELLA S. (MANN) 1858 - 1891 (Wife, CHAS. POMEROY)

3. CHAS. H. POMEROY born 1883 (In DELLA's arms.)

4. MARY MALVINA (SMITH) 1844 - 1906 (1st wife, GEORGE LAMB PALMER)

5. WILLIAM M. PARKER 1844 - 1906 (Husband of ADDIE POMEROY)

6. GLENN H. PARKER born 1882 (in father's arms) (Grandson of MARY LOUISE PALMER)

7. ADDIE M. (POMEROY) 1859 - 1945 (Wife of WM. M. PARKER)

8. ALVINA or LAVINA (BURLING) 1861 - 1936 (Wife of LORENZO NORTON PALMER)

9. MARY HARRIET (BOYNTON) 1844 - 1931 (m 1st OLIVER HAZARD PALMER; (m 2nd A. J. BIXBY)

10. JOHN BOYNTON PALMER 1865 - 1911 (Son of No.9 and No.19)

11. ADELINE PALMER 1867 - 1949 (Dau of No.9 & 19)

12. AMELIA ANTOINETTE (BOTSFORD) 1849 - 1920 (Wife of OSCAR CONKEY PALMER)

(Seated, Middle Row, L-R)

13. FRANK PALMER 1849 - 1940

14. AMELIA MELISSA (PALMER) 1834 - 1892 (Wife of GEORGE WILLARD DAVIS)

15. GEORGE LAMB PALMER 1832 - 1924

16. MARY (MILLER), Wife of 1806 - 1890 VAN RENSSELAER PALMER

17. MARY LOUISE (PALMER) 1830 - 1899 (m 1st EDWARD P. POMEROY; (m 2nd NATHANIEL L. PALMER)

18. LORENZO NORTON PALMER 1839 - 1907

19. OLIVER HAZARD PALMER 1841 - 1891

20. OSCAR CONKEY PALMER 1844 - 1919

(Children in the foreground) L-R

21. FLORA MAY PALMER 1880 - 1973 (Dau of FRANK & HELEN)

22. BERTHA CORNELIA PALMER 1875 - 1959 (Dau of FRANK & HELEN) (Wife of CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD)

23. LYNN DAVIS born 1877- (5th son of AMELIA (PALMER) & GEO. DAVIS

24. HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER 1879 - 1975 (Son of OSCAR CONKEY PALMER)

25. RENSSELAER WILBUR PALMER 1883 - 1965 (in arms of father, LORENZO NORTON PALMER)

26. BYRON WILBUR PALMER 1874 - 1957 (Son of OLIVER HAZARD and MARY PALMER; and brother to No. 10.)

27. MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER 1873 - 1932 (Son of OSCAR CONKEY and AMELIA PALMER) (Older brother to No. 24 above.)

VAN RENNSELAER PALMER FAMILY PHOTO ABOUT 1852-1854
MADE FROM AN ORIGINAL DAGUERREOTYPE

(Standing back row, left to right)

1.*OSCAR CONKEY 2.LORENZO NORTON 3.AMELIA 4.JONATHAN (JOHN)* 5.OLIVER HAZARD

(Seated left to right)

6. GEORGE LAMB oldest son 7. MARY, the mother 8. VAN RENSSELAER, the father 9. MARY LOUISE, oldest dau

(Standing in front) 10. FRANK Youngest son 11. ADELINE ("ADDIE") Youngest dau

PHOTOGRAPH OF THREE CHILDREN:

1. HELEN CORNELIA NORTHRUP
1849-1890
married 1873 FRANK PALMER
(youngest son in above photo)

2. MARY HARRIET BOYNTON
1844/45 - 1931
married 1864/65 OLIVER HAZARD PALMER,
(No. 5 in above photo)

3. FRANK H. BOYNTON who became a physician
born 1850
Younger brother to MARY BOYNTON PALMER.

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*The two brothers, JONATHAN (JOHN) and OSCAR CONKEY PALMER served as soldiers in the Civil War; JONATHAN was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864, aged 28 years. OSCAR survived and died 1919.

66. ADALINE PALMER[8], (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 Aug 1809 in the village of Walworth, Wayne County, New York, the second child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. She married there HARVEY MILLER, son of+JONATHAN MILLER III and PERMELIA+(LEE) MILLER. HARVEY's sister, MARY (born 15 Sept 1806/07 in Russia, Herkimer Co., N.Y.) married ADALINE's older brother, VAN RENSSELAER (called simply RENSSELAER) PALMER in 1828/29.

They had two children:

(1) AMELIA MILLER.
(2) JEANNETTE MILLER.

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67. CAROLINE PALMER[8] (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 May 1811 in Walworth, N.Y., the third child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER.

She married 25 Dec 1827 SIDNEY WHITNEY (b 21 Oct 1801 in Granville, Washington Co., N.Y. died Dec 1874, aged 73 years). CAROLINE died 20 July 1874 in Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y. Both are buried in the West Walworth Cemetery; CAROLINE died at age 63 years, the same year as her husband. They had three children:

(1) NATHAN P. WHITNEY.
(2) MATILDA WHITNEY.
(3) EUGENE WHITNEY.

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68. OLIVER HAZARD PALMER[8] (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 5 Oct 1812 in the village of West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., the fourth child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. He married 2 Nov 1843 in Rochester, N.Y. SUSAN HART (b 1824, died Mar 1891), dau of TRUMAN and SUSAN (CARPENTER) HART of Rochester. He died 2 Feb 1884 in New York City. Both buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester.

OLIVER attended the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N.Y. for two years; taught school during the winters; studied law with Judge Story in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y. and was admitted to the bar in 1839. He practiced law in Palmyra until 1851 during which time he was President of that village in 1847. He thereupon removed to Rochester where he continued in the practice of law until the outbreak of the Civil War, previous to which he and his wife also had two daughters (SUSAN HART and ANNE MUMFORD) born to them in Rochester.

On 18 Aug 1862 OLIVER enlisted in the 108th Regiment of N.Y. Infantry for three years and received the rank of Colonel; this was just prior to his 50th birthday (Oct 1862). However, due to his health he received a discharge on 2 Mar 1863; he submitted his resignation that

date which was accepted and the Adjutant-General's Office issued their statement to the effect that he was "hereby honorably discharged the service of the United States." His military file at the National Archives contains the statement of the U. S. Medical Officer, A. BACKUS dated at Rochester, N.Y. the 5th day of February 1863, certifying that "O. H. PALMER, 108th N.Y.Volunteers, is unfit for service and unable to resume his duties at this time without extreme hazard..." The NA files contained no pension requests for either the veteran or his widow. (The "Palmer MSS." allege that on 22 May 1866 OLIVER H. PALMER was commissioned Brigadier-General" but gave no authority for that allegation; there is nothing in the Military File of the NA to support it.)

Following the end of the Civil War (1865) OLIVER removed to New York City and became Treasurer and Counsel of the Western Union Telegraph Company and later a Director and Counsel of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His residence in New York City was at #40 West 32nd Street. Before that move, OLIVER and SUSAN had had twins born to them in 1863, CHARLES (who died young) and ALICE E.

The unusual combination of first and second names, OLIVER HAZARD, would appear to have been given to this son by NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER in honor of Commodore OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (1785-1819) who was one of the heroes of the War of 1812, the year their son was born. That year Commodore PERRY had been "ordered to build and man a fleet against the British on the Great Lakes; he was the hero of the great Battle of Lake Erie in 1813 in which he captured the British Fleet commanded by Capt. BARCLAY, following which his report was sent to General HARRISON, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The Will of OLIVER HAZARD PALMER was dated 15 Mar 1882 and probated 1 Apr 1884; in it he mentioned his wife, SUSAN H., and four children as follows: SUSAN H. P. DYER, wife of Lieut. GEORGE L. DYER of Washington, D.C.; ANNIE M. PALMER; ALICE E. PALMER and OLIVER H. PALMER, JR. of New York City, the son being a minor at that time, aged 17 years. OLIVER appointed ROSWELL HART of Rochester the Executor of his Will (Vol.324, page 274, N.Y.Co.Records.)

The Will of SUSAN HART PALMER was dated 28 Apr 1888, probated 15 Apr 1891, made while she was a resident of Florida, probably residing temporarily with her dau, ANNE, who resided in Florida following her marriage in 1885. SUSAN's Will mentioned her son, OLIVER HUNGERFORD PALMER of Nantucket, Mass. (Vol. 445, page 421, N.Y. Co. Records.) The discrepancy in the name of the youngest child in the two Wills of the parents has not been explained.

OLIVER and SUSAN PALMER had five children:

107. (1) SUSAN HART PALMER b 22 Sept 1854 Rochester, m 31 Mar 1875 New York City GEORGE LELAND DYER (b 26 Aug 1851) son of GEORGE W. and MARY (KELLY) DYER of Calais, Maine; they had three children. SUSAN died 1921 Winter Park,Florida.

108. (2) ANNE MUMFORD PALMER b 1857, m 25 May 1885 at Washington, D.C., E. NELSON FELL (b 1857 Nelson, New Zealand, died 1928 Warrenton, Virginia) and ANNE d 12 Jan 1937 Kent,

England. They had three children.

(3) CHARLES PALMER b 18 Feb 1863, a twin; died young.

(4) ALICE E.PALMER b 18 Feb 1863, m 7 Dec 1885 in Washington, D.C. LEIGH OSBORNE GARRETT; they had seven children.

(5) OLIVER HAZARD PALMER, JR. or OLIVER HUNGERFORD PALMER b 1867, prob New York City, died unm 30 Sept 1894, aged 27 years. The administration of the estate of OLIVER H. PALMER, deceased, was issued to the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of NYC on the petition of his sister, ANNA PALMER FELL, of Narcoosee, Florida, in which petition the other two sisters, SUSAN H. P. DYER and ALICE P. GARRETT were also listed as next of kin.

According to family records and tradition, OLIVER assisted HIRAM SIBLEY in organizing the Western Union Telegraph Company, as a result of which he was its first Treasurer and Counsel; he was also a judge.

Sources: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1043-1044.
"Landmarks of Wayne Co., N.Y." (1895) by Cowles, p.185.
"Sketches of Men of Progress" (1870) p. 653.

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69. MARTHA PALMER[8] (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1])was born 6 July 1816 in the village of Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y., the sixth child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. She married THOMAS F.WILBUR of Walworth (b 29 Dec 1807, d 9 Jan 1894 in Rochester); she died 18 Jan 1900. They had five sons:

(1) PALMER WILBUR b 4 Nov 1837, d 5 Dec 1876 unm.

(2) NATHAN WILBUR b 1839; d 2 Nov 1892, m LOUISA M._____.

(3) MYRON WILBUR b 16 Oct 1847, d 9 Dec 1908, m CARRIE A. _____ in 1880.

(4) CHARLES WILBUR b _____, died young.

(5) THOMAS F. WILBUR b _____, died young.

Source:
"Wildbores in America" (1939), Vol. 3, page 109.)

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70. NATHAN PALMER[8] (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 July 1819 in Walworth, N.Y., the seventh child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. He married in Walworth 28 Sept 1847 EMILY ELVIRA MASON (b 14 Sept 1822 Ontario, died 1904), dau of JAMES and MIRITTEE (_____) MASON also of Walworth; he died 25 Oct 1902 in Rochester; both are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y.

After his marriage NATHAN and his wife continued to reside on his father's farm for a number of years. His father had died in 1845, two years before he married EMILY, and his mother, DOLLY, survived for fifteen years, dying in 1860. NATHAN's older brother RENSSELAER had married in 1830 and the next brother OLIVER married in 1843, leaving NATHAN, JR. at home to look after the farm and widowed mother inasmuch as all of his four sisters

had also married. Eventually NATHAN, JR. purchased a farm of his own on the Buffalo Road near Rochester. His sister, ADALINE (PALMER) MILLER had predeceased their father which is revealed by the father's (NATHAN, SR.) Will in which he mentioned"the two daughters of my deceased daughter, ADALINE MILLER, to wit: AMELIA and JENETT, both minors."

In later years NATHAN, JR. removed to Rochester where he was in the hardware business. About 1888 he became Superintendent of the Monroe County Penitentiary after which he continued to live in Rochester the rest of his life.

NATHAN, JR. and EMILY had two children born in Walworth:

(1) CHARLES HART PALMER b 29 June 1848, m in New York City MARY F. _____; he d 3 Feb 1893 NYC. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1869 and was employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company in NYC. Administration on his estate was commenced 20 March 1893; the widow was listed as MARY F. PALMER of #132 Second Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. and there were no children. CHARLES and his sister both predeceased their parents.

(2) EMMA M. PALMER born 1858, died unm 28 May 1883; she and her brother both buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester.

Source: "Descendants of Capt. HUGH MASON" (1937) by PFIZENMAYER, p. 610.
"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and Dr. BYRON WILBUR PALMER.
"Palmer MSS." p.1047.

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71. MARY ANNA PALMER[8] (Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1])was born 19 Aug 1824 in Walworth, N.Y. the youngest child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER. She married in West Walworth (as his first wife) on 2 Apr 1845 the Rev. ERASTUS F. MAIN(E)(b 28 May 1818), a Baptist Minister. He was the son of+STEPHEN MAIN of Stonington, Connecticut, and his wife, LUCINDA (RAY) MAIN. Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN had been born in Stonington but had reached Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y. with his parents. He died 18 June 1905 at Ontario Centre and MARY ANNA (ANN) (PALMER) MAIN died 8 Jan 1883 at Three Mile Bay, N.Y. They are buried in West Walworth Cemetery, as is their baby daughter. They had 2 children:

(1) ADELIA MAIN, b 1847/8 (DELIA)"died in infancy".

109. (2) FRANK ERASTUS MAIN b 4 Nov 1856, m 17 July 1878 MARY ELLA HOAG; he died 1916; MARY ELLA died 26 Jan 1896 Auburn,N.Y., both buried West Walworth Cemetery. He graduated from the Univ. of Pennsylvania and was a physician. They had two children; he m (2nd) CORA ISABELLE THAYER 23 June 1897.

i ANNA BETH MAIN(E) b 28 Apr 1882 Philadelphia, N.Y. m 9 Oct 1901 at Auburn,N.Y. Rev.JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH (b 10 Jan 1873 England, d 9 July 1949 Huntington, N.Y.); they had three children.

ii FRANK ELFLEDA MAIN(E) b 21 Aug 1888 Auburn,N.Y.

Sources: "Palmer Genealogy" (1949) (supra).
"BABCOCK-MAINE GENEALOGY" (1910)-information rec'd.from ANNA BETH MAINE COLCLOUGH 1980(aged 98) residing Hilton Head Island,South Carolina.

72. ALEXANDER PALMER[8] (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born on 18 April 1812, in Walworth, Wayne County, New York, the first of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) and his wife, NANCY (LAMB). He married about 1835 LUCEBA HATHAWAY (who had been born in 1818 in New York) probably in Ridgeway, Michigan. She died 28 March 1853 in Ransom, Michigan and was buried in the small Doty Cemetery (six miles south of Hillsdale, Michigan). ALEXANDER married (2nd) PRUDENCE SAFNONA in 1855 (born on 18 May 1832, died 11 Sept 1870); he died 9 June 1878/79 in Ransom, Hillsdale County; they are both buried in adjoining graves next to his first wife in the Doty Cemetery. LUCEBA was the dau of SIDNEY and NANCY HATHAWAY; some family records indicate she died as early as 1851 aged just 33 years.

ALEXANDER was nineteen years of age when his parents removed from New York to the Michigan Territory and he being the oldest of their eight sons must have had great responsibility in helping to bring about this move and relocation, which necessitated the clearing of the timber, building a log house and planting the crops and welcoming a new baby brother into the family three months after their arrival at the place to become known as Ridgeway, in the county of Lenawee.

Following his marriage to LUCEBA HATHAWAY about 1835, ALEXANDER removed to the adjoining county of Hillsdale where they settled down as farmers in Ransom Township although for a short period of time they first lived in Rowland Township in "the Bean Creek Valley". According to "The Bean Creek Valley" by James Hogoboam (1876) we learn that:

> "The first township meeting was held on the sixth day of April 1840 at the house of ALEXANDER PALMER. JAMES BABCOCK was moderator, and ISRAEL S. HODGES secretary (so says the record), and (the following) officers were elected: LEANDER CANDEE, Supervisor; ISRAEL S. HODGES, Township Clerk; ROWLAND BIRD, Treasurer; MATTHEW ARMSTRONG and ROWLAND BIRD, Assessors; ALEXANDER PALMER, Collector; MATTHEW ARMSTRONG, ISRAEL S. HODGES and JAMES H. BABCOCK, school inspectors; JOSEPH HOWE and WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Directors of the poor; JAMES H. BABCOCK, ALEXANDER PALMER and HENRY CORNELL, Commissioners of Highways ROWLAND BIRD, JAMES H. BABCOCK, MATTHEW ARMSTRONG and HENRY CORNELL, Justices of the Peace; ALEXANDER PALMER, JOSEPH PHILLIPS, AMOS S. DRAKE and ALEXANDER FINDLEY, Constables."

Obviously there were so many positions to be filled and so few citizens to do the work that most of those named had to serve in numerous capacities. It appears that ALEXANDER PALMER served as Collector of Assessments; Commissioner of Highways; and Constable. He was Jr.Deacon, Leonard Lodge #286,F.& A.M.

Inasmuch as so many generations of this branch of the Palmer family (descended from JOHN C. and his brother, FENNER) settled in Michigan, and research has revealed perhaps four other branches of Palmers settled there all descended from the emigrant WALTER PALMER, a brief sketch of its history would seem to be in order: (page 7 of the Hogoboam history, supra)

> "The word 'Michigan' is probably derived from two Chippewa words--Mitchaw, great, and Sagiegan, lake -- Great Lake. In July 1641 the territory of Michigan was visited by the French Jesuits. Father Mesnard spent the winter of 1660-1661 on one of the bays

of Lake Superior; in 1665 Father Claude Allonez founded a Mission at LaPoint, Lake Superior; in 1668 Father Marquette founded a Mission at Sault St.Mary, and in 1671 founded a Mission near Mackinaw. In the latter year an agent of the King of France took formal possession of all the country between Montreal and the South Sea. At that time Michigan for the most part was occupied by Ottawas and Chippewas. ...

"In 1686 Fort St. Joseph and Fort Detroit were built, the former where Fort Gratiot now stands, at the outlet of Lake Huron; both were soon after abandoned.

"Detroit, now the city of Detroit, was founded in 1701 by De La Motte Cadillac. He landed on the 24th day of July and on the same day commenced the erection of Fort Pontchartrain. In 1761 the number of inhaitants in the Detroit settlement was estimated at 2,500. In 1763 France ceded her dominion over Michigan to England. In 1774 by act of Parliament, Michigan became a part of the province of Quebec..... and it was here that during the Revolutionary War Indian incursions against the infant settlements of Western Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky were organized.

"Michigan was surrendered to the United States in 1796 and became a part of the Northwestern Territory.... On the 11th of August of that year Wayne County was organized and included all of Michigan, the northern part of Ohio and Indiana and a part of Illinois and Wisconsin.

The territory to the south of Michigan had been organized into the state of Ohio as early as 1803, the 17th state to join the United States. However, there continued boundary disputes over Ohio's northern boundary and on the 11th day of January 1805 Congress passed an act organizing the Territory of Michigan and a Governor of the Territory was appointed. By 1807 a treaty had been concluded with the numerous Indian tribes describing the land they were to retain and that which was relinquished to the settlers. However, the War of 1812 ensued and on the 17th day of August that year the Territory of Michigan was surrendered to the British by General Hull. The British had to evacuate the Territory on the 29th day of September 1813 and on October 13 following Colonel LEWIS CASS was appointed Governor. Numerous counties were thereafter organized, including Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee.

By May 1831 ALEXANDER PALMER and his parents had reached Lenawee County and in 1837 Michigan became the 26th state admitted to the United States. This family of JOHN C. and NANCY PALMER with eight sons settled outside the village of Tecumseh which had been platted the early summer of 1824; the name Ridgeway was given to the area where the PALMERS settled. The name Tecumseh was in honor of the renowned Shawaneese warrior who had (according to tradition)"often visited that locality and sat in council around the fires of the resident tribes," (page 11 of the Hogoboam history, supra).

The population of Tecumseh Township (Territorial) in 1830 has been given as 771 in an area which comprised one-third of Lenawee County until 1833,

("One Hundred Years A Country Town" by Clara Waldron 1968, page 182). This larger, earlier township was eventually decreased in size with its northern portion becoming Clinton Township and its eastern half becoming Macon Township from which in 1841 Ridgeway Township was formed encompassing the area where our Palmers had settled. The actual village of Ridgeway is located in the area of the township which is geographically very close to the larger town of Tecumseh. The hundreds of acres accumulated by ALEXANDER PALMER's father during the years 1827-1831 for himself and additional acreage for his younger brother, FENNER, were divided over several generations into smaller farms for the numerous sons and their families. It was only in 1980 that the last remaining member of the family (DOUGLAS PALMER of Britton-Ridgeway) sold his farm and retired to Florida since his only son, LYNN, preferred to follow an engineering career.

However, the large, two-story frame house erected in the late 1830's by ALEXANDER's father (JOHN C., great-great-grandfather to DOUGLAS) still stands today on a quiet corner of Ridgeway, inhabited by a family which keeps it and the surrounding grounds in excellent condition. Diagonally across from that home, on land which once comprised part of the Palmer farm, is a modern house surrounded by shrubs, trees and green lawns which is the home of SUSAN PALMER FAUST, one of the daughters of DOUGLAS PALMER.

With all the land ALEXANDER's father owned in Ridgeway Township, it is difficult to understand why he wanted to move westward into the adjoining county of Hillsdale, but we find this to be the usual pattern of certain members of this particular family. Following his years in the village of Rowland, ALEXANDER removed to the village of Ransom and lived out his years in Hillsdale County and where he and his two wives are buried in the Doty Cemetery. The Hogoboam History enlightens us about Ransom and what this family faced in their move there: (page 127) "In 1836 Ransom was an unbroken forest--not one acre of cleared land, but all heavy timber."

The 1850 Federal Census for Michigan lists the following at the household in Hillsdale County of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA PALMER; all born in Michigan except the parents who were both born in New York:

ALEXANDER - age 38	PHILLIP S. - age 8 (probably SIDNEY)?
LUCIBA - age 34	NATHAN J. - age 7 (probably JOHN)?
*ALVIN H. - age 14	MANDANEY - age 5
NANCY H. - age 12	BETSEY - age 3 (ELIZABETH)
WILLIAM - age 10	These ages are according to the 1850 Federal Census for Michigan.

There is a variation in the number of children for this couple, from five to nine, depending on the reference; perhaps four of them died young. From "Palmer MSS." is listed the five children about which there is apparently no doubt (page 1052): * Family records give his name as ALFRED, list him as the 2nd son, JOHN as the 1st son, WILLIAM as 3rd son and SIDNEY the fourth.

(1) *ALVIN H. PALMER born ca 1836; resided Ridgeway, Michigan. No other information on him; D.A.R. Cemetery Records for Lenawee County do not have his name.

110. (2) WILLIAM H. PALMER born 26 Aug 1839, m 4 Sept 1863 at Hudson, Mich., ALICE M. HART (b 28 April 1846 Lorain Co., Ohio, d 23 July 1933 Hillsdale,Mich.). He died 20 July 1918, aged 79 years, at Ransom.

111. (3) SIDNEY L. PALMER b 6 Aug 1841/42, m in 1866 ELSIA ELLAN SMITH (d 1914); resided Michigan after Civil War service but he died at Soldiers' Home, Sawtelle (West Los Angeles) California 30 Oct 1928, aged 86 years.

112. (4) JOHN PALMER b 14 April 1843, m 22 Oct 1865, Jefferson, Hillsdale Co., NANCY TAZIER (b 2 April 1850, died 14 May 1927); he d 7 Dec 1925 Morenci, Mich., age 82 years.

(5) ELIZABETH PALMER resided later in St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan; born prob 1847; 1850 Census has her age as three years.

The family tradition that three sons of ALEXANDER PALMER served simultaneously in the Civil War is corroborated by the Hogaboam History (page 128): "Ransom furnished for the armies of the Republic, during the great rebellion, 143 men, forty of whom were killed, or have died of wounds received or disease contracted in the service;" the list included the names of WILLIAM, SIDNEY and JOHN PALMER. (See their individual chapters for more information.) Elon G. Reynolds, Editor of the "Compendium of History and Biography of Hillsdale County, Michigan" (published 1903 by the A. W. Bowen Company of Chicago) in his account of ALEXANDER PALMER's family credits him with having had a total of nine children, as does "Biographies of St. Joseph County" (1889) pages 223, 489; both records list WILLIAM H. (born 1839) as their third child. The 1850 Census lists seven children at that time living in the household, also with WILLIAM as the third child; doubtless the second child, NANCY H. born 1838 subsequently died.

Family records reveal three sons of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA: WILLIAM, SIDNEY and JOHN, were Civil War veterans. The age of the child in the 1850 Federal Census named PHILLIP S., then aged eight years, born 1842 would seem to be the son who eventually took the name of SIDNEY. The last child listed on the 1850 Census was born 1847, BETSEY (or ELIZABETH) and the mother, LUCEBA died 28 March 1851/53 so it is very probable LUCEBA had other children born between 1847 and the time of her death who doubtless did not survive.

The "Hillsdale County Burials" published 1978 by the Fort Wayne Library and compiled by members of the Southern Michigan Genealogical Society. lists on page 435 the following burials in DOTY CEMETERY:

ALEXANDER PALMER d June 10, 1879, age 67 Y, 1 Mo and 22 D.
PRUDENCE S. w of ALEXANDER PALMER, d Sept 11, 1870, age 38 Y, 3Mo and 24 D.;
"Morn not for me for I am blest
I am with my savior, I can rest
I am freed from trouble, care, and pain
Farewell dear friend, till we meet again."
LUCEBE w of ALEXANDER PALMER, d Mar 28, 1853, 36Y 9M 11D.

(This cemetery is located in Section 2, Ransom Twp., on the west side of Lake Pleasant Road, between Tamarack and Squawfield Roads. It is the oldest burial ground in the township.)

Inasmuch as PRUDENCE was some twenty years younger than ALEXANDER, it appears likely that ALEXANDER may have had children by his second wife and, if so, they and the seven children listed in the 1850 Census would make up the nine children some references indicate he had; however, thus far no record of any children by PRUDENCE has been found.

The foregoing write-up on ALEXANDER PALMER (#72.) and the ones in the following chapter (Generation 9) on three of his sons: WILLIAM H., SIDNEY and JOHN PALMER were somewhat difficult and complicated because at first very little information was in the hands of the compiler regarding them and there were some discrepancies. The "Palmer MSS." had pages only on the father and the one son, WILLIAM. Eventually, however, much more information surfaced and the following sources were productive:

1. The Bean Creek Valley by James Hogoboam (1876) which was reprinted in the 1980's by the Lenawee County Historical Society, Adrian, Michigan.
2. One Hundred Years A Country Town by Clara Waldron (1968).
3. Compendium of History and Biography of Hillsdale Co., Michigan (1903) Elon G. Reynolds, Editor
4. Biographies of St. Joseph County (1889) (page 1052 Palmer MSS.)
5. Hillsdale County Burials (1978) pub by Fort Wayne Library, compiled by So. Michigan Genealogical Society.
6. Palmer MSS., pp. 1052-1053.
7. 1850 Federal Census for Michigan.
8. Family Records of Mrs. TREVA ROSE of Hillsdale, Michigan, a granddaughter of ISAAC NEWTON PALMER (son of SIDNEY PALMER).
9. Family Records of Mrs. TESLA (VERA) STEARNS of Bluffton, Ohio, descendant of WILLIAM H. PALMER.
10. National Archives Military File for WILLIAM H. PALMER.
11. National Archives Pension File for WILLIAM H.PALMER.
12. National Archives Pension File for SIDNEY PALMER.
13. National Archives Pension File for JOHN PALMER.
14. D.A.R. Cemetery Records, Vol. 5 ("Lenawee County Burials")found in the Detroit City Library.
15. Portrait and Biographical Album Hillsdale County, pub by Chapman Bros., Chicago, Sept. 1888.

In the last named source above, appears the following:

"To ALEXANDER PALMER and his estimable wife there were born nine children, eight of whom lived to years of maturity. Of these WILLIAM H. was the third in order of birth. He, in common with his brothers and sisters, pursued his early studies in the primitive log schoolhouse, with slab benches for seats and puncheon floor. When twelve years of age WILLIAM went to Ridgeway (in an adjoining county to the East) where he made his home with his uncle, JOHN C. PALMER (JR.), with whom he lived until Nov. 1861 when he entered the army as a Union Soldier."

It would have been the year 1851 when WILLIAM went to live with his Uncle JOHN PALMER (JR.) in Ridgeway and for some unknown reason he remained there the next ten years! That was the year some family records reveal his mother, LUCEBA, had died which might be an explanation, since his father did not marry until 1855 and there were still at home three young children to be cared for. WILLIAM's grandfather (father of ALEXANDER) was also named JOHN C. PALMER (Sr.) and he died during the Civil War in 1864 at Ridgeway. ALEXANDER was the oldest of the eleven sons and JOHN C. PALMER (JR.) was the third son.

PALMER"BURIALS IN HILLSDALE COUNTY"

The following burials are listed in the volume published 1978 under that name (supra) and it is believed all are members of the family of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA PALMER:

DOTY CEMETERY - ALEXANDER and his two wives: LUCEBA and PRUDENCE. (page 435)
BURT (or EVERGREEN) CEMETERY: Ransom Twp on Burt Road (page 420):

WILLIAM H. PALMER	ALICE M. PALMER	JESSIE PALMER
1839 - 1918	1846 - 1933	1883 - 1897

HATTIE PALMER 1866-1871 - killed by explosion
ADELBERT R. PALMER 1868-1871 - killed by explosion

HATTIE, ADELBERT and JESSIE are the three children of WILLIAM and ALICE who died young. WILLIAM was a son of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA PALMER.

LEONARDSON CEMETERY: Jefferson Twp located south of Pittsford on Reading Road: (pp. 296, 301)

BUDD B. PALMER	FRANCES W. PALMER	(Frances Weatherwax was
1880 - 1966	1881 - 1970	wife of BUDD PALMER)
WALTER W.WEATHERWAX	MARY E. WEATHERWAX,	(Believed to be parents
1842 - 1925	His Wife	of FRANCES W. PALMER)
GAR - FATHER	1841 - 1912	

BUDD B. PALMER was one of six children born to WILLIAM and ALICE PALMER; they had one daughter: VERA LEAH PALMER who married TESLA E. STEARNS but no grandchildren. (TESLA and VERA resided 1985 in Bluffton, Ohio.)

Also in LEONARDSON CEMETERY:

FLORENCE PALMER	*NEWTON PALMER (Isaac)	HATTIE M. PALMER	
1892 - 1911	1869 - 1937	1876 - 1921	
EDITH GOULD	EMERY GOULD	(EDITH PALMER was a sister to	
1897 - 1969	1880 - 1956	FLORENCE, daus of ISAAC NEWTON and HATTIE M. PALMER.)	
MARY PALMER (unidentified)			
1842 - 1916			

*ISAAC NEWTON PALMER was one of six children born to SIDNEY and ELSIE PALMER; SIDNEY was one of the three Civil War soldier sons of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA PALMER.

EAST HILL CEMETERY: Jefferson Twp on Beecher Road: (p. 283)
Osseo, Michigan

* SIDNEY PALMER, Civ War Vet. (Son of ALEXANDER and LUCEBA)
1842 - 1928, Bat. G. 1st Mich.Inf. Light Arty,
Veteran
1861 - 1865

* HENRY H. PALMER 1867 - 1951 — ALICE A. PALMER 1871 - 1928 — (HENRY HARRISON PALMER, oldest child of SIDNEY PALMER.)

* * IRA H. PALMER 1892 - 1965 — ELIZABETH PALMER 1884 - 1965 — (IRA was oldest child of HENRY H. and ALICE)

ARTHUR C. PALMER 1895 - 1972 — (Grandson of SIDNEY PALMER and a son of ISAAC NEWTON and HATTIE PALMER.)

MAPLE GROVE (aka BLOUNT) CEMETERY: Lake Pleasant and Reading Roads:
(pp. 305-308)

RENA M. (WALTERS) WEBB 1913 - 1976 — (RENA was the dau of LALA E. (PALMER) WALTERS and ANTHONY WAYNE WALTERS. LALA PALMER was the dau of ISAAC NEWTON and HATTIE PALMER.)

A. WAYNE WALTERS 1888 - 1967 — (Believed to be the father of RENA WALTERS WEBB.)

No contact had been had with any descendants of ALEXANDER PALMER to the compiler's knowledge since the 1920's. In 1985 through a chance meeting in Florida, a granddaughter of ISAAC NEWTON PALMER (TREVA WALTERS) met DOUGLAS PALMER and his wife, AUDREY from Lenawee County previously; TREVA (WALTERS) ROSE being from Hillsdale, they soon realized they might both be from the same PALMER family. The compiler was able to place TREVA ROSE in the ALEXANDER PALMER family and TREVA in Jan 1986 sent the compiler the following additional information :

*The wife of SIDNEY PALMER died and was buried in San Francisco, California. ELSIE ELLEN (SMITH) PALMER died 23 Nov 1914, bur Mount Olivet Cemetery, Grave #282, Lawn #32 (Undertaker: Julius S. Godean, 41 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco). HENRY HARRISON PALMER, his oldest child born 11 Oct 1867 died in Westminster, California; bur near SIDNEY in Osseo, 1951; had married ALICE (DENSMORE). They had two sons:

** IRA H. PALMER b 15 May 1892, d 13 July 1965, m ELIZABETH HENRY as her 2nd husband; she d 13 June 1965; IRA had no children. His brother was CARL A. PALMER, younger than he was who married and had one dau VIRGINIA (?) "VIRGIE"who married and had children. CARL resided in Marseilles, Illinois and died between 1965 and 1976. There are two CARL PALMERS listed in "Hillsdale County Burials" but no CARL A. PALMER; the other two have middle initial "W" and therefore may not be our family.

73. CYRUS A. PALMER[8] (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 May 1815 in Walworth, Wayne County, New York, second of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) and his wife, NANCY (LAMB). He was aged sixteen years when his family migrated to the Territory of Michigan in 1831, settling in the wilderness in an area to be known as Ridgeway. That same year a German family from southeastern Pennsylvania also migrated to Michigan and took up land adjoining this Palmer family; their family consisted of six daughters and one son. It seemed only natural then that in time these two families would inter-marry and on 17 Sept 1837 CYRUS married the oldest neighbor daughter, MARY SCHREDER (b 21 July 1818, Montgomery, Penn.). Her parents were JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER (SCHREEDER) and SUSAN (SUSANNAH) WAMBOLD (WAMBOLDT), the father having been born 1789 in Newburgh, Orange County, New York, oldest of nine sons born to Revolutionary War soldier JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRÖDER+(JOHN J. SCHREEDER); originally JOHANN had entered the country with the German troops known as "Hessians" to fight with the British against the colonists; his home was near Hesse-Kassel in Germany and he and his brother were amongst some 30,000 troops of the various Princes of Germany who were "loaned" to King George III of England to bolster his own troops in the war. Following his two years' service (1775-1777) with the British, they both escaped, fled to the colonists and joined their forces with which JOHANN continued fighting the next five years until the conclusion of hostilities in 1783. His son recalled that the father explained he had "become convinced of the righteousness of the cause of the colonists."

During the years 1831-1837 CYRUS' father and brothers had cleared much of the land, planted numerous crops each year and constructed a fine two-story frame house which is in excellent condition today (1984), lived in and surrounded by well-kept grounds consisting of lawns, shrubs, flowers and trees. It was the first frame house built in that township of Ridgeway. The SCHREDER family had eventually constructed a large, two-story brick house for their family which also remains today, well kept and occupied.

CYRUS' father doubtless intended that all his nine sons would remain nearby, with their own farms on land he had given them from his original acreage. However, some of them had the same adventuresome trait that their own father had when he migrated about 1810 from Granville on the Vermont Border to northwestern New York and twenty years later removed from Walworth to the wilderness of Michigan. Some of CYRUS' brothers were content to remain in Ridgeway taking up their farms on land the father had settled originally; some others removed only into the adjoining county westward, Hillsdale, where they lived out their lives as farmers on new land they had acquired. But it was this second son, CYRUS A., who ventured farther west settling in the township of Nottawa, St. Joseph County, in a village to be called Wasepi. CYRUS obtained almost two hundred acres of land in Section 13 and removed there in 1838 with his bride. In due time their large, two-story red brick house was completed and here they lived out their lives with their six sons and one surviving daughter; the first child, SUSAN, born 5 Nov 1838 died that year on 25 November; she had been named for her maternal grandmother, SUSAN WAMBOLD SCHREDER. Commencing with CYRUS' second child, GEORGE WASHINGTON, all his six sons and his second daughter were given a middle name, a tradition that had not been practiced by previous generations.

"The Portrait and Biographical Album of St. Joseph County, Michigan" (published 1889 by Chapman Bros. of Chicago) devoted a page to recounting the life of CYRUS A. PALMER who had been a resident of Nottawa Township for over fifty years (page 223-224); brief excerpts follow:

> "CYRUS PALMER. The reader is introduced to one of the old settlers and esteemed citizens of the county who in the days of its earlier history took an active part in the efforts that have resulted so favorably toward the attainment of its present position. .....
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> "When Mr. and Mrs. Palmer emigrated to this county, the country was very little better than a wilderness, and upon their settlement in the township their first work was to make a clearing; that done, to begin to improve the land and cultivate it. Their first home was constructed of logs, and in it they made their home for many years. It has now, however, been replaced by a fine brick structure, making a very pleasant and comfortable home. The farm is provided with the various machines and implements needed for effective and remunerative operations thereon, and the result is seen in the harvests that are gathered year by year. Mr. Palmer has preferred always to give his attention to his own farming and other business and has not cared to enter the lists in the political arena. He has usually voted the Republican ticket of which party he has been a member for over fifty years. When a younger man he was somewhat active in its campaigns, although not otherwise taking any special part. His character is such as to commend itself to all, and in consequence he received that peculiar regard which amounts almost to veneration that is given to those so long identified with one community. His wife is also worthy in every way and is the recipient of the same respect as her husband and holds a high place in the regard of her friends and neighbors ...."

From the "History of St. Joseph County, Michigan"(published 1910 by the Lewis Publishing Company of Chicago and New York) prepared under the editorial supervision of H. G. CUTLER, General Historian, in a historical sketch about CHARLES A. PALMER (third child of CYRUS A.) we learn a little more about this early pioneer to Nottawa Township (pp. 638-639):

> "The Palmers (of this family) in the early days were soldiers and patriots and figured as heroes in the Revolutionary War. .... CYRUS PALMER was in the first place an Old Line Whig and an ardent member of the Know-Nothings and at the birth of the Republican Party he joined its ranks. He was a public-spirited man and a great friend of the public schools. He was a member of the state militia of Michigan. The family retains the original deed to his land executed by President ANDREW JACKSON, a valuable document. ... At the time CYRUS settled in Nottawa Township the county was a wilderness and the Indians were more plentiful than the white people. Deer and other wild animals were abundant."

The paternal grandfather of CYRUS A. (NATHANIEL PALMER) and the latter's two older brothers (GERSHOM and Ensign JOHN) all served in the Revolutionary War, at times in the same regiment of the New York Militia as their father, Captain FENNER PALMER, (D.A.R. Patriot Index page 513). CYRUS' maternal grandfather (PHINEAS LAMB) served in that war while residing in Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts; he was taken prisoner by the British under Burgoyne (D.A.R. Patriot Index page 398). His father-in-law, JOHN F. SCHREDER, was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as Sergeant of Captain McClain's Company, 1st Regiment, 2nd Battalion of the Pennsylvania Militia; following his moving from Montgomery County in that state to Ridgeway, Michigan JOHN SCHREDER was a soldier in the Black Hawk War in Captain Drown's Company. Also serving in the warsfrom his family was CYRUS' Uncle ENOS PALMER, older brother to his father (JOHN C.) who was a sergeant in a company of volunteer militia commanded by Captain SAMUEL JENNINGS in an infantry regiment commanded by Colonel PHILIP SWIFT during the War of 1812. ENOS volunteered in the town of Ontario, County of Ontario, New York.

On 17 Sept 1887 CYRUS and MARY PALMER celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in their home attended by many friends, neighbors and children and grandchildren; only two of their sons were not present as they had settled outside Michigan. Ten years later they would have been married sixty years but CYRUS died at the home place 14 Oct 1896 and was buried in the Palmer Family Plot in Pioneer Cemetery, Wasepi, aged 81 years.

The family farm was continued with an older son, CHARLES assuming the management of the farm and the only daughter, CECILIA, taking care of the mother; MARY PALMER survived for eighteen years after the death of CYRUS, outliving the spouse of both CHARLES and CECILIA. She died 18 July 1914 and was buried on her 96th birthday, 21 July 1914 beside her husband in Pioneer Cemetery.

In 1916 the family farm was sold and the proceeds distributed equally among her six sons and one daughter--a farm which had been in the same family for over three quarters of a century.

In the 1870's the daughter, CECILIA, had commenced the keeping of a history book of her family including a collection of photographs of all members of the family. On a page dated Feb. 5 1911, at Wasepi, Mich., she wrote:

> "Today is mother's anniversary; she says she was married 1837, Sept. 7th in Ridgeway and moved from there to Nottawa township Feb. 5, 1838. (They) left home the 5th coming as far as Jonesville the first day; next day came on to Coldwater; the 3d day came as far as Bronson, coming on what was called the Chicago Turnpike; then through the woods to Nottawa. Uncle JOHN C. PALMER (JR.) brought them in company with Grand Father, with horse team. Uncle JOHN returned home and then soon after drove father's oxen back together with their goods which consisted of one Barrel Pork, 1 Barrel Flour, 2 bedsteads and bedding; set chairs & table; Red Chest full of clothing..... The above facts were jotted down by Cecilia from mother's memory, she being then 93 years old."

The 1850 Michigan Federal Census lists the wife of CYRUS A. PALMER as "AMELIA" and on an old SCHREDER family photograph of her with her father, brother and sisters she is also identified as "AMELIA" but in all published and other family records she was always known as MARY.

CYRUS A. and MARY PALMER had the following children born in Nottawa:

(1) SUSAN PALMER b 5 Nov 1838, d 25 Nov 1838.

113. (2) GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER b 14 Apr 1840, m 4 Dec 1862 HANNAH GIBBONS, d 10 Sept 1926; 3 children.

114. (3) CHARLES ADELBERT PALMER b 31 July 1841, m (1st) 9 Aug 1864 ELLA NORA POWERS; she d 15 Aug 1901; he m (2nd) 1 Jan 1904 JULIA NEWLAND; he d 30 May 1929; 1 dau by 1st wife.

115. (4) HARVEY DeWITT PALMER b 4 June 1844, m (1st) 2 July 1866 MARY ELLA PORTER in Nottawa, Michigan; m (2nd) CORNELIA _____ about whom nothing else is known; he d 20 May 1920 in Topeka, Kansas; 1 son.

116. (5) CECILIA (CELIA) LORETTE PALMER b 7 Jan 1847, m (1st) 26 Dec 1865 WILLIAM WALDO HOWE (an attorney b 8 Sept 1841 in Nottawa Township, d Dec 1908 at Burr Oak, Michigan); m (2nd) SOLOMON CARTER 12 Dec 1922 of Marion, Indiana.

117. (6) CYRUS ALBERT PALMER b 23 Sept 1849, m 4 Oct 1874 ELLEN B.(BARKER) BANNON(b 5 Sept 1850 Three Rivers, Michigan, died Detroit 23 Mar 1925); he died Detroit 1 Sept 1920. (Her maiden name also: BANNAN.) seven children; 5 survived.

118. (7) ELLIS ADALASKI PALMER b 25 Sept 1854, m (1st) 1876 ETTA BARTON (b 30 Jan 1855, dau of EZRA and HANERRETTA O.(HEGERMAND) BARTON; died 31 Oct 1904); m (2nd) HANNAH EWING in March 1905; 4 children by first wife.

119. (8) FREDERICK ALAMARIAN PALMER b 13 Mar 1863, married 1 Jan 1883 MAUD MOONEY (b 18 Aug 1865 Three Rivers, d 1948 at Wasepi), died 4 July 1949 Wasepi; 3 sons born Wasepi.

In the small village of Wasepi, today a completely Amish community, will be found the Pioneer Cemetery, perhaps the oldest in the Township. A larger, newer one is Nottawa Cemetery about five miles southeast of Pioneer Cemetery; both have been visited several times since 1940 by the compiler but all the members of the Palmer family are buried in Pioneer Cemetery. It is reached (approaching on Highway M86 from Centreville) by turning left at Nottawa Road and continuing a short distance to Spring Creek Road; then turning left again and continuing a short distance to Bucknell Road. It is surrounded by Amish farms with the houses scattered distances apart; the cemetery is always well kept with the green grass cut and trimmed, as are all the cemeteries in Michigan by law.

Five generations of the Palmer family are buried here commencing with CYRUS A. and his wife, MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER; most of their children and their spouses; some grandchildren; and at least one great-great-grandson: GEORGE MONROE PALMER, JR. of Ohio (b 10 Aug 1922, died 9 Feb 1969), Sergeant U.S.Marine Corps, World War II and his wife, EUNICE C. PALMER of Ohio, member of the WAACs in World War II (b 13 Sept 1921, died 16 Mar 1969).

(Additional Sources: "Palmer MSS." page 1054 which lists following as contributors about 1914: CELIA L.HOWE, CYRUS ALBERT and FREDERICK A.PALMER.)

50th wedding anniversary
photos of CYRUS A.PALMER
and MARY (SCHREDER)PALMER
17 Sept 1887, Nottawa Twp.
St. Joseph Co.,Michigan.
They had another nine
years together as he
died Oct 1896 and in
Sept 1897 it would
have been sixty years
since their wedding.

Seven Children of CYRUS A. and MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER: (L to R)

1. GEO. WASHINGTON (1840-1926) 2. CHAS. ADELBERT (1841-1929) ELLIS ADALASKI (1854-1924) 4. CECILA LORETTE HOWE (1847-1929)
5. CYRUS ALBERT (1849-1920) 6. HARVEY DeWITT (1844-1920) 7. FREDERICK ALMARIAN PALMER (1863-1949)

These two photos probably taken 21 July 1914 at time of funeral of MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER, mother of the 6 sons and 1 dau above, who was buried on her 96th birthday; the women are (left to right):

1. HANNAH PALMER, 2nd wife of ELLIS;
2. MAUD PALMER, only wife of FRED A.
3. SUSAN ("Aunt Tid") SCHREDER ARNER, younger sister of MARY PALMER.
4. CECILA (PALMER) HOWE, only surviving dau of MARY (SCHREDER)
5. JULIA PALMER, 2nd wife CHARLES;
6. HANNAH PALMER, only wife of GEORGE.
7. MYRTLE (PALMER) LEACH seated dau of GEORGE & HANNAH PALMER.
8. MINNIE PALMER, wife of CLARENCE, (son of ELLIS) seated.

74. JOHN C. PALMER, JR.[8], (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 20 Dec 1816 in the village of Walworth, Wayne County, New York, the third of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) and his wife, NANCY LAMB who had migrated to Walworth from Granville on the Vermont Border in Washington County, New York when they married about 1810. JOHN, JR. was about age fifteen when his parents migrated again--leaving New York for southeast Michigan where land was plentiful. In addition to his parents, there were also seven brothers who accompanied the family, some older and some younger than JOHN. The family settled down permanently in the new village called Ridgeway several miles from Tecumseh in Lenawee County. JOHN assisted his father and brothers in clearing and cultivating their acreage and he carried the first bag of corn into the Globe Mill in adjacent Tecumseh after it was ready to operate. He was always a farmer, like his father and grandfather, but did receive some education at the public schools which were eventually established.

On 22 Aug 1839 at age twenty-three JOHN married (1st) BERTHA MANDAMA SIMONDS in Ridgeway (b 2 Feb 1824 in York, Livingston County, N.Y., died 20 May 1845 in St. Joseph County, Michigan), the daughter of MOONEY (NOONEY) and DEBORAH (WELCH) SIMONDS of Ransom (or Raisin),Hillsdale County, Michigan. They had three children but two died young. He married (2nd) NANCY FREDERICKS 1 April 1846 (b 16 Dec 1825 in Barre, Orleans County, N.Y. and died 28 Jan 1892, Ridgeway), the daughter of DAVID and MARY ("POLLY") (EVARTS) FREDERICKS of Farmington, Oakland County, Mich. and formerly of Barre, N.Y. ("History of Adams, Evarts, Merriman and White Families" by J. W. ADAMS of West Lebanon, N.Y. 1894, p. 35).

The following fall of 1839 JOHN and BERTHA removed westward to be near an older brother, CYRUS A. PALMER who had migrated from Ridgeway to St. Joseph County, Michigan, in 1838 following his marriage to MARY SCHREDER; JOHN also settled in Nottawa Township where he remained seven years during which period they had three children; he had purchased land and had his own farm in the village of Nottawa while his brother's family lived nearby in the village of Wasepi. The third child born to JOHN and BERTHA apparently died as an infant; and in 1845 BERTHA died also, leaving her husband with two daughters, MARTHA EMELINE aged five years and DEBORAH ANN aged two years.

In 1846 JOHN returned to Ridgeway and remained there the rest of his life. The same year on April 1st he married his second wife, NANCY FREDERICKS, by whom he had five children, all of whom survived to adulthood and married.

In 1879 when he was interviewed by a researcher for compilation of the "History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County" JOHN stated he "remembered very vividly that during the first year of their settlement in Ridgeway, a wild-cat came to the pork barrel, which stood near the door of the shanty several times, but they watched with the dog until they caught the thief 'in the act' and chased him to the woods and killed him. He also said a large black bear called upon them one night..." JOHN was then living on his own farm on Section 5 which land had been originally part of the huge tract taken up by his father during the years 1827-1831, which totalled 500 acres at one time before distribution was made to several of the sons.

The researcher noted in 1879 that JOHN PALMER (JR.) had 100 acres "under a high state of cultivation, well fenced, with good barns.... and a large, choice orchard." JOHN died in Ridgeway in Nov 1894 at age 78 years and his wife, NANCY, predeceased him on 28 Jan 1892, age 67 years. They are both buried in the oldest section of the Ridgeway Village Cemetery very near to his parents whose tombstones bear the same first names: JOHN C. and NANCY who had died in 1864 and 1865 respectively. This Palmer Family Plot is near the main entrance to the cemetery at the front; it also contains the burials of two brothers of JOHN, JR.: LEONIDAS who died 1843 at age 14 years; and FENNER (1818-1904) and his wife, PHOEBE (1822-1862) and their baby daughter, MARY J. born 1 July 1852, died the same year. Adjoining this Palmer Plot is the small SCHREDER Plot being the burials of ELIJAH R. SCHREDER (1791-1854) of Ridgeway whose niece, MARY SCHREDER, was the wife of CYRUS A. PALMER, older brother of JOHN, JR. who had removed to Wasepi in St. Joseph County. The wife of ELIJAH SCHREDER, SUSAN, is on one side of his grave and on the other side is his son, GEORGE W. SCHREDER who died at age 28 years on 21 Feb 1863, being a casualty of the Civil War, serving in Co. "F" of the 26th Michigan Infantry.

Children by first wife probably born in Nottawa, St.Joseph County:

(1) MARTHA EMELINE PALMER b 7 Aug 1840, d 22 June 1852 (or 19 June 1853) in Ridgeway, Lenawee County.

(2) DEBORAH ANN PALMER b 8 Mar 1842/43, m ca 1863 GEORGE WASHINGTON JACKSON (b 1840, d 1904); d 5 Apr 1913; 3 children born in Tecumseh, Lenawee County:

i ELLA JACKSON b 25 Sept 1865, m 5 July 1893 DWELLA HODGES (b 19 Feb 1868, d 26 May 1900); ELLA d 29 Oct 1926; they had one child:

DALE J. HODGES b 26 Aug 1894, m (1st) VERA SHAW in March 1913 (b 23 Oct 1894) dau of BOWMAN C. and MARTHA E. (SEXSMITH) SHAW; resided Detroit; children by first wife:

(a) HELEN HODGES b 6 Oct 1914;

(b) JEAN HODGES b 1 Aug 1916, m KENNETH HULEN 5 July 1938 (b 6 Dec 1905); resided San Francisco.

DALE m (2nd) NINA RHOADES 3 May 1923 (b 8 July 1895) dau of BYRON and SARAH (HANEY) RHOADES. Children by second wife:

(c) NANCY ANN HODGES b 6 May 1930;

(d) MARY ELIZABETH HODGES b 15 Sept 1932.

ii CLARENCE JACKSON b 22 June 1878, died 28 Aug 1920 in Morenci, Arizona; no children; probably unmarried.

iii LEON JACKSON b 31 Dec 1881, d 29 Aug 1882.

(3) Baby Palmer - infant died young.

Children by second wife, all born in Ridgeway:

(4) SARAH M. PALMER b 26 Sept 1847, m 1 Jan 1868 LEANDER CHEEVER (b 1845, d 12 Dec 1881); resided Ridgeway; no children; SARAH died 30 Aug 1870, aged 23 years; her husband died at age 36 years; they are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery near her younger brother, HENRY JOHN PALMER and his wife, ANNA ALMIRA.

(5) HENRY JOHN PALMER b 17 Feb 1849, m 15 July 1878 his first cousin, ANNA ALMIRA PALMER (b 22 July 1857, d 2 Aug 1919), dau of WILLIAM PALMER and ANNA ALMIRA WILLIAMS; this WILLIAM and HENRY JOHN's father, JOHN C. (JR.)were brothers. He resided in Ridgeway and later in Detroit where he died 11 July 1921. He and his wife are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery near their only child and her husband: LURA E. PALMER b 24 Aug 1880 in Detroit, m 27 Nov 1902 ELMER T. POCKLINGTON (b 20 Sept 1880, died 1968); they had 1 dau, CLAIRE POCKLINGTON b 21 June 1914, who in 1930's was a teacher in Highland Park, Michigan. LURA PALMER POCKLINGTON died 1958. (See page 326.)

(6) ALBERTUS EVERETT PALMER b 10 Aug 1850, m 10 Dec 1879 OTTIE A. ARMSTRONG (b 10 Sept 1856,d 15 June 1928), dau of JOSEPH and EMMA (SAINT) ARMSTRONG. He graduated Tecumseh High School 1873 and from State Normal School Ypsilanti 1876; served as principal and teacher for next three years at Reading, Mich. The confinement of the school room affected his health unfavorably, and he established a furniture business in Reading, on a small scale; it soon enlarged so that he was forced to move; in 1884 he removed to the city and county of Hillsdale (adjoining Lenawee Co.) where his upholstery business was extensive and profitable; his sales of furniture included dealers throughout Mich. and adjoining states, both East and West. In furtherance of his business he traveled extensively and employed 30 men at his factory; his business was known as "A.E.PALMER & SON." He eventually returned to Lenawee County, residing at Adrian (the county seat) where he died, Jan. 1926. (Name sometimes ALBURTUS.) Two sons born Reading:

i ARTHUR A. PALMER b 2 Dec 1882, m 10 June 1908 in Adrian RENA M. FISK (b 20 July 1885), dau of FRED M. and LILLIAN M. (BLAIR) FISK of Adrian and London, England. No children.

ii PAUL A. PALMER b 31 Dec 1890, died 9 Sept 1894, aged four years.

ALBERTUS, his wife, OTTIE and young son, PAUL are buried side by side in Oakwood Cemetery, Adrian, Michigan.

(7) MARTIN L. PALMER b 16 Aug 1863, m 2 Jan 1890 in Ridgeway, ADA R. LOREE (b 16 Dec 1862 in Pittsburgh, Monroe Co.,Mich., d 7 July 1917), dau of Dr. DARIUS WILLIAM and ELLEN (EDDY) LOREE of Ridgeway. After marriage they resided in Jackson, Michigan and then removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was Manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company there. MARTIN died in Lincoln, Nebraska 23 July 1937.

MARTIN and ADA PALMER had three children:

i LEON MARTIN PALMER b 27 Jan 1894, m 16 July 1920 CLAIRE E. STITZER (b 16 June 1892), dau of CHARLES A. and GRACE O. (TRAVER) STITZER.

ii DEAN LOREE PALMER b 29 Dec 1896, d 17 July 1919.

iii ALFRED LUCKING PALMER b 25 May 1902; resided in Detroit; was unmarried in 1939.

(8) EDWARD MELVIN PALMER b 6 Aug 1868, m 1 Sept 1892 ETTA HOAG (b 4 Aug 1873/74, d 14 Feb 1936/37 at Ridgeway, Mich.), the dau of Rev. JOHN and MOLLY (WONDER) HOAG. EDWARD continued to reside in Ridgeway Township on the old homestead and (in 1930's) had the family Bible. He died 1950 and he and ETTA are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery; however, they are not buried in either the old or the new Palmer Family Plots but (as you enter the cemetery) over to the left side, mid-way through the park. His tombstone marker has his name "EDD M. PALMER 1868-1950" and his wife's is "ETTA PALMER 1874-1936". EDWARD had received an appointment to West Point Academy after his high school education but was unable to attend. They had two daughters:

i LULA PALMER b 20 July 1896, m (1st) 26 Aug 1916 HARRISON BAILEY (b 30 Jan 1889, d 1929); they had six children:

(a) ALBERT H. BAILEY b 12 May 1917.

(b) AGNES M. BAILEY b 15 Mar 1919.

(c) EDWARD W. BAILEY b 29 July 1920.

(d) PAUL JOHN BAILEY b 7 Jan 1923, m. RUTH KANOUS, youngest child of P. R. KANOUS and ETHELWYN (BEASLEY) KANOUS).

(e) HARRISON PORTER BAILEY b 23 June 1925

(f) BENNIE H. BAILEY b 18 Jan 1927, d 1930.

LULA (PALMER) BAILEY m (2nd) JOHN FOOTE in Aug 1936 (b 31 Oct 1892); LULA m(3rd) HARVEY LEWIS 1959; she died in 1960.

ii GENEVIEVE PALMER b 30 Sept 1908, m 11 Feb 1926 TRUMAN SISSON (b 23 Mar 1894); they had one child:

(a) NANCY SISSON b 25 June 1932.

Sources: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1063-1066. (Information furnished 1920-1935 by Albertus E. and Martin L. Palmer to Mrs. Phena Palmer Wright.)
"History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan" Vol.1, by W.A.Whitney and R.I.Bonner (1879) reprinted 1982 by Lenawee County Historical Society (pp. 513-515).
"Bygone Days" pub. 1975 by Britton-Macon Area Camp Fire Girls and Leaders (Ridgeway-Tecumseh, Michigan) pp.97-99; 151-153; 197.
D.A.R. Cemetery Records of Lenawee County (5 volumes) in Detroit City Library: Vol. 1 and Vol. III (pp.219-220; 228).
"Portrait & Biography of Hillsdale County, Michigan" (1888)(p.310).
Palmer Family Records

75. FENNER PALMER[8] (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Dec 1818 in the village of Walworth, Wayne County (then Ontario), New York. He was the fourth of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and his wife, NANCY (LAMB) PALMER who had migrated from Granville on the Vermont border in Washington County, N.Y. about 1810. Both of his grandfathers (NATHANIEL PALMER and PHINEAS+LAMB) had been soldiers in the Revolutionary War; his great-grandfather for whom he had been named, Captain FENNER PALMER, served throughout that war in the New York Militia in whose company at times his three sons (Ensign JOHN, GERSHOM and NATHANIEL)all served together, (D.A.R. Patriot Index pages 398,513).

FENNER's maternal grandfather, PHINEAS LAMB traced his lineage to the emigrant, THOMAS LAMB from Stowe Langtoft, County of Suffolk, England,who arrived in America with one of the largest and historically best known migrations--"The WINTHROP FLEET of 1630." Three sons accompanied this LAMB family and the mother, ELIZABETH: THOMAS, JR., JOHN and SAMUEL. (Page 79 of Chas. Edward Banks' book by that name.) FENNER's maternal grandmother, ANNA GARFIELD LAMB's ancestry can be traced back to the emigrant,+EDWARD GARFIELD born ca 1575 in England who died 14 June 1672 at Watertown, Massachusetts at the age of 97 years. From this emigrant the late President+JAMES GARFIELD also traced his origin, down through the emigrant's grandson, THOMAS born 1680 who married MERCY BIGELOW in Jan 1706/07. THOMAS' younger brother, SAMUEL born 1690 married MARY BOURMAN (BOWMAN) about 1714; SAMUEL's granddaughter, ANNA GARFIELD baptized 3 Jan 1762 married PHINEAS LAMB about 1780, ("330 Years in America" by Gertrude G.D.Icks,A.B., privately printed 1966; "Your Family Tree" by David Starr Jordan, Ph.D.,LL.D.; "The Life of James Abram Garfield" by William R. Balch (1881) pp. 25-59; and "Genealogy of the+John Bridge Family in America" by Rev.William Dawson Bridge, A.M., D.D. pub 1924, pp. 28,41-43).

The family surname FENNER came down from Captain FENNER PALMER's paternal grandmother, SARAH, the dau of Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook, Connecticut, whose ancestry can be traced back to+THOMAS FENNER born Horley, Surrey, England about 1540, grandfather of Captain JOHN FENNER, who was born in England. JOHN and his sister, SARAH settled in Saybrook; two brothers, ARTHUR and WILLIAM were among the early settlers in Rhode Island; ARTHUR was a very important man in early Rhode Island history as were several of his direct descendants.

In the PALMER family the first name FENNER was continued through many generations, the first one being Captain FENNER (born 1735). He had a son, FENNER, JR. (born 1769) and a grandson, FENNER III (born 1812 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y.) whose only son was named EDWIN. However, the name was continued through other branches of descendants and often it would be used as a middle name when the custom became popular of giving middle names. Captain FENNER PALMER's oldest son, Ensign JOHN, named his second son (born 1787) FENNER but he died 1810 and his only son died young also. No record has been found of any male children for the Captain's second son, GERSHOM (born 1759) nor of any of his eighth child, JOSEPH (born 1772). His sixth son, PETER WARD PALMER (born 1766) had no son named FENNER. However, the Captain's third son, NATHANIEL (born 1763/64) continued the practice of using this esteemed family surname of FENNER which he gave to

his fifth son born 1799 in Granville, New York, whose older brother, JOHN C. (born 1789) named his fourth son (who was b 1818 in Walworth) FENNER, the subject herein. There must have been a very close relationship between the two brothers, JOHN C. and FENNER, for in addition to the former naming one of his sons FENNER, it was this youngest brother who followed JOHN C. from Walworth, New York, and settled permanently in the Michigan Territory, in the 1830's and in the 1850's their youngest sister, LIONA MUNYON, her husband and children also migrated to Michigan, settling in Branch County at Coldwater.

In Oct 1840 FENNER married PHEBE L. PALMER (different family), dau of SYLVANUS and HANNAH (WARD)+PALMER of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N.Y. PHEBE had been born 17 Feb 1822 in that county and died 22 May 1862 in Ridgeway, Michigan, according to the "Palmer MSS" (page 1067); PHEBE's parents had migrated from Amsterdam, New York to Michigan; however, another reference asserts SYLVANUS died in Amsterdam and was buried in the Dodds Cemetery near that town and several "other members of his family are also buried in Dodds Cemetery (N.Y. Vol. 61, p. 409)" including his wife HANNAH WARD who died 28 Dec 1830 also in Amsterdam, ("Palmer Families in America" Volume I (p.118) re+LIEUT. WILLIAM PALMER OF YARMOUTH, MASS. and NEWTON, NEW YORK.) The "ANDREW WARDE GENEALOGY" was searched for HANNAH WARD PALMER with negative results.

In May of 1831 when FENNER's family reached the Territory of Michigan, he was about thirteen years of age; the family settled in the area (not too far from the village of Tecumseh)which was subsequently named Ridgeway and some of them remained there the remainder of their lives. FENNER and PHEBE had six children born to them in Ridgeway (although page 118 of the "Palmer Genealogy" supra lists only four children, omitting the first one, a dau named ANN, and omitting MARY born 1852 who died young; this reference also incorrectly lists FENNER's mother's first name as HANNAH instead of NANCY.)

FENNER was given many acres of land by his father, JOHN C.(SR.),who had given acreage to many of his surviving nine sons as they married and settled in Ridgeway, Lenawee County.The 1850 Federal Census for Ridgeway lists FENNER PALMER, age 30 head of household, a "farmer with real estate valued at $1,000., born N.Y., wife PHEBE, age 29, born N.Y. and four children: ANN, age 9, LEONIDAS age 7, ENOS age 4 and ALBERT age 2, all born in Michigan." At some period in later years FENNER resided in the town of Hudson, same county, where his Uncle FENNER PALMER (b 1799) for whom he had been named, had retired to in 1872 and where that relative had died in 1886. However, he apparently returned to Ridgeway where he died 17 Oct 1904 at the age of eighty-six; the uncle had died in Hudson in 1886 aged eighty-seven years. His wife, PHEBE, had died at the age of forty (in 1862) and there is no record that FENNER remarried. FENNER and PHEBE are buried in the old section of the Ridgeway Village Cemetery, in the Palmer Family Plot which includes the grave of their baby daughter, MARY I. born 1 July 1852, died young; and also the graves of his parents and two of his brothers: JOHN C. (JR.) and LEONIDAS, the latter having died in 1843, aged fourteen years; also the former's wife, NANCY. FENNER named his first son LEONIDAS (born 1843/45) after that young brother who had died about 6 March 1843.

FENNER and PHEBE's children born in Ridgeway:

120. (1) ANN PALMER b 4 Aug 1841, m 12 Nov 1862+GEORGE EXELBY, JR. (b 8 Mar 1836, d 30 Dec 1899); three children; she died 3 May 1918, Britton, Michigan.
121. (2) LEONIDAS S. PALMER b 3 June 1843, m 10 Oct 1866 NANCY M. LINN (b 10 Oct 1845, d 16 May 1919); three sons; he d 11 Mar 1909.
122. (3) ENOS PALMER b 26 Jan 1846, m 25 Mar 1865 MARY SMITH (b 1848, d 1915); two sons; he d 27 Sept 1907, Britton, Michigan.
123. (4) ALBERT EDWARD PALMER b 9 Dec 1847, m 10 Jan 1882 ISABELLE WILLIS (b 20 Jan 1859, d 28 Mar 1933); five children; he died 27 Jan 1935 in Britton, Michigan.
(5) MARY I. PALMER b 1 July 1852, died young; buried in old section of Ridgeway Village Cemetery, in Palmer Family Plot next to her mother.
124. (6) EMMA PALMER b 12 Feb 1854, m 10 Dec 1879 FRANK E. SMITH (b 12 Apr 1859, d 4 Sept 1931); five children; he died 6 June 1926 in Britton.

The compiler feels the uncertainty about the parentage of PHEBE, wife of FENNER, has still not been resolved; but this must be left to some future Palmer genealogist who has the time and interest to continue the search. The death certificate of their oldest son, LEONIDAS PALMER dated 13 Mar 1909 had information furnished by one ARTHUR J. PALMER (son)of Britton,Mich. The document included the following: "Name of Mother: PHEBE BLOOMER; Birthplace of Mother: Wisconsin."

Correspondence in the 1930's between HORACE WILBUR PALMER and Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT (of Tecumseh, Mich.) concerned these two items; he inquired of PHENA: "Did PHEBE first marry BLOOMER?" Later in 1936 he inquired of PHENA: "Can you tell me where you obtained the information that FENNER's wife was PHEBE PALMER instead of PHEBE BLOOMER?" On 20 June 1938 PHENA PALMER WRIGHT made a sworn statement before a Notary Public to the effect that "PHEBE BLOOMER's correct name was PHEBE L. PALMER; she was the daughter of SYLVANUS and HANNAH (WARD) PALMER, residents of Amsterdam, N.Y. She was called PHEBE BLOOMER as she made her home with her uncle, a MR. BLOOMER." It is significant that the 1850 Federal Census lists birthplace as NEW YORK and her age at that time as 29 years; therefore, born about 1820/1821, not 1808 as given on page 118 of the "Palmer Families in America." PHENA's Affidavit lacked any explanation or source for her conviction that PHEBE was the dau of SYLVANUS and HANNAH PALMER.

Sources: "PALMER MSS." pp. 1067-1074.
"Palmer Families in America," Volume One (1966) compiled by Horace Wilbur Palmer, Ph.B., LL.B. (1878-1954), edited by his widow, Nellie Morse Palmer; page 118.
"Bygone Days" pub 1975 by Britton-Macon, Michigan, Camp Fire Girls and Leaders, pp. 97-99, 114-117, 127-128, 191-194.

76. WILLIAM PALMER[8], (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 22 December 1820 in the village of Walworth, Ontario (now Wayne) County, New York, the fifth son of JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) and his wife, NANCY LAMB. At the age of eleven years he accompanied his parents and seven brothers to the Michigan Territory settling in the area of Tecumseh in Lenawee County in what was to become the village of Ridgeway. WILLIAM married about 1849 (1st) ANNA ALMIRA WILLIAMS (b 17 Aug 1832, died 6 May or 19 June 1858/59) who was almost twelve years his junior. They had two daughters and ANNA died the year following the birth of the second one.

WILLIAM married (2nd) his late wife's younger sister, MARY ANN WILLIAMS (b 17 Dec 1839, died 27 April 1908) who was nineteen years younger than he was. This second marriage took place about 1861 and they had one daughter. WILLIAM died 25 Feb 1863 at the young age of 42 years.

Following his first marriage WILLIAM removed from Lenawee County, settling in the village of Ransom, in the adjoining county of Hillsdale where he continued to live the remainder of his life working as a farmer. Administration on his estate was issued following his death and the petition showed his second wife, MARY ANN, and three children surviving him. He was buried in Wild Cherry Cemetery (originally called Andridge Cemetery) located in Section 7, Ransom Township, on the east side of Crampton Road between Tamarack and Montgomery Roads. The land for this cemetery was a part of the F. H. Andridge farm and was given in 1872 for that purpose. It was one of the first three cemeteries in the township. ("Hillsdale County Burials" published 1978 by Fort Wayne Library for the Southern Michigan Genealogical Society; pp. 438-439.) This publication lists the following on page 439:

PALMER, William D. Feb 25, 18_3, 44Y _M 3D."

From the "Palmer MSS" (page 1075) we can identify this as the burial of our subject although his age of 44 years is inaccurate. A visit to this cemetery in July 1975 by Mrs. GWEN BELL of Litchfield, Michigan (who helped compile the "Hillsdale Burials") revealed: WILLIAM PALMER died 25 Feb 1863 42Y 2M 3D, and an adjoining grave was: HANNAH PALMER, wife of W.PALMER died 6 May 1858.

Children by first wife.born Ransom, Hillsdale County:

(1) MELISSA M. PALMER b 29 Jan 1850, m (1st) WILLIAM WOODWARD of Scott, Indiana 2 Jan 1867 (born 1847); two children:
  i JOHN WOODWARD
  ii WILLIAM WOODWARD, JR.

The name of her second husband is unknown; she d 30 Dec 1924.

(2) ANNA ALMIRA PALMER b 22 July 1857, m 15 July 1878 her first cousin, HENRY JOHN PALMER (b 17 Feb 1849, d 11 July 1921) the oldest son of JOHN C. PALMER, JR. by his second wife, NANCY FREDERICKS; her father and HENRY's father were brothers. They resided in Detroit where she died 2 Aug 1919 and he died 11 July 1921. They had one daughter:
  i LURA E. PALMER b 24 Aug 1880 Detroit; m 27 Nov 1902 ELMER T. POCKLINGTON (b 20 Sept 1880, died 1968) and had one dau, CLAIRE POCKLINGTON b 21 June 1914 who in 1930's was a teacher in Highland Park, Michigan. LURA died in 1958.

ANNA and HENRY are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery, near their only daughter, LURA POCKLINGTON, and her husband, ELMER.

Child by second wife, MARY ANN (WILLIAMS):

(3) FANNIE L. PALMER b 21 Nov 1861, m 1 Sept 1881 LAFAYETTE W. LOWRY (b 26 May 1849, d 12 July 1891), died 17 April 1920. They had three children:

i HUGH LOWRY b 23 Sept 1882, died unmarried.
ii STELLA LOWRY b 7 Mar 1884, m 3 June 1922 JAMES A. BOHLANDER (b 5 Oct 1881); resided Warren, Ohio; they had one son, JAMES A. BOHLANDER, JR. born 11 Sept 1926.
iii ERNEST VALENTINE LOWRY b 24 Mar 1885, d 10 May 1885.

Intermarriages of first cousins was not unusual in the 17th Century and there were instances of this amongst the early members of this Palmer family; in the late 19th Century it still occurred, i.e. ANNA ALMIRA PALMER b 1857 married in 1878 her first cousin, HENRY JOHN PALMER b 1849. Their only dau married into one of the other early pioneer families of Ridgeway, ELMER T. POCKLINGTON; some Palmers intermarried with the CHEEVER family, also an early pioneer family. The village cemetery at Ridgeway has the following markers:

PALMER

Mother	Father
ALMIRA PALMER	HENRY PALMER
1857 - 1919	1849 - 1921

POCKLINGTON

ELMER T. POCKLINGTON	LURA E. POCKLINGTON
1880 - 1968	1880 - 1958

C H E E V E R

LEANDER CHEEVER	SARAH, Wife of LEANDER
Died	Died
12 Dec 1881	30 Aug 1870
Age 36	Age 23

SARAH PALMER CHEEVER was an older sister of above HENRY PALMER. LURA E. PALMER POCKLINGTON was the only dau of HENRY and ALMIRA PALMER.

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77. JEROME PALMER[8] (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in 1823 in the village of Walworth, County of Ontario (now Wayne), N.Y., the sixth son of JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER. He accompanied his parents and brothers when the family removed to the Michigan Territory in 1831, settling in Lenawee County, near the village of Tecumseh in an area which later was called Ridgeway. JEROME died 2 Sept 1896 according to the Palmer Family History Book commenced by CECELIA PALMER HOWE in 1870 but no other information about him is contained therein and research thus far has failed to reveal anything else.

Cecelia PALMER Howe's Palmer Family History Book Commenced in 1870 (1847-1929).

Sources: "Palmer MSS." page 1075.
"Hillsdale County Burials" pub. 1978
"D.A.R. CEMETERY RECORDS OF LENAWEE COUNTY" by Harriet (Cole) Clark Bowen (typewritten 1933), page 228, found in Detroit City Library Sept. 1979.)

78. GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER[8], (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Sept 1827 in Walworth, Wayne (then Ontario) County, New York, the seventh of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and his wife, NANCY LAMB. Before he was four years of age his parents had removed to the Michigan Territory, settling near the village of Tecumseh in an area later called Ridgeway. His father had taken up about 500 acres of land here which in due time was divided among those sons who decided to remain in Ridgeway and establish their own farms. (See page 1076 "Palmer MSS." information furnished by ALVYRA PALMER HAMILTON.)

GEORGE married 9 Oct 1852 RACHEL LUMIS (born 1838, died 6 April 1880), daughter of LEANDER and HARRIET (CANDIE) LUMIS. For quite a period of time following his marriage GEORGE resided in the adjoining county of Hillsdale, Ransom Township, where several of their children were born. However by 1872 when the youngest child was born, they had returned to Ridgeway, where he continued to reside as a farmer for the remainder of his life. He died in Ridgeway 25 June 1878 at the age of 50 years, and was buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery where subsequently his wife, RACHEL, and oldest son, NELSON and daughter-in-law, ELIZABETH, wife of NELSON, were all buried. The"D.A.R. Cemetery Records of Lenawee County" (by Harriet (Cole) Clark Bowen typewritten 1933, found at Detroit City Library Sept. 1979) reveal the following:

Page 224 G. W. PALMER died 25 June 1878 - ae 50y, 8m, 10d
RACHEL M. wf of G.W. died 4 Apr 1880 - ae 43 y, 3m, 14d
Page 238 NELSON PALMER died 25 Dec 1908 - born 13 June 1858
LIBBIE PALMER died 19 Jan 1939 - born 4 Nov 1859

Children, all born in Ransom, except the last one:

(1) ALVYRA E. PALMER b 4 June 1854, m 10 Oct 1869 in Ridgeway, JOSEPH HAMILTON (b 1 Mar 1840, d 18 May 1920); resided Milan, Washtenaw County, Mich., had one dau, DORA M. HAMILTON born 1 Apr 1875, m 16 Nov 1899 FRANK HUNT (b 23 Sept 1866); they resided Dundee, Mich., and had 2 children who died young. ALVYRA died 11 April 1922.

(2) AMELIA PALMER b 23 June 1856, m 1872 ALPHUS LINN (b 22 June 1851, d 9 July 1935 (?); she died 21 Oct 1907 in Ridgeway. They had no children.

(3) NELSON PALMER b 13 June 1858, m 4 July 1881 ELIZABETH COVILL (b 4 Nov 1859, d 19 Jan 1939), dau of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (BRAMBLE) COVILL. He died 25 Dec 1908 in Ridgeway and his wife (also known as "LIBBIE") died 19 Jan 1939; they are buried in the Ridgeway Village Cemetery. They had no children.

(4) GEORGE PALMER born 8 Aug 1860, died 4 Oct 1861.

125. (5) HARRIET PALMER born 19 Mar 1863, m 1 Jan 1882 LYMAN COVELL (Covill) (b 2 Oct 1855, d 26 Sept 1910); they had five children; resided Ridgeway and Britton, Michigan.

126. (6) GEORGE ADELBERT PALMER born Ridgeway 25 May 1872, m (1st) CARRIE E.MASTIN 8 Jan 1902 (b 26 Dec 1878, d 10 Jan 1907), dau of DARIUS and MARY (SLAYTON) MASTIN; m (2nd) BELL WILLIAMS on 1 Sept 1918 (b 13 Dec 1885) dau of JOHN and SUSAN PECK (SQUIRES) WILLIAMS. Resided Toledo, Ohio. He had one dau by each wife, MARIE L. b 29 Dec 1906 and SUE ELIZABETH b 1919.

79. DECATUR PALMER[8], (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 20 Sept 1834 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the tenth son born to JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and his wife, NANCY LAMB. His parents had migrated from Walworth, New York to Ridgeway in 1831 and were accompanied at that time by eight sons. Three months after their arrival, on 15 Aug 1831 a son was born to his mother named DECATUR. However, when only a year or two old that child fell into the Raisin River and drowned and was the first death to occur in that township. The same first name was given to the next son born in 1834.

DECATUR married 21 Feb 1853 in Ridgeway ELIZABETH BODKIN (b 1831 in New York, died 21 Mar 1900 Ridgeway), dau of THOMAS and MARY (PHRAMPTON) BODKIN. Although he was only nineteen years of age when he married, having been born and reared on his parents' five-hundred acre farm in Ridgeway, he must have acquired a good knowledge of farming prior to his marriage. He apparently preferred not to settle down on adjoining farms with his father and brothers and following his marriage removed to Gratiot County in the same state, settling in the village of Washington where he continued to be a farmer and where nine children were born to his wife. Gratiot County was created in 1831 and is situated much more to the north and is more in the center of the state. Some time after the birth of all his children DECATUR and his wife removed back to Ridgeway and there lived out their lives. He died there 21 March 1912 and his wife had predeceased him on 21 March 1900.

Children born in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan:

(1) FRANCES H. PALMER b 2 Mar 1854, m (1st) WILLIAM REMELY 2 Nov 1873, Tecumseh, (b 11 Mar 1851 in Madison Co., Ohio, died 21 Apr 1909 in Banister, Gratiot Co. son of CHARLES and LYDIA REMELY of Hillsdale County, Mich. They resided in Bannister, Mich., and had one son, EDWARD REMELY b 23 Aug 1878, d 2 Sept 1910. FRANCES m (2nd) GEORGE E. PLANK 18 Jan 1910 in Ithaca, Gratiot County (b 24 Dec 1864).

127. (2) CAROLINE PALMER b 15 Jan 1856, m JAMES DELL 17 May 1874; she d 7 Jan 1937; four children.

128. (3) DELOS PALMER b 4 Sept 1858, m 1881 CARRIE SMITH; he died 22 Jan 1921; three children.

(4) LeROY PALMER b 10 Mar 1860, resided Ashley, Gratiot County, died Feb 1923 unmarried.

129. (5) GILBERT PALMER b 12 Nov 1861, m 8 Feb 1886 ALMA DOUGLAS; he died 8 Feb 1836 in Alma, Gratiot County; five children.

130. (6) HARRIET PALMER b 22 Apr 1864, m 21 July 1880 CORNELIUS DIBBLE; resided Adrian, Lenawee County, Mich. Three children.

131. (7) ADELAIDE PALMER b 6 Jan 1867, m (1st) 1 Jan 1884 LEWIS SCHLARF (divorced); m (2nd) 13 Oct 1890 JOHN M. (James) FREEMAN; two sons by each husband.

132. (8) CHARLES PALMER b 13 Oct 1870, m 10 Aug 1898 EDITH MAY McCOMBER; resided Coleman, Midland County, Mich.; 3 children.

133. (9) FLOYD PALMER b 8 Oct 1873, m Feb 1900 MILLIE (Billie)SEELEY; three daughters; he d 17 Jan 1917 Ashley, Michigan.

Source: "Palmer MSS." pp.1078-1084; Cecelia PALMER HOWE's Family History Book commenced 1870.

80. HARVEY PALMER[8], (John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Sept 1835 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the eleventh son of JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and his wife, NANCY LAMB. Nine of these sons survived to adulthood and there is a record of marriages for eight of those who had a total of fifty-seven children. Research on the ninth one, JEROME PALMER, is continuing.

HARVEY married about 1857 SARAH ALMIRA BODKIN (b 4 May 1837 in Dundee, Monroe County, Mich. and died 19 Feb 1912 in Eureka, Mich.), the dau of THOMAS and MARY (PHRAMPTON) BODKIN and a younger sister of ELIZABETH BODKIN who a few years earlier had married HARVEY's older brother, DECATUR. When he was born his family was still residing in the Michigan Territory; the state was not created until 1837, being the 26th state admitted to the United States.

HARVEY resided in Ridgeway for many years after his marriage where his first seven children were born; he was a farmer and doubtless received a portion of the huge farm his father had laid out back in 1827. Some of his brothers remained permanently in Ridgeway in Lenawee County; several removed to other nearby counties. Later in 1870 HARVEY removed his family to Ransom Center in adjoining Hillsdale County where the older brothers, ALEXANDER and WILLIAM, had settled; here his eighth child was born. By June 1876 he had settled his family in Eureka, Clinton County, where he remained the rest of his life and where his last two children were born. He died 29 Sept 1897 in Eureka.

First seven children born in Ridgeway; the eighth child born in Ransom Center; the last two born in Eureka:

134. (1) LEWIS CLARK PALMER b 15 May 1858, m 25 Dec 1880 ANNA MARGARET BALLIET; he died 28 Sept 1922; three children.

135. (2) MARY ELVA PALMER b 24 Dec 1859, m 24 Dec 1875 WARREN P. WATTS; she died 19 Feb 1926; she had one daughter.

(3) EDITH IRENE PALMER b 26 July 1861, m 31 Jan 1883 JOHN BROMHAME CHAPIN of Pequetannock, Connecticut (b 21 Oct 1851); they resided St. Johns, Clinton Co., Mich. No children.

(4) JAMES FRANKLIN PALMER b 30 Aug 1863, m 10 May 1913 MATILDA HIRELY in Grand Rapids, Mich. (b 2 May 1864 in Carson City, Mich.), dau of DAVID J. and MARY (VAN HORN) HIRELY. They resided in Eureka, Michigan. No children.

136. (5) CLARENCE WELBY PALMER b 15 Sept 1865, m 4 July 1892 EDNA LOOMIS in Ithaca, Gratiot County, Mich., the dau of GEORGE and ELLEN (SMITH) LOOMIS of Carson City, Montcalm County. EDNA was born 6 May 1874. CLARENCE died 11 April 1937 in Grand Rapids. They had two sons.

137. (6) SARAH MELINDA PALMER b 4 Nov 1867, m 15 Apr 1892 ARTHUR W. HILL of Old Mission, Mich. (b 3 Sept 1857 Mazimane, Mich.) They were married in Eureka but removed to Laclede County, Missouri where they settled in Lebanon, the county seat. They had three children.

(7) CYRUS HARVEY PALMER b 12 June 1870, m ca 1894 MILDRED ROMONA JONES in St. Johns, Mich. (b 4 Oct 1877 in Maple Rapids,Mich.) dau of DELOS and MARY (JONES) JONES; resided St.Johns,Mich., where MILDRED died in 1923. No children.

138. (8) FLORENCE JENNETTE PALMER b 23 Mar 1873, m 19 Sept 1895 WILLIAM ERNEST BOTSFORD of St. Johns, Mich. (b 18 July 1874). One daughter.

139. (9) CLARA BELLE PALMER b 1 June 1876, m 6 Nov 1898 GLENN TURNER in Maple Rapids, Clinton Co., Mich. (b 18 Aug 1876 Eureka, Mich., d 10 Feb 1934, Grand Rapids.)1 son.

(10) HENRY JACKSON PALMER b 16 Aug 1879, died 23 Nov 1880.

Source: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1085-1091.
Cecelia PALMER Howe's (1847-1929) Palmer Family History Book commenced 1870 (in possession now of compiler).

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Nine of the eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) AND WIFE NANCY (LAMB) PALMER survived to adulthood, married and had a total of some 55 children. Some remained in Lenawee County, some settled in adjoining county of Hillsdale; and the second oldest, CYRUS A. PALMER and his bride (next door neighbor, MARY SCHREDER) removed to St. Joseph County where they settled 1838 permanently and both died, he in 1896 and she in 1914. The photo below is their house located on a 120-acre farm which remained in the family from 1838 until 1916. (This photo was taken by the compiler in 1940.) The young newlyweds at first had just a log cabin; this house was built ca 1842.

81. FRANKLIN F. PALMER[8] (Fenner II[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 April 1830, Walworth, Wayne County, New York, the oldest of eight children born to FENNER PALMER (II) and his wife, JULIA ANN GODDARD. He married 1 Jan 1851 MARY JANE HANNIBAL of Oswego County, New York (b 1 March 1835, died 1909 Hudson, Michigan). He died in April 1902 and his widow died in 1909; they are buried side by side, next to his parents and their oldest son in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Hudson, Michigan.

When FRANKLIN was about two years of age his parents removed from Walworth in northeast New York to the Michigan Territory to take up the acreage previously obtained for them by his uncle JOHN C. PALMER, older brother to his father, in Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County. His baby sister, a few months old, was the fourth member of the family.

On the family's arrival in Ridgeway, they shared the log cabin with his uncle and aunt, JOHN and NANCY PALMER, and their household of about eight sons. FRANKLIN's parents built their own log house, cleared the land and farmed it there for the next fourteen years during which time he and his brothers eventually assisted their father in the cultivating and farming of the land.

However, when FRANKLIN married at age twenty-one, he wanted to establish a home of his own and accordingly contracted to clear ten acres of land, receiving as pay forty acres of heavily timbered land. He proceeded to build a log house on his own land where he and his bride began life together.

From "Memoirs of Lenawee County, Michigan" (supra) we quote a first-hand account of his experiences as related in 1909 to the compiler then who was Richard I. Bonner:

> "As he grew up he witnessed the development and growth of Lenawee County from the forest primeval, where for years wild deer and other game roamed at will, to its present highly civilized condition. Here he grew strong and vigorous, nurtured by wholesome fare and the healthful outdoor exercises necessitated by work on the farm, and the pleasures of hunting deer, wild turkeys and other game, which he enjoyed in common with other boys of his day, as he became a hunter as soon as he was large enough to shoulder a gun.
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> "... Mr. PALMER immediately (after his marriage) set to work with great energy and ambition to clear his land, but his unremitting toil was too much for him; his health gave out, and for three years he was sick and unable to do anything. After he recovered from that long illness he went to Ransom Center, and opened a grocery store with a stock valued at $300, having bought the goods on time, and again he commenced the uphill work of gaining a competeney (earning a living). He continued there in that business until 1865 when he removed with his family to Hudson and established himself in the dry-goods trade. Later he exchanged his stock of goods and store for a farm of 220 acres in Jackson County. He did not settle

on that farm, however, but soon exchanged it for a stock of hardware and a house and lot in Hudson, and since then, in company with his son, DURVIN D., an intelligent and enterprising business man, he has built up a large and increasing trade, their business being known as PALMER & SON, dealers in hardware. He is a member of Lodge No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, Hillsdale, Michigan."

Children of FRANKLIN and MARY JANE PALMER:

(1) DURVIN D. (DARWIN) PALMER b 8 April 1852, married MARTHA NICHOLS; died 1912 (see below).
(2) MAUD ALZINA PALMER b 10 July 1854, married JAMES COLVILLE; resided Rockford, Illinois.
(3) RAY PALMER b 8 April 1871 Hudson (probably died young as he is not listed amongst the children in "Lenawee County Memoirs").
(4) EVA D. PALMER b 23 May 1872 in Hudson.

(Additional Source: "Palmer MSS." page 1096, typescript.)

The Maple Grove Cemetery in Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan, is in the western part of the township, next to Hillsdale County, near US #127; the cemetery is in the extreme northeast corner of the city of Hudson, situated on the east side of Maple Grove Avenue. The compiler visited this cemetery in September 1979, noted the following Palmer graves and particularly those of FENNER and JULIA noting that she survived her husband by several years:

MARY JANE Wf. F. F. 1835 - 1909	FRANK F. PALMER 1830 - 1902	DURVIN D. PALMER 1852 - 1912
	JULIA wf of FENNER 1809 - 1897	FENNER PALMER 1799 - 1885

It was also noted that nearby were some two dozen other Palmer graves but thus far they have not been identified with this family.

82. CHARLES GILBERT PALMER[8] (Fenner II[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the third of eight children born to his parents, FENNER PALMER (II) and JULIA ANN GODDARD, on 11 Nov 1833, a year after their arrival in the Michigan Territory from Walworth,Wayne County, New York. On 9 December 1865 he married LUCINDA E. HALSTED in Medina, Michigan, daughter of JACOB W. and JEAN (PERKINS) HALSTED of Rome Township. She was born 22 March 1845 in Rome and died 10 July 1911. Her husband survived her, and as late as 1915 when Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER was collecting data for his PALMER HISTORY, CHARLES was still living in Ransom Township.

CHARLES' father-in-law, JACOB HALSTED had been born in New York 9 Jan 1817 and JACOB's father had also been born in New York. The HALSTED family came to Michigan in early years settling in Rome Township when JACOB was a very young boy. JACOB had married 19 Feb 1840 JEAN PERKINS who had also been born in New York 16 July 1819 but died in Michigan 8 May 1851, age 32. JEAN was a small child when her mother died and she was reared by her step-mother until the age of thirteen when she went to live with an uncle with whom she resided until her marriage to CHARLES PALMER in 1865.

The "Biographical Album of Hillsdale County" (1888) furnishes information about CHARLES GILBERT (pages 481-483) and his recollections of early times in Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties:

> "In a log house he first saw the light, and here his parents reared their family which eventually consisted of six sons and two daughters. By the light of the roaring fire, required to keep out the hyperborean blasts, which whistled around the chinks of their cabin home, he recalled his mother, a pioneer wife, spinning the wool and flax and making all the clothing for her large family.
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> "He was thirteen years of age when he came to Hillsdale County. He remembers well when deer, wolves, wild turkeys and smaller game were still plentiful in both Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties and the 'red man' still lingered in the former county. He attended the pioneer schools taught in the old log schoolhouse, whose benches were made of split logs with wooden pins for legs, and the other furniture was equally primitive.
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> "CHARLES continued to live with his parents until 1865 (when he married LUCINDA HALSTED) when he settled upon the farm he now owns and occupies in Ransom Township. This farm is pleasantly located and well adapted for the cultivation of the products of this latitude. It is supplied with superior buildings, securing comfort for both man and beast, and providing for the storage of the farm products."

Although CHARLES and his wife had no children, he had many nephews and nieces.

83. CORA LOVE PALMER[8] (Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 27 Sept 1851, Walworth, Wayne Co.,N.Y. She was the oldest child of NATHANIEL L. and his first wife, MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE. CORA m 18 Aug 1872 at Webster, N.Y. ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT (b 12 Jan 1849, d 29 Aug 1889, aged 40, in N.Y.).

After her marriage CORA resided with her husband in Elmira, N.Y. where it is believed all their children were born. Her mother died in 1879 and on 9 Jan 1881 her father married (2nd) MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY,same family, and soon thereafter settled in Kansas. Eventually CORA and "AL" (as her husband was called) also removed to Kansas, settling in Ottawa where "AL" went into the hardware business. However, neither were happy in that state and they returned to N.Y. where "AL" died a few years later leaving CORA with four minor children: LILLIAN aged 16, GERTRUDE aged 15, PALMER aged 13 and the youngest, ERNEST (usually called "GRANT") only 11 years of age.

By 1895 CORA's father and step-mother had removed again, to San Diego County, California, settling on a fruit orchard in Chula Vista, where her father died in 1897. Her step-mother returned to Kansas to be near her son by her first marriage, and the twenty-acre fruit ranch of her father's was purchased in the estate sale by her younger sister, ALLETTA MaBELLE (usually called "BELLE") and the latter's husband, FRANK PALMER, who had reached Chula Vista in 1896; the original plan appears to have been that CORA's father and brother-in-law would engage in the fruit farming business together.

Eventually CORA also removed to Southern California, her oldest child, LILLIAN MAY (called "MAY) having married in May of 1892, to JOHN R. MURPHY and had her first child in 1894 named GLENN TRUMAN MURPHY, the middle name given for CORA's second brother, TRUMAN G. PALMER. This daughter's marriage on 8 May 1892 was the occasion for a double wedding at the home of CORA's father in Princeton, Kansas, the other couple being married was CORA's younger sister, BELLE, who simultaneously married FRANK PALMER, a widower; their witness was FRANKLIN D. PALMER, BELLE's brother.

The probate file (No. 1589, San Diego County Superior Court) reveals that in the final distribution of CORA's father's estate, she being one of the five beneficiaries, received $896.70 plus a $43. note in favor of her father signed by J. R. MURPHY (husband of CORA's oldest daughter) indicating a loan of that amount made by NATHANIEL L. PALMER to his granddaughter's husband.

CORA died in Santa Ana, Orange County, California, aged 78 years; she had been a widow forty years and at times very lonely inasmuch as her four children all resided elsewhere; she also was apparently not very well off financially. From letters she wrote her brother TRUMAN thanking him for the money he sent her, this appears obvious for in one letter she wrote of her appreciation for his gift explaining, "I can see now how I can get started in getting a little home." Her sons doubtless helped her financially and at one time she apparently resided with the older one who was in business in Yuma, Arizona; however, she settled down in

Orange County, California where she died and is buried in Fairhaven Cemetery. Her son PALMER DARLING SARGENT, her daughter, GERTRUDE BALTWOOD, her sister BELLE and brother-in-law, FRANK PALMER, are all also buried there.

CORA and ALVARIOUS SARGENT had the following children, b N.Y.:

140. (1) LILLIAN MAY SARGENT b 19 Aug 1873, m 8 May 1892 at Princeton, Kansas, JOHN R. MURPHY; resided Franklin Co., Kansas; she d 15 Feb 1937; they had two sons:
  i GLENN TRUMAN MURPHY b 1894.
  ii HOWARD SARGENT MURPHY b 27 Nov 1909, m 12 Sept 1938, EILEEN GRACE JOAN STRICKLER and had son:
    (a) MICHAEL EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MURPHY b 18 Mar 1940, m SANDRA K. KLAWOON; two ch: PATRICK SCOTT MURPHY b 21 Sept 1961. CAMILE JOAN MURPHY b 21 Oct 1962.

141. (2) GERTRUDE SARGENT b 30 Nov 1874, m LOUIS BALTWOOD (d 13 Feb 1930); no children; she d 25 Jan 1939.

142. (3) PALMER DARLING SARGENT b 11 Apr 1876; died unmarried.

143. (4) ERNEST GRANT SARGENT b 29 July 1878, m (1st) EVA _____; they had two daughters:
  i ISABEL SARGENT b 11 Sept 1913, Seattle, WA., died 6 Oct 1965 Riverside, California;
  ii JANE SARGENT b 20 Sept 1918, Seattle.

m (2nd) ANNE ROWLANDS b 9 Dec 1903, Phoenix, B.C.(Canada); they had two sons:
  iii GRANT PALMER SARGENT b 25 May 1931, Seattle; one dau, JANINE SARGENT b 6 Feb 1965.
  iv DAVID BRUCE SARGENT b 7 Aug 1933.

ERNEST GRANT died 6 Oct 1965, aged 87 years, at Seattle.

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84. FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER[8] (Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Sept 1853 in the village of Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. the second child of NATHANIEL L. and MARGARET (DENISE) PALMER. He m 21 June 1876 MARIA SANDS DOTY (b 23 May 1851, d 23 May 1923), dau of THOMAS SANDS and MARIA (WING) DOTY of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co.,N.Y.

He was educated in the schools at Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y. and by age seventeen he was teaching school there at Masten Center. While still a young man he "went West" locating in the state of Kansas, eventually in Kansas City, Missouri, where he operated a drug business for many years. Thereafter he engaged in the farming and cattle business in Ottawa, Kansas. Subsequently FRANK (as he was usually called) returned to the East coast settling in the area of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y. where he operated the Palmer Rubber Company for several years following which he became associated with the rubber department of the DeLaval Separator Company for nine years. He retired in 1930 at which time he had been a widower for seven years; he was a member of the First Baptist Church, but was buried in the Friends' (Quaker) Upton Lake Cemetery, Clinton Corners according to his obituary which appeared in 1945 when he died at the age of 92 years.

The obituary of FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER contained the following additional information:

"Surviving are his daughter, MRS. EDWIN K. DUSENBURY of 20 Virginia avenue, with whom he resided (before he died in the Johnson Nursing home); a sister, Mrs. MABELLE PALMER of Kensington, MD.; four grandchildren: Lieutenant (jg) EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY with the Merchant Marine, whose home is in Carmel, California; Mrs. RAYMOND (DOROTHY) JOYCE here (Poughkeepsie); Mrs. LEWIS (VIRGINIA) CHRISTIAN of Red Oaks Mill; and Mrs. WILLIAM F. (EVELYN) ADAMS of Poughkeepsie; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 20 Smith Street at 1:30 o'clock Thursday, the Rev. EARL F. SPENCER, pastor of the First Baptist Church will officiate."

FRANK and his wife, MARIA (called "RIA") had one daughter:

144. (1) KATHERINE RIA ("KITTY") PALMER b 18 Oct 1882, m 17 Sept 1907 EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY; they had five children:

i EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY b 20 June 1908, d 6 Dec 1894.
ii DOROTHY DUSENBURY b 11 July 1910.
iii VIRGINIA DUSENBURY b 21 May 1914, d 10 Feb 1958.
iv WILLIAM FRANKLIN DUSENBURY b and d 1917 (at birth).
v EVELYN DUSENBURY b 29 Jan 1919, d 2 Oct 1977.

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85. TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER[8] (Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Mar 1858 in the village of Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. the third child of NATHANIEL L. and MARGARET (DENISE) PALMER. He m 13 June 1884 in Chicago, VIRGINIA ELIZABETH LINCOLN (b 1 Dec 1860 Chicago, d 6 May 1952, aged 92 years, Washington, D.C.), the dau of HENRY M. and MARIAN C. (DEMING) LINCOLN. TRUMAN d 29 May 1925 at Chevy Chase, MD., aged 67 years; both he and his wife were buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery at Hyattsville, Maryland.

"The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography" (Vol.20,p.131) contains the following historical account of the life of TRUMAN PALMER:

"TRUMAN PALMER received his education in the grammar and high schools of Rochester, N.Y. For a number of years he was Western Manager, with headquarters in Chicago, of 'Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly,' 'Judge,' 'New York Daily Graphic,' and other eastern illustrated journals. He then became interested in California land development and began the study of agricultural production, giving particular attention to crops which conserve and improve the soil.

"His studies included the influence of sugar beet culture on the production yield of other crops in the countries of northern Europe and his writings on the subject attracted so much attention that in 1902 he was elected Secretary of the American Beet Sugar Association in order that he might give his whole attention to the development of sugar beet culture in the United States. (In 1910 that organization was located at 24-25 Home Life Building, 15th and

G Streets, Washington, D.C.) He was Secretary until 1911 and was then for three years Secretary of the United States Beet Sugar Industry. From 1914 until his death (in 1925) he was Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the United States Sugar Manufacturers Association.

"He made several study trips to Europe in the interest of the beet sugar industry and in the many articles on that subject which he wrote for various publications emphasized the indirect agricultural advantage of sugar beet culture, pointing out how the farmers of northern Europe practically renewed the fertility of their land every fourth year by planting a root crop, usually sugar beets, and by plowing deeply, fertilizing heavily and cultivating thoroughly the growing crop, these methods resulting in a yield twice as large per acre as the yield in America.

"He was the author of 'Sugar at a Glance' (1912-1913), 'Concerning Sugar' (1915), 'Sugar Beet Seed, History and Development (1918), and 'Production of Sugar from Beet Roots' (1919). Mr. Palmer was a recognized authority on sugar beet culture. He conceived in 1902 the idea of breeding 'single germ' beet balls and induced the U.S. Department of Agriculture to undertake an investigation of the subject, with the result that the single germ characteristic in beet seeds has been developed from less than one per cent to eighty-six per cent.

"TRUMAN PALMER invented the Palmer Radient gas-heater for heating rooms. He was a Republican in politics and was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, London; a member of the Societe Technique et Chimique de Sucrerie de Belgium; American Academy of Political and Social Sciences; American Association of Commerce and Trade, Berlin; American Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands and Colonies, Amsterdam; the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; the Washington Board of Trade; the National Press Club; and the Chevy Chase and Cosmos Clubs of Washington, D.C."

"The Washington Times" of 19 June 1913 contained a large photo of TRUMAN G. PALMER and the accompanying article read:

"NO SECRET ABOUT MY ACTIVITY FOR BEET SUGAR," ASSERTS TRUMAN G. PALMER -

"Answering the press association developments in the sugar lobby investigation, TRUMAN G. PALMER, Secretary of the beet sugar industry, today said two Presidential candidates last summer used similar means. His statement is:

" 'The beet sugar industry has added more wealth to the nations of Europe than any other influence. There never has been any secret about my activity in endeavoring to develop the industry in this country. I frankly stated to the Lobby Investigating Committee that our organization had used every legitimate means within its power to promote this work, much of which was handled by a New York press association, which I understood had performed the same character of service and in the same manner for two of the leading candidates for the Presidential nomination last summer.' "

Although TRUMAN and VIRGINIA PALMER had no children during their forty-one years of marriage, it is obvious from the foregoing that he earned much success financially as well as otherwise; and from family letters and records, it is evident he was looked up to and loved by his nephews and nieces and their descendants. The recollections of some of them include the family tradition that Uncle TRUMAN was sent by President WILSON to Germany before the first World War, with gold bullion, to purchase beet seed; also that during the administration of President COLLIDGE, TRUMAN and his wife were invited guests at The White House. During many years when his work kept him in the Washington, D.C. area, he and his wife owned a home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and had their own chauffeur who drove them around in their limousine. His widow survived him by twenty-seven years and continued her residence in the Chevy Chase, MD., Washington, D.C. area. She died 6 May 1952 in her ninetieth year at the Gallinger Hospital following a stroke. She had made some unfortunate investments following her husband's death in 1925 and apparently had had unsound and inaccurate advice which resulted in the loss of most of her finances. For many years prior to her death she had been a resident of the Volunteers of America Sunset Home for Elderly Ladies, 1401 Ingraham Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. She was long active in the Washington Humane Society of which she had been made an honorary vice President. She was usually called JENNIE.

TRUMAN resided at Walworth until 1869 and at Rochester since 1873; in 1879 his mother died there and by 1881 he had removed to "seek his fortune" in Chicago where three years later he married. He seems to have been very successful in whatever venture he undertook and he traveled a great deal in the ensuing years and, according to her obituary, his wife accompanied him on many of these trips. From copies of letters written by him which have been preserved by various members of the family, more can be learned about this individual: he wrote of his recollections of his "grandmother Palmer" (ANNA LEAVITT PALMER) "who lived with my father and mother until her death (1868) at which time I was ten years old;" the grandfather Palmer (NATHANIEL) had died in 1840.

In a letter dated 5 Nov 1909 at Irving Park, Chicago, TRUMAN had written O. C. PALMER at Union Hill, N.Y. the area where he had been born and reared. This individual was a brother to the FRANK PALMER who had married TRUMAN's younger sister, BELLE. He told of his desire to purchase acreage of fifty to one hundred acres in the Wayne County district if the land were suitable for orchards. He explained "I want a country home that will be an income producer, a place where I can apply the best of care and skill, and an apple orchard seems to come the closest to what I want." In this same letter TRUMAN brings up the subject of tracing his ancestry which he explains he has only recently started to trace. He explains that "from my grandmother PALMER's Bible, I find that my grandfather PALMER's brothers were as follows: (but he also included the sisters too)

SARAH	b July 24, 1754	NATHANIEL	b June 22, 1764
JOHN	b Nov 9, 1757	PETER	b May 8, 1766
GORSHAN	b Dec 9, 1759	FENNER	b Jan 17, 1769
ANNA	b Mar 8, 1762	JOSEPH	b Nov 21, 1772"

The name he underlined is that of his own father; the third child should be spelled GERSHOM; research in recent years has revealed two other children who died young; also these children were those of Captain FENNER and

his wife, LYDIA PALMER, although at that time TRUMAN had not been able to trace his family back to FENNER and LYDIA. This same letter lists the half-brothers and half-sisters of TRUMAN's father, all by the first wife:

NATHAN	b Aug 22, 1782	ANNA	b Mar 2, 1795
ENOS	b Mar 3, 1785	BETSEY	b July 8,1797
SALLY	b Mar 13 1787	FENNER	b Dec 5,1799
JOHN	b Oct 21 1789	LIONA	b Apl 22,1802
BENJAMIN	b June 10 1792	OLIVER	b Aug 25,1804

The foregoing is significant inasmuch as it is a record from the Palmer family bible naming the children and their birthdates of NATHANIEL,SR.whose first wife was one SARAH and she was the mother of these children; the second wife of NATHANIEL was ANNA LEAVITT; their only child was NATHANIEL L. (usually referred to by TRUMAN PALMER as NATHANIEL, JR.). The same Bible also records the names and birthdates of the siblings of NATHANIEL; TRUMAN's letter inquires "Do you happen to know the maiden name of my grandmother PALMER? In my mother's (MARGARET DENISE PALMER) Bible I find the name of PHELPS but I think that is a family name on her side of the family." This seems to indicate that as of 1909 the name of ANNA LEAVITT had not yet surfaced as the second wife of NATHANIEL PALMER. TRUMAN explains he has "a party in New York who perhaps can give me some information if I can give him the place where my grandfather (NATHANIEL born 1764) was born." It would appear likely that the family Bible with the foregoing lists was that of SARAH PALMER, the first wife, and that the second wife (who was TRUMAN's grandmother) merely carried on with the listing in the Bible of her son and inasmuch as she resided with NATHANIEL L. and his wife and family until her death in 1868, when TRUMAN was aged ten years, he had occasion to see the Palmer family Bible.

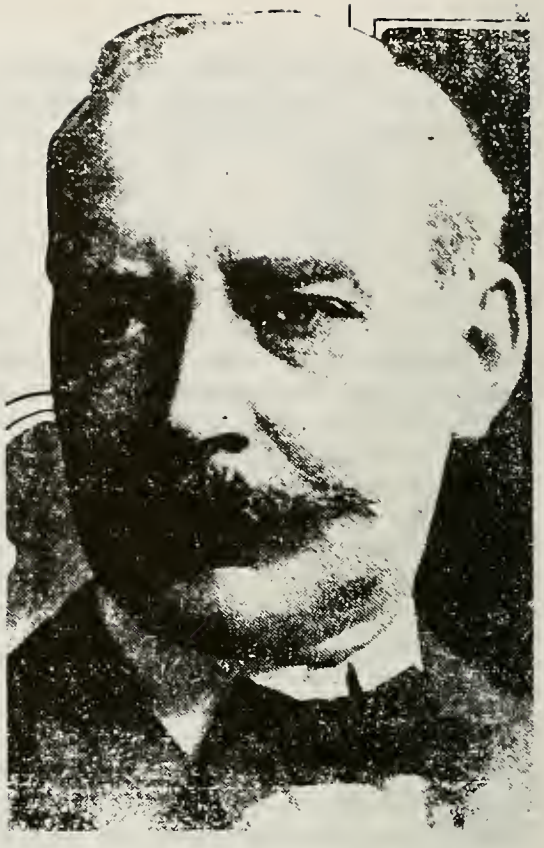
From other correspondence of TRUMAN PALMER during 1909 and 1910, it can be seen that he was in correspondence with the first Palmer genealogist, NOYES FINK PALMER of Brooklyn, N.Y. who devoted years (1870-1912) to tracing the history of thousands of those surnamed PALMER, ("Palmer MSS., p.1896). It may be that NOYES PALMER was the "party in New York" TRUMAN was referring to in his correspondence above, as a letter dated Nov 1, 1909 from NOYES F. PALMER addressed to TRUMAN G.PALMER, Irving Park, Chicago, Ill., asks "Can you give (me) names of Place where NATHANIEL PALMER, your grandfather lived or was born? ... if I had name of place, I could trace more easily. My Index system is by PLACES."

By 20 May 1910 TRUMAN has written again to NOYES F. PALMER, 150 Snediker Ave., Sta. E., Brooklyn, N.Y. in which he explains that "The furthest back that I have been able to trace my ancestry from records in my possession is my great-grandfather, who was FENNER PALMER, and who was born in 1736, but the place of his birth I am unable to tell."

At the same time TRUMAN is corresponding with DR. BYRON S. PALMER, 73 Jackson Street, Palmyra, N.Y. in an effort to trace his ancestry; DR. BYRON PALMER's research into his own Palmer family history overlapped somewhat that of NOYES F. PALMER, BYRON commencing about 1900 and continuing until his death in 1927. In a letter to BYRON dated 6 May 1910, TRUMAN wrote: "... it looks as though I had gotten hold of some information which so far has not been available to you. I enclose herewith some data

TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER
(1858-1925) and his

Bride: VIRGINIA ELIZABETH
LINCOLN (married 13 June 1884
in Chicago, Illinois)



ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER (called May-Belle) 1869-1945, youngest child of NATHANIEL L. PALMER and 1st wife, MARGARET (DENISE) PALMER; standing with her is her only child, MARGARET IRENE (PALMER). Photo was taken in San Diego, California about 1899-1900. MARGARET was born 1894, married 1919 at Orange, California, A NATIVE SON, HOWARD STEWART BEAN (1893-1975); she died 1974 Sedona, Arizona. MAY-BELLE married 1892 FRANK PALMER, a widower, same family.

The above group photo includes the only photo the compiler could obtain of the "PALMER Genealogist" DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. He is pictured at the extreme left. The group includes: (left to right)

1. DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER 1858-1927.
2. AMELIA A.(BOTSFORD)PALMER 1849-1920, wife of OSCAR CONKEY PALMER.
3. IRENE (PALMER) McDONNELL 1890-1974 (BYRON's daughter).
4. Not identified.
5. HELEN (MOORE) PALMER (wife of HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER)1883-1974.
6. JEANNETTE PALMER's mother, EMELINE CARMAN.
7. JEANNETTE (CARMAN) PALMER 1857-1937 - (wife of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER).
8. OSCAR CONKEY PALMER 1844-1919 (Uncle of DR. BYRON PALMER).

(Photo was taken by HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, SR.)

which I found in my Grandmother PALMER's Bible..... I feel very much pleased to have dug up the brothers and sisters of NATHANIEL PALMER and the complete list of all his children together with dates of birth of each one. I am sure it will aid you materially."

In a letter dated 30 Oct 1909 TRUMAN furnished NOYES F. PALMER with the identical list of his father's half brothers and half-sisters and the list of his grandfather's(NATHANIEL b 1764) siblings. Unfortunately TRUMAN never revealed in any of this correspondence just where or how he "dug up" this information.

(For more information about this original Palmer family genealogist, NOYES FINK PALMER, refer to the INTRODUCTION. He was one of those primarily responsible for the first and second Palmer Family Re-Unions held in Stonington in August 1881 and 1882.)

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) supra.
"Palmer MSS." p. 1099.
"National Cyclopaedia of Amer.Biography" Vol.20,p.131.
Family Records of Harry PALMER Bean, El Paso, Texas.
Family Records of Mrs. ANNE (ROWLAND) SARGENT, Seattle, WA.
Family Records of Mrs. DOROTHY (DUSENBURY) JOYCE,Poughkeepsie,N.Y.

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86. ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER[8], (Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5],John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Aug 1869 at Canewangus (now Avon), Livingston Co., N.Y. the youngest child of NATHANIEL L. and MARGARET (DENISE) PALMER; her paternal grandparents were NATHANIEL PALMER (a Revolutionary War soldier) and his second wife, ANNA LEAVITT; it was ANNA's third marriage. BELLE (as she was usually called) m 3 May 1892 as his second wife, FRANK M. PALMER (same family) (b 10 Oct 1849 Lakeside, N.Y., d 13 Jan 1940 Santa Ana,California), youngest child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER of Wayne Co., N.Y. The middle initial "M" for FRANK was indicated in the wedding invitations issued by BELLE's parents on the occasion of her marriage to FRANK in Princeton, Kansas, at the home of her parents; however, few references to him have included the middle initial. BELLE apparently had never used her first name nor had she been called "MAYBELLE"

In 1869 when BELLE was four years of age the family removed to Rochester, N.Y., where her mother died in 1879; she was buried in West Walworth Cemetery, Wayne Co., N.Y. next to her husband's parents. The first of 1881 her father married second, MARY LOUISE PALMER in Lakeside, who was apparently divorced from EDWARD P. POMEROY by whom she had had two children. BELLE's step-brother, CHARLES THADDEUS POMEROY (1853-1909) was a photographer by profession in Rochester and later in Kansas City and as a result BELLE's photograph was taken very often through the years until her marriage in 1892; these photographs testify to her being a beautiful child and a beautiful young woman.

In the early 1880's BELLE accompanied her father and step-mother when they removed to Kansas although she made at least one trip back to visit her relatives in Lakeside, Walworth and Rochester in Aug 1886 when she was aged seventeen years. Following in her father's footsteps, BELLE chose a member of the same Palmer family for her spouse and on 8 May 1892 she became the second wife of FRANK M. PALMER, a widower, whose first wife, HELEN NORTHRUP had met with a tragic accident two years previously in which tragedy FRANK's baby son of one year, RAY, was also killed. At the time of his remarriage FRANK had two daughters: FLORA aged 12 years and BERTHA CORNELIA aged 14 years. (Her marriage certificate carries her name as MaBELLE PALMER.) The marriage of BELLE and FRANK took place at her father's home in Princeton, Kansas, and was a double wedding, the other bride being BELLE's niece, LILLIAN MAY SARGENT (dau of BELLE's older sister) and the other groom being JOHN PATRICK MURPHY.

During her growing-up years BELLE had resided in both Rochester, N.Y. and in Valley Center, Kansas, and doubtless had attended schools in both places. It was in Valley Center on 22 Feb 1892 that her step-mother's younger sister, AMELIA PALMER DAVIS, died, aged 58 years.

Following their marriage BELLE and FRANK settled down in Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. where their only child, MARGARET IRENE PALMER, was born 31 July 1894. In 1896 BELLE's father and step-mother removed from Kansas to San Diego County, California, settling on a 20-acre fruit ranch in the suburb of Chula Vista which her father had purchased, although he had also purchased a furnished house and lot in the center of the city of San Diego. On 19 Aug 1896 BELLE and FRANK with their two-year old dau MARGARET also removed to Chula Vista, the idea apparently being that FRANK would join his father-in-law in the business of growing and marketing fruit. However, the untimely and unexpected death of the father-in-law the following February necessitated a change in their plans. With the illness of his father-in-law, FRANK had to take charge of operating the twenty-acre ranch and await the probating of the estate, of which the step-mother, MARY LOUISE, was the administratrix, which is thoroughly set out herein in the chapter on the life of NATHANIEL L. PALMER.

From NATHANIEL's death in February 1897 until April 1903 BELLE and FRANK remained on the twenty-acre ranch in Chula Vista, which they had purchased from the estate during probate. (The step-mother had returned to Kansas City to be near her only son, CHARLES POMEROY.) In 1903 the FRANK PALMER family moved to LaJara, Colorado and three years later they settled in Denver. However, having once enjoyed the wonderful climate of Southern California which made fruit-growing such a profitable business, it appears this family of three were drawn back again to Southern California although at that time (1908) they settled in Orange County (which had only been created in 1889 out of a portion of Los Angeles County) where the main industry was the growing of oranges. Here FRANK purchased ten acres on Chapman Avenue in the town also named Orange although the largest city (then and now) was Santa Ana, the county seat.

The advent of travel by train had made it possible for the western states to open up to an influx of people, and many members of this Palmer family certainly took advantage of the opportunity. BELLE's nephew, PALMER DARLING SARGENT (b 1876) at an early age reached Yuma,

Arizona, where he planted 600 acres in cotton and additional acreage in nuts and citrus fruit. His mother who was BELLE's older sister joined him after the death of her husband and lived out her life in the sun-belt area. BELLE's brother, TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER, invested in land developments in Southern California although he apparently never lived there. BELLE's step-daughter, FLORA, by 1908 traveled to Orange to be nearer her father and BELLE and resided in Southern California the remainder of her life. From recollections of members of the family it appears FLORA may have also visited her father during the residence of his family in Colorado. Stories related in later years by FLORA and BELLE's daughter, MARGARET, told of their train trips from Colorado to Orange County via the "Chili Line", one of which episodes involved a train wreck at the time FLORA was on the train.

Another address where BELLE and FRANK resided in Orange was at 188 South Center Street; today the entire 100 block of Center Street is part of the city buildings and parking and the courthouse is at one end. The houses on both Chapman and Center Streets where FRANK and BELLE lived out their lives no longer exist. The 1930 Orange County directory lists at the city of Orange: PALMER, FRANK (MaBELLE) = 188 S. Center Street. They were both active members for many years of the Methodist Church in Orange. From family photographs it has been observed that some time in 1910 or later FRANK and BELLE were visited at their Chapman Avenue house by FRANK's brothers, GEORGE LAMB who resided in Vinton, Benton Co.,Iowa, and OSCAR CONKEY who lived in Union Hill, Wayne Co., N.Y. BELLE and FRANK were residing at 188 South Center Street when he died 13 Jan 1940 aged 90 years.

Following her husband's death, BELLE removed to Kensington, Maryland, to live out her life with her only child, MARGARET (PALMER) BEAN and died there 10 Dec 1945. She had been slender and frail for much of her life although not in ill health, being aged 76 years when she died. She was survived by her daughter, two step-daughters, four grandchildren and one-great-grandchild according to her obituary, which related she was also a member in the Orange, California, Women's Club prior to 1945 and also the C.M.P. CLUB. The Rev. Wendell S. Tradick, Jr. pastor of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Kensington, officiated at her funeral services. She was interred in Fairhaven Mausoleum next to her husband, in Santa Ana (Corr. G, Tier F, Crypt 20), California.

BELLE and FRANK PALMER had one child born Lakeside, N.Y.:

145. (1) MARGARET IRENE PALMER b 31 July 1894, m 10 June 1919 at Orange, California, HOWARD STEWART BEAN (b 23 Oct 1893 Santa Clara Co.,CA., d 10 June 1975),d 31 Dec 1974, Arizona. They had two children both b Washington,D.C.
    - i HARRY PALMER BEAN b 27 July 1920, m 10 June 1944 RACHEL J. KRUPP; they have three sons.
    - ii AUDREY ELIZABETH BEAN b 2 Dec 1922, m 18 Mar 1945 JOHN EVERETT NISSEN; no children.

Sources: "Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra, p. 20.
Information furnished by HARRY PALMER BEAN of El Paso, Texas.

87. FENNER WARD PALMER[8] (Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 11 May 1807 in Lowville, Lewis Co. New York, the oldest of twelve children born to EPHRAIM PALMER, SR. and his wife, HANNAH PHELPS PALMER. He married about 1828 although the name of his wife is unknown.

FENNER WARD must have lived in many places inasmuch as his parents had removed to Canada in 1809 before the second child was born; there they resided successively at Elizabethtown, Markham and Cramba, returning to New York's Lewis County and settling at Lowville again by 1816; by 1824 the family had settled in Martinsburg, same county. As a young man he removed to Ohio and located first in Cincinnati where he may have married as the records reveal his only son was born in that city in 1829. He thereafter removed to Indiana, probably settling at Laurel, Franklin County where his brother, JOEL, was then living, where JOEL was a contractor from about 1836 to 1847. During the years 1844-1845 JOEL also served in the Indiana Legislature; he was influential and widely known in that state.

FENNER WARD died 10 Jan 1884 in Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon, where he had settled much earlier following his illustrious brother, JOEL's success in opening up that area for settlement in 1847. JOEL had laid out the town of Dayton and he also died there two years before the death of FENNER WARD.

FENNER WARD PALMER's only child born Cincinnati, Ohio:

(1) JOHN PALMER b 22 Jan 1829, married NELLIE O'CONNOR of that city. "She was said to have been an Irish domestic in the TAFT family in Cincinnati, but we are not certain as to this. JOHN deserted his wife and she went to Oregon looking for him and died there. JOHN probably went to Oregon with his father. We have no further record of him, but he was probably the JOHN PALMER who went to California in 1853 and to Umatilla County, Oregon, in 1878, where he was residing as a farmer eight miles east of Centerville. ('Historic Sketches of Walla Walla, Whitman, Columbia and Garfield Counties, Washington, and Umatilla County, Oregon' by GILBERT (1882) page 63)." (Page 1103 "Palmer MSS".) The three children of JOHN PALMER were:

i CHARLES PALMER - resided at one time in Berkeley, California.

ii CORA PALMER - was a teacher in Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho

iii STELLA PALMER - resided in Spokane, Washington.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." page 1103, typescript.

"Palmer MSS." page 1127-a, handwritten, volume 3.

88. JOEL PALMER[8], (Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Oct 1810 in Elizabethtown, Canada, the second of twelve children born to EPHRAIM and HANNAH (PHELPS) PALMER,SR. He married (1st) CATHERINE CAFFEY about 1829/30 by whom he had three children. She was born 15 Jan 1811 and died 1835 the same year her third and infant child died in January. JOEL married (2nd) SARAH ANN DERBYSHIRE 21 Jan 1836 (b 11 Apr 1815 Bucks County, Pennsylvania, died 14 Dec 1891 Dayton, Oregon), dau of ALEXANDER and ELIZABETH DERBYSHIRE from Bucks County; he had eight children by his second wife. JOEL died 9 June 1881 in the town he had founded, Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon, aged seventy years.

JOEL inherited his father's adventuresome spirit and as the years passed, he greatly surpassed EPHRAIM's migration into Canada and return to New York; he was one of the pioneers who reached the Oregon Territory before it officially became designated as such in 1848 when it also embraced all of the present states of Washington and Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming. From his birth in Canada in 1810 to 1826 when he was but sixteen years of age, JOEL's places of residence were numerous and are being summarized below:

1810 - born Canada (in Ontario according to one source).
1816 - in Lowville, Lewis County, New York, where four more of his siblings were born.
1824 - In Martinsburg, Lewis County, where sister HANNAH was born.
1826 - In Antwerp, N.Y. where his youngest brother and sister were born.

Family records and research manuscripts differ on his travels beginning in 1826. From "Dictionary of American Biography" edited by Dumas Malone (published by Charles Scribner's Sons, N.Y.) we learn of his removal to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, perhaps by age sixteen or seventeen.

> "JOEL PALMER, pioneer and author, the son of Quaker parents... was a descendant of WALTER PALMER who emigrated from England to Plymouth Colony and died in Stonington, Connecticut.... Through his mother, HANNAH PHELPS he was a descendant of WILLIAM PHELPS, one of the founders of Windsor, Connecticut. (About 1826) he went to Bucks County, Pennsylvania where he worked on canals and other public works and where he was married first in 1830 to CATHERINE CAFFEE and second, after her death, to SARAH ANN DERBYSHIRE on 21 Jan 1836, the same year he removed to Indiana." (pp.186-187)

From the foregoing it must be concluded that JOEL's first three children were born in Bucks County, HANNAH in 1831; SARAH ELIZABETH in 1833; and LOVISY in Jan 1835, who died as an infant; the mother, CATHERINE CAFFEY also died in 1835, presumably in Bucks County, home of the DERBYSHIRE family whose daughter, SARAH ANN became JOEL's second wife and the mother of his next eight children.

Although JOEL's older brother, FENNER WARD, had settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the 1820's, no proof has been found that JOEL ever resided in Ohio although this is alleged in the "Palmer MSS." (page 1104), which fails to explain JOEL's residence during the years 1826-1836 but then takes up his settling in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana in 1836.

JOEL and SARAH ANN's first four children were born in Laurel, Ind. during the years 1836-1845 where JOEL contracted to build a portion of the White Water Canal in that state and agreed to complete the Cedar Grove Locks. He purchased land in Laurel and was a representative in the state legislature for two terms from 1843 to 1845; he became widely known in Indiana and very influential. Information from the previously quoted source is attributed to "Palmer's niece, MRS. FELIX EMANUEL SCHELLING of Philadelphia; transcript of Palmer's mss. narrative in the Bancroft Library, University of California; and other materials from his great-granddaughter, MRS. JOHN G. FLYNN, Caldwell, Idaho" and from numerous published records on the history of Oregon.

Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER's chapter on JOEL PALMER (pp.1104-1106 of "Palmer MSS.") is quoted verbatim below:

"In 1845 JOEL became interested in Oregon and left that year to investigate that country. He was so favorably impressed that he returned in 1846 and organized a company to settle there, and in May 1847 he headed a large emigration colony which left the middle West and reached the Willamette Valley in Oct 1847. JOEL took up a land claim at once, six miles south of the town of Dayton, and later laid out the town of Dayton. His brothers, FENNER WARD and EPHRAIM, JR., were probably among those who went with his colony in 1847. (Dayton was and is located in the county of Yamhill, an original county, created as early as 1843, in the northwest corner of the state of Oregon, not far from the Pacific Ocean.)

"Late in 1847 JOEL started for Vancouver for provisions but before reaching Oregon City was met by a messenger from the Governor informing him of the 'Whitman Massacre' and desiring him to be Quartermaster General, which position he held throughout the Cayuse War against the Indians. In 1848 JOEL lead a company to California being the first one to take wagons through to the gold miners. In 1853 he was appointed by President PIERCE Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon. He at once purchased from the original settlers 6,000 acres of land in the Grand Ronde Valley for the United States Government. In 1855 Governor STEVENS and General JOEL PALMER met seventeen Indian tribes at Walla Walla and by the next year had gathered several thousands of these Indians on the Grand Ronde Valley Reservation and also on the Silitz Reservation.

"Fearing another outbreak, he built a block house, later known as Fort Yamhill, in 1856, and U. S. Troops were sent there to keep the peace. In 1911 this block house was removed to the City Park in Dayton in memory of JOEL PALMER who had donated the land for that park. He continued to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs until 1857 and thereafter was active in political matters.

"JOEL served one term in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1862 when he was Speaker of the House; he was a State Senator in 1864-66 and again in 1876-80 and was also Sheriff in 1868-1876. In 1870 he was the Republican candidate for Governor of Oregon but was defeated by only 630 votes.

"JOEL PALMER was active in promoting a woolen mill at Oregon City in 1867 and a saw mill during his early days in Dayton; and in 1854 he promoted the Clackamas Railroad, and in 1863 aided in the opening of a trail along the Columbia River. He was with the party in Aug 1854 that made the first ascent of Mt. Hood. In 1851 he was a charter member of Lafayette Lodge No. 3 of the Masonic Order of Oregon."

The removal of his family to Oregon is more fully explained in the "Dictionary of Amer. Biography" (supra):

"JOEL kept a day-to-day journal that was published in 1847 as 'Journal of Travels Over the Rocky Mountains' which for a decade was an important guide book to overland immigrants for information concerning equipment for the journey and such details of the route as the location of suitable camping places, springs and grassy oases. It remains the most complete record of pioneering along the old Oregon Trail. The next year he returned to Indiana and in the spring of 1847 with his family, started on his second journey to the Pacific Northwest.....

"In 1853 (as) Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Oregon Territory, he bent his enormous energy and personal magnetism to the difficult task of obtaining all their lands from the Indians without creating enough dissatisfaction among them to cause a war. He was a negotiator of nine of the fifteen treaties of cession made between 29 Nov 1854 and 21 Dec 1855 and he carried on his duties during the 'Yakima War' led by Kamaiakin and Leschi. In 1857 he was removed from office not so much because his negotiations had not prevented an Indian uprising as because the settlers resented his restraint and his consideration for the Indians in carrying out his reservation policy.

"He was active in projects for the development of the community, opened one of the routes to British Columbia gold mines, was a director and, for a time, president of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company and was one of the promoters of the Clackamas Railroad Company and of the Oregon Central Railroad Company.... He died at his home in Dayton, survived by his wife and seven children."

As recently as March 1979 JOEL PALMER continues to be recognized for his great contribution in opening up the Oregon Territory. That month the editors of "Time-Life Books" published their story of "The Pioneers of The Old West" which included (page 17) the story of the Oregon Trails and the settlers who reached Oregon and remained there. Much credit is given to the leadership of JOEL PALMER who guided the group for sixty-nine days before they reached Fort Laramie on 24 June 1845:

"In 1845 41 wagons had started from Independence, Missouri... Among the emigrants was a high-browed, raw-boned man named JOEL PALMER, 'an intelligent farmer,' as he styled himself, from Laurel, Indiana. A public-spirited man, PALMER had been sent by his neighbors to the Indiana Legislature in Indianapolis the year before. But PALMER itched for wider horizons, and so here he was, headed for Oregon

where there were no big cities and no state legislature of any kind. He was going for personal observation, he said, 'with a view of satisfying myself whether Oregon's advantages were sufficient to make it my future home.' He became one of a total of 5,000 westbound emigrants on the Oregon Trail that summer.... Most of them felt the same optimism JOEL PALMER did: 'I believed that I was right,' he said. 'I hoped for the best, and pressed onward.'

"Because of his flair for leadership, PALMER had been appointed captain of his wagon train by the democratic vote of the adults. As captain he had the power to make certain decisions affecting the common life of the train, and he had given his approval to a brief layover at Fort Laramie. While camped there, PALMER and the others spent their time writing letters home, washing out their dirty socks and underwear, mending their wagons and harness, shoeing their horses and oxen and trading at the fort where flour was selling that week at $15. a hundredweight and a dollar would buy only two cups of sugar or two cups of coffee beans.

"The next leg of their journey would pass through Indian country so the pioneers arranged a banquet one afternoon in honor of a hundred or so Oglala Sioux Indians who frequented this region and were then camped near the fort on the banks of the Laramie River. Each of the pioneer families agreed to furnish two dishes of food for the feast.

"The Sioux Chief opened the ceremony with a blunt but careful speech, his words being translated to the pioneers by a white trader. 'This country belongs to the red man, but his white brethren travels through, shooting the game and scaring it away.' The Chief concluded by asking for guns, lead and powder. Only with these arms, he said could the Indian kill the wild animals that were now too skittish to be taken by bow and arrow.

"JOEL PALMER replied in kind. 'As it devolved upon me to play the part of the white chief,' he later recalled in his diary, 'I told my red brethren, that we were journeying to the great waters of the west. Our great father owned a large country there and we were going to settle upon it. For this purpose we brought with us our wives and little ones. We were compelled to pass through the red man's country, but we traveled as friends, and not as enemies.'

"The thrust to the Pacific began in the spring of 1841 when a party of 69 hardy souls left Missouri for the Pacific Coast. The following year another 200 pioneers headed west. Another1,000 in 1843 crossed the trail, followed by 4,000 in 1844, and the 5,000 of JOEL PALMER's year, 1845. By then the magnetism of the West had reached across the Atlantic to Europe, and sturdy English crofters, German farm folk, Irish potato growers, and Scandinavian dairy farmers were joining the wagon trains. ...

"JOEL PALMER arrived in Oregon City in the Oregon Territory on 1 Nov 1845, 200 days after his melancholy departure from his home in Indiana. First he took stock of the place: Oregon City had been established earlier by Methodist missionaries and retired trappers from the Hudson's Bay Company, a British-based, fur-trading enterprise of enormous influence in the Northwest. PALMER counted 'a neat Methodist church, a splendid Catholic chapel, two grist mills, two sawmills, four stores, two taverns, one hatter, one tannery, three tailor shops, two cabinet makers, two silversmiths, one cooper,

two blacksmiths, one physician, three lawyers, one printing office and a good brick yard.' PALMER then took a brisk hike through the surrounding countryside, pronounced it delightful, and after the winter had passed returned west-to-east over the Oregon Trail to his family. An absence of one year, three months and one week had passed but, he said, 'I had the pleasure of finding my family enjoying good health.'

"The following spring(1847) all of them were traveling on the Oregon Trail, and riding at the head of the wagon train, elected by democratic vote of the adults in the company, rode Captain JOEL PALMER. ... (page 37)"

The JOEL PALMER FAMILY which comprised the family group in that 1847 trek to the northwest corner of Oregon consisted of the parents and the following children: JOEL's two daughters by his first wife: HANNAH aged 16 years, and SARAH ELIZABETH aged 14 years; and four young children by his second wife: MARY ELLEN, aged 9 years; LORENZO, aged 7 years; MELISSA, aged 5 years; and the youngest, JOELINE aged 2 years, who had been born 29 June of 1845, one and one-half months after her father had left the home in Indiana mid-April for his trek to the Pacific Northwest.

JOEL and his wife had four more children born to them after their settling in Oregon, the first one, named WILLIAM PENN, in Oregon City and the next three in the town he founded, Dayton, Yamhill County, during the years 1850-1858. JOEL's oldest brother, FENNER WARD, migrated eventually to Dayton where he lived out his life and died 10 Jan 1884, one and one-half years following JOEL's death. Their younger brother, EPHRAIM, JR., had also joined them in Oregon by the late 1840's and for a time they all resided in Dayton. However, EPHRAIM, a veteran of Company "B" of the Oregon Volunteers in the Civil War died in Washington, D.C. and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1913.

The brother closest to JOEL in age, JOHN RICHARD, also born in Canada (1815), resided at different periods in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa in which latter state he enlisted in Company "K", 3rd Iowa Cavalry during the Civil War and died while in the service of his country, never migrating farther West than Iowa. Another brother, NOAH, ten years junior to JOEL, did reach the Pacific Coast but not in Oregon. In 1849 he reached California and became a successful prospector for gold at Placerville, eventually removing to the southern part of the state and settling in Santa Ana, Orange County, where he died in 1916 at the age of 96 years.

In conclusion it seems appropriate here to quote from "History of the Pacific Northwest"(1889), Vol. 2, p. 508:

"There have been few men in Oregon more universally respected or whom the people have more delighted to honor, than GENERAL PALMER. A plain, unpretentious man, who assumed absolutely nothing, he was nevertheless conscious of his superior abilities, and had no hesitancy in assuming commensurate responsibilities. For natural capacity and sagacity in great affairs, he ranks with the first men of our state, such as General LANE, Col. CORNELIUS, Judge KELLY or Governor GIBBS." (See Vol. 1, p.168 for photo of JOEL and wife.)

From the local newspaper announcing the death of General JOEL PALMER at his residence in Dayton "at 11 o'clock yesterday, Thursday, 9 June 1881" a lengthy obituary contained his history as set out herein and also the following:

"In business enterprise he always bore a leading part, and for thirty years was known as one of our most active and energetic citizens. Throughout his life he was known as a thoroughly honest man. His memory is a precious heritage to his family, and to the state of which he was one of the founders. It was under his administration that the Indians of Western Oregon were gathered on the reservation which they still hold, and which was selected by him.

"In the annual address before the Pioneer Association of Oregon, at the meeting in 1875 Judge DEADY said of JOEL:

'Few men have labored harder or more disinterestedly for the public good than General JOEL PALMER. A man of ardent temperament, strong friendships and full of hope and confidence in his fellow men, he has unreservedly given the flower of his life for the best interests of Oregon--and of all the early pioneers it may be justly said of him, "he deserves well of his country".'

"His parents were citizens of New York, but he was born in Canada during their temporary residence there."

It was during his residence in Pennsylvania, at age twenty-five that JOEL PALMER took the necessary steps to become a naturalized citizen of the United States. At Philadelphia on the 8th day of October, A.D., 1835 he signed the following Petition:

To the Honourable, the Judges of the District Court for the city and County of Philadelphia,
THE PETITION OF: JOEL PALMER, a Native of Canada heretofore owing allegiance to the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Respectfully showeth,

THAT your petitioner is a free white person, and an alien, and is desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States of America, and that, in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled 'An Act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject,' made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen, and a report and registry of his nativity, age, allegiance, emigration, arrival, and intended place of settlement in the United States, conformably to the said Act before the Prothonotary of the District Court, a certificate whereof is hereunto annexed; that he has resided within the United States three years next preceding his arriving at the age of twenty-one years, and has continued to reside therein until the time of making the present application; that your petitioner has, including the aforesaid three years of his minority, resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years and upwards; that your petitioner has been, during all of the above mentioned time, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and that it has been <u>bona fide</u> his intention to become a citizen thereof.

"Your petitioner therefore prays your Honourable Court, that upon making proof of all matters and things set forth and alleged in the foregoing petition, and upon complying with the conditions, stipulations, and restrictions, enacted in an act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, passed the twenty-sixth day of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, he may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States, and permitted to enjoy the rights, privileges, and immunities appertaining thereto, and consequent thereupon, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

PHILADELPHIA, the 8th day of October, A.D. 1835 — JOEL PALMER (signed)

B. M. MAIN for the Prothonotary.

CERTIFICATION BY NOTARY PUBLIC
(PROTHONOTARY)

PHILADELPHIA CITY AND COUNTY, sct.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That before the Prothonotary of the District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the Eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Five personally appeared JOEL PALMER who upon his solemn oath did depose and say that he is a native of Canada now residing in Bucks County, aged twenty-five years, or thereabouts, and that it is bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce for ever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the King of the United Kingdomsof Great Britain and Ireland of whom he is now a subject.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the said Court, at the City aforesaid, this Eighth -- 8th -- day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

JOHN LISLE Prothonotary.

(OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.)

JOEL PALMER, the petitioner, now before the Court, being duly sworn says, that the several facts set forth in the within petition, and whereunto he hath affixed his name, are, to the best of your petitioner's knowledge and belief, just and true, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I do hereby renounce and relinquish any title or order of nobility to which I am, or hereafter may be entitled, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland of whom I was before a subject.

Sworn in open Court, this 8th day of October 1835. — JOEL PALMER (signed)

B. M. MAIN for the Prothonotary.

A supporting Affidavit signed the same date by WILLIAM BELLINGER attested to the good intentions of JOEL PALMER and that he was a "man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States..."

Following is a brief history of the Oregon Territory and the State of Oregon by the eminent historian, SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON.

Oregon became the 33rd state admitted to the Union in 1859, nine years after its neighbor, California, had been admitted but it had come a long way in the brief span since the end of the War of 1812. Following the conclusion of that war, Great Britain and the United States agreed to a joint occupation of the "Oregon country" which then included the present states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and the province of British Columbia. In addition to the British, Russia and Spain had footholds on our Pacific Coast, farther south in California. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS through many decades was ever mindful of the necessity of maintaining America's claim to the vast "Oregon country" As Secretary of State and as President, on four occasions ADAMS offered to divide Oregon country with Canada by extending the northern boundary of the United States along latitude 49° to the Pacific and each time England refused, demanding instead everything north of the Columbia River which ADAMS refused; he envisaged a naval base and trading port on Puget Sound. He had exercised great diplomacy and persuaded Spain to limit her claims to the present northern boundary of California, and Russia to limit hers to latitude 54° 40′ North, the present southern tip of Alaska. The lucrative fur trade was doubtless first responsible for bringing the trappers to this Pacific Coastal area and to the south California belonged to Mexico and to the Roman Catholic church with some Russian settlements in the northern part of that state. The fur traders as far away as Boston were visiting the Pacific Coastal areas and were urging their Boston financial backers "to do something about the free-for-all Oregon country." The only answer was for the immigrants to make the journey overland and the so-called "mountain men" (the fur traders and trappers) were indispensable to the pioneers traveling by land; they were familiar with the territory and knew all the problems which would be encountered along the way including the weather and the Indians.

As early as 1830 in Boston an old Yankee named HALL J. KELLEY founded "The American Society for Encouraging the Settlement of the Oregon Territory." The American Board of Foreign Missions dispatched religious and medical missionaries to the eastern part of the Oregon Territory, including what became the state of Idaho where the French had named the wooded country "Boise." In the spring of 1836 they sent out a young doctor and his young bride, the journey taking five months from St. Louis to Fort Walla Walla. Missions were established to assist the Cayuse Indians which flourished for a decade. The doctor was MARCUS WHITMAN.

By 1845-1847, however, the tough characters of that heavy migration harassed the Indians and measles were introduced which even more frightened them and an unfounded rumor spread that the young doctor's measles medicine was poison; he and most of the mission group were massacred in November of 1847. This provoked the first of Oregon's Indian conflicts, the Cayuse War, resulting in some 250 armed men punishing the guilty Indians; this conflict was one of the first encounters JOEL PALMER had with the Indians when the Governor notified him of the "Whitman Massacre" and requested him to be Quartermaster General, a position he held throughout that war with the Indians.

By 1845 the "Oregon fever" had hit the frontier people of Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky although there was no road nor even a trail to follow. There had yet been no law in the Oregon country except that of the Champoeg provisional government. The heavy immigration up through 1847 convinced Congress that something must be done to provide a legal government; first, however, a settlement had to be arranged with Great Britain. Agitation for annexing all of Oregon up to the border of Russia's Alaska (54° 40' N) started in the Western states. The British refused to lower their Union Jack from the right bank of the Columbia River; over 700 of their subjects lived there but only a half dozen American citizens had settled north of the Columbia. The United States decided to continue waiting; the fur trade was declining. The Hudson Bay Company abandoned their fort and removed north to a post at Victoria on Vancouver Island. War with Mexico over California was three weeks old when President JAMES K. POLK submitted to the Senate Britain's offer of placing the international boundary along latitude 49° N to Puget Sound, thence to the ocean through Juan de Fuca Strait, leaving Vancouver Island to Canada. On 15 June 1846 the Senate consented to a treaty accepting the Aberdeen boundary but it took five months for the news to reach the settlements on the Willamette. (Samuel Eliot Morison's "Oxford History of The American People" pp. 538-547 (1965).)

JOEL PALMER's three children by first wife, CATHERINE CAFFEY PALMER, born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania:

(1) HANNAH PALMER b 30 Mar 1831, d Dayton, Oregon.
(2) SARAH ELIZABETH PALMER b 5 Mar 1833, m ANDREW SMITH, d Dayton, Oregon.
(3) LOVISY PALMER b Jan 1835, died young in Bucks County.

JOEL's children by his second wife, SARAH ANN (DERBYSHIRE); the first four were born in Laurel, Indiana; fifth child was born in Oregon City, Oregon; and the last three were born in Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon:

146. (4) MARY ELLEN PALMER b 30 Mar 1838, m 16 Mar 1858 CYRUS JACOBS.
147. (5) LORENZO PALMER b 26 July 1840, m ca 1859 SARAH LAVINA JACOBS.
148. (6) MELISSA PALMER b 4 Feb 1842, m (1st) CHARLES E. BARROWS 1861; m (2nd) WILLARD M. BARROWS 1864; m (3rd) MELVIN E.RICHARDSON 1867; m (4th) PETER CHARLES JOHNSON, 25 May 1900.

(7) JOELINE PALMER b 29 June 1845, m JOEL MANN, and died 17 Feb 1877 aged 32 years. They had three children:
i CAL MANN.
ii ELLA MANN.
iii ZILLAH MANN.

149. (8) WILLIAM PENN PALMER b 27 Dec 1850, m 6 Nov 1870 ALICE ANTOINETTE ROBINSON.

(9) EMMA AURILLA PALMER b 18 Nov 1852, m (1st) JOHN MOAR; m (2nd) JOHN MOORE, both in Dayton; she died there 1906.

150. (10) JOHN DERBYSHIRE PALMER b 16 Mar 1855, m 22 Dec 1875 MARY FRANCES ("FANNIE") MARTIN.
151. (11) ALICE LINDA PALMER b 26 Oct 1858, m JAMES MARTIN, 12 Apr 1876.

More than eighty years later JOEL PALMER was again remembered and honored by the citizens of Dayton, Oregon, which he founded. "The Oregonian" of 20 Aug 1971 pays tribute to this pioneer and recalls his dedication and contributions; an article by WILMA CHALMERS, correspondent, date-lined at Dayton explains why:

"MEMORY OF OREGON FRONTIERSMAN TO COME ALIVE AT DEDICATION CEREMONY

"Both state and national attention is focused this week on a prominent Oregon frontiersman and the historic fort with which his name is linked. A memorial plaque commemorating JOEL PALMER will be dedicated eleven o'clock a.m. Saturday near the Fort Yamhill Blockhouse in Dayton Pioneer Park. Governor TOM McCALL will speak.

Coincidentally, the Fort Yamhill site, on a 54-acre tract some 22 miles west on Highway 18 near Valley Junction, was entered earlier this week in the National Register of Historic Places, according to an announcement by Rep. WENDELL WYATT. WYATT identified the National Register of Historic Places as a 'roll call of the tangible reminders of the history of the United States.'

"It was JOEL PALMER's 'plan' that made the building of the fort necessary, historians claim. Following Indian uprisings in the late 1840s, PALMER, acting as commissary general, recommended the essential points of what was to become Northwest Indian policy. In essence, the Indians would be confined to reservations where they would be protected from white exploitation and governed in their relations to one another.

"A reservation at Grand Ronde in the Coast Range foothills was established to contain the Southern Oregon tribes. The whitewashed cluster of buildings named Fort Yamhill resulted, its purpose being to maintain law and order between Indians and white settlers.

"The inscription on the new plaque provides insight into the pioneer era as well as the man PALMER, founder of Dayton:

'The Pioneer Park and Blockhouse honor General JOEL PALMER, superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Oregon Territory from 1843 to 1857, appointed by President FRANKLIN PIERCE. Frontiersman, author, legislator and friend of the Indian, his journal TRAVELS OVER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, published in 1847, was used as a guide by the immigrants to Oregon. This pioneer leader dedicated this publication to, "The pioneers of the West and their descendants, the bone and muscle of the community, who improve and enrich the country in peace and protect and defend it in war." In his words, this memorial is presented to the town of Dayton by OMAR C. PALMER.'

"OMAR PALMER, a semi-retired Portland insurance man, is a great-great-grandson of the famed pioneer. An enthusiastic collector of early-day lore, OMAR PALMER said, 'JOEL's oldest son, LORENZO (his great-grandfather), was born back East but crossed the Plains with his dad when he was seven.' LORENZO married and settled in the Dayton township laid out by his father. His wife's father built the first hotel in the Dayton area."

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89. JOHN RICHARD PALMER[8], (Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Feb 1815 in Cramba, Canada, the fifth child of his parents. He married 12 Oct 1837 in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, LYDIA ANN SCHOEMAKER (b 8 July 1813, Pennsville, Bucks County). He died 21 July 1862 during his service in the Civil War and according to one reference ("Palmer MSS." p.1109) "fills an unknown grave, having died in prison at Memphis, Tenn." which is contrary to the widow's Pension File.

JOHN's military file received from the National Archives lists his Canadian birthplace as Kingston. He was the fourth child of his parents to be born in Canada, following which they returned to New York and the family resided several years in Lowville, Lewis County; in 1824 the family was in Martinsburg, same county; and by 1826 they had settled in Antwerp, same state.

By the end of 1826 JOHN's parents had eleven children, all living and thus the two older sons, FENNER WARD and JOEL,had taken off to other states, the one to Ohio and JOEL to Pennsylvania. The fact that JOHN's next oldest brother, JOEL, had settled in Bucks County may have been an incentive for JOHN to also travel to Bucks County at a very early age, where he married and where some of his children were born, by the 1830's. However, following in the tradition of his older brothers, he continued moving around, settling temporarily in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and finally Iowa. The "Palmer MSS." (p.1109) place him at Knoxville, Illinois; however, his military file records him enlisting at Knoxville, Iowa, first in 1861 in Co. "G", 15th Iowa Infantry "but was rejected on account of his age, mid-40's." Up to this time he was said to have been a carpenter and also a Methodist Minister.

JOHN was apparently determined to do his part in the service of the Union cause and was successful on 3 Sept 1861 in enlisting at Knoxville, Iowa for a term of three years in Co. "K", 3rd Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry. The Military Record received from the NA carries the following description of JOHN:

Age:	44 years	Height:	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion:	Dark	Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Gray	Birthplace:	Kingston,Canada
Occupation:	Mch.	Died:	21 July 1862 at Helena, Arkansas of cholera.

He enlisted as a private and by the end of 1861 had been promoted to Sergeant of his company. The record further reveals his death on 21 July 1862 of cholera at Helena, Arkansas. However, the "Palmer MSS." lists his death 21 July 1862 "in prison at Memphis, Tennessee" with no clue as to the source of this information.

JOHN and LYDIA ANN PALMER had had six children born to them prior to his entering service in the Civil War in 1861, all born in Laurel, Indiana except the youngest who was born in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa.

(1) LOVINIA E. PALMER b 1 Dec 1838, d 23 Jan 1860 in Knoxville.
(2) FRANCIS L. PALMER b 30 Oct 1840,d 6 Sept 1848 in Laurel, Ind.
(3) MARIA S. PALMER b 16 Dec 1842,d 1903 in Carthage, Missouri.
(4) SAMUEL B. PALMER b 30 Nov 1846; resided Kansas City,Missouri.
(5) JOHN E. PALMER b 28 Aug 1849, d 25 Feb 1878, Carthage.
(6) ALBERT OSKER PALMER b 24 Aug 1852, Knoxville, Iowa; married 13 Apr 1873 in Charlton, Lucas Co., Iowa, EVELYN PROCTOR, dau of THOMAS and ALMIRA PROCTOR of that city. ALBERT resided at No. 67 Church Street, Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa and was State Deputy M.W.A. He had two children, both of whom died at a young age:
i HARRY E. PALMER b 23 Apr 1875, d 23 May 1877.
ii ESTALINE ANNA PALMER b 17 Apr 1877, d 7 Mar 1900.

The two oldest children had died prior to the commencement of the war in 1861 and the third child was aged nineteen years and may have been married by that date. LYDIA ANN PALMER filed for a widow's pension and from her file No. 13,007 the following information was obtained:

(1) A verification of their wedding on 12 Oct 1873 in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, signed by DAVID W. BARTINE
(2) Statement furnished by the Captain of his Company:

"I, M. CHERRIE, Captain of Co. K of the 3rd Cavalry of Iowa Volunteers, hereby certify that JOHN R. PALMER, deceased, was a member of my Company and acted as a Sergeant in said Company; That said JOHN R. PALMER volunteered at Knoxville, Iowa, Sept.3rd, 1861 and died at Helena, Ark. July 21st 1862, of Cholera morbus which disease was contracted by the ardurous duties which he performed while in the service of the United States; That he was a faithful soldier, ready and willing at all times to obey his superior officers and to discharge his duties as a soldier.

(signed) MARTIN CHERRIE, CAPT.
CO. K, 3rd IOWA CAV.

Subscribed and sworn before me, Clerk of the District Court of the County of Marion and State of Iowa, and I further certify that said M. CHERRIE is Captain of Co. K of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry and absent on leave this 26th day of February 1863. WITNESS my hand & seal of said Court the date last above written.

J. B. HAMILTON, Clerk. D.C."

The widow's Declaration for Pension was handwritten and was signed 17 September 1862 by LYDIA ANN PALMER, attached to which was a statement acknowledging that the two witnesses (JOSEPH R. DUNCAN and NATHAN J. HODGES) supporting the widow's declaration were "persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit," which was also signed by J. B. HAMILTON, Clerk of the District Court of Marion County, Iowa on that date.

(3) WIDOW's DECLARATION FOR PENSION

STATE OF IOWA)
MARION COUNTY) ss.

On this 17th day of September, A.D. 1862 before me, JOHN B. HAMILTON, Clerk of the District Court for the County and State above named, personally appeared MRS. LYDIA ANN PALMER, aged 50 years, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is a resident of Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, and the widow of JOHN R. PALMER, who was a Second Sergeant in Company K, Commanded by Captain JACOB F. MILLER, in the 3rd Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers, and who died at Helenia, Arkansas on the 21st of July 1862, by reason of Cholera-morbus; That she was married to the said JOHN R. PALMER on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1837 at Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by Rev'd. DAVID W. BARTINE, a Minister of the Gospel. That her name before her said marriage was LIDIA ANN SHOEMAKER and she states that she believes there is a public record of her said marriage, and that she has no private record, except a certificate of her said marriage, which is filed with these papers; That her husband the aforesaid died on the day above mentioned and she has continued a widow since that date, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further states that at his death, her said husband left surviving him only the following named children who were then under the age of sixteen years; that said children reside at home with LYDIA ANN PALMER, their mother, and at the date of this declaration, was of the age herein stated, viz

SAMUEL PALMER (age) 15
JOHN PALMER (age) 13
ALBERT PALMER (age) 10 years.

She also declares that she has not in any way been engaged in or abetted the rebellion in the United States, and that she is not now receipt of a pension under any Act of Congrefs. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under the provisions of the Act of Congrefs approved July 14, 1862 and hereby constitutes and appoints B. F. WILLIAMS of Knoxville, Iowa, her attorney with power of substitution to prosecure her claim and procure a certificate, hereby authorizing and empowering said attorney to do all necessary and lawful acts and things whatsoever in the premises, except drawing the money, which will hereafter be provided for

(signed) LYDIA ANN PALMER

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written, and also, personally appeared JOSEPH R. DUNCAN, a resident of Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa and NATHAN J. HODGES, a resident of Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with MRS. LYDIA ANN PALMER who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration in their presence, and were acquainted with her and her said husband before he entered the military service of the United States, and know that they lived together as man and wife, and were so reputed and acknowledged by those who knew them; That she is the widow of the identical JOHN R. PALMER who performed the military service mentioned in said declaration, and has remained a widow since his death, and

they believe that all the statements made by her in the foregoing declaration are true and they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(signed) J. R. DUNCAN
(signed) N. J. HODGES

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court at Knoxville this 17th day of September, A.D. 1862.

J. B. HAMILTON, Clerk of
the District Court of Marion Co.,Iowa.

(4) Certification signed by the Examining Clerk on receipt of the previous documents: "ADMITTED JANY. 20th 1864 TO A PENSION OF $8. PER MONTH, COMMENCING JULY 24th, 1862."

Finally after almost two years since her husband's death and her filing a petition for a widow's pension, LYDIA ANN PALMER's request was granted for a monthly pension of $8. -- for herself and three minor sons! At least it was apparently retroactive to the week her husband died in July 1862. Other supporting documents required of her included:

(4) "I, LUTHER C. CONREY, being duly sworn according to law upon oath say that I am a resident of Bates County, State of Missouri and that I was acquainted with JOHN R. PALMER, deceased, who was a member of Co. "K" of the 3rd Iowa Cav. Regt. and also with LYDIA A. PALMER, his widow. I further swear that I was the attending physician at the time of the birth of ALBERT O. PALMER, minor child of said named soldier and his widow and that said child was born 24th of August, A.D. 1852.

"I further swear that I have no interest in this claim for pension and that I've said as above stated, except I have no personal knowledge of J. R. PALMER being a member of Co. K, 3rd Regiment, Iowa Cav. Regt., only from information of others.

(signed) L. C. CONREY

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 27 day of December, A.D.1866
JOHN D. MYERS, Clerk, Co.Court, Bates Co., Mo.
(SEAL)

One of the causes for delay was the lack of a record of the marriage which was required by the Bureau of Pensions. Eventually it appeared to be resolved by the affidavits of two individuals who had known LYDIA ANN and JOHN PALMER in Bucks County Pennsylvania who gave the following affidavit:

(5) COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
COUNTY OF BUCKS) ss.

We the undersigned, do hereby certify and say upon our oath, that we are acquainted with JOHN R. PALMER, dec'd. of Company "K", 3rd Cav. of Iowa Volunteers, and LYDIA A. PALMER, his widow, and that said parties lived together as man and wife and were so reputed by the community in which they lived.

And that we have examined the Public Records, both of the County and the Church in which said marriage occurred and find

no record made of said marriage. The reason that no such record appears is that no record was kept for marriages at the time of said marriage, either in the Church or County.

We further certify that we live as above stated and have no interest in her claim for pension.

(signed) SAM H. BAYLEY
(signed) J. G. LaRUE

Subscribed in my presence, this Eighth day of June, A.D. 1863 and I certify that the affiants are creditable persons.

J. T. SCHOFIELD
Justice of the Peace
in and for Bucks County, Pennsylvania

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)
ss.
COUNTY OF BUCKS)

I, SAMUEL B. THATCHER, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Bucks, do hereby certify that J. T. SCHOFIELD, Esquire, before whom the foregoing affidavit was taken, was at the time of taking the same a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified to act as such and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of said Court at Doylestown this the ninth day of June, A.D. 1863.

(SEAL) (signed) SAMUEL B. THATCHER,
Prothonotary

One additional Affidavit or declaration was submitted by J. T. SCHOFIELD, as Justice of the Peace, certifying that he had no interest in nor concern in the claim for a pension now being prosecuted against the General Government by LYDIA A. PALMER.

On 8 Sept 1866 LYDIA A. PALMER, aged 54 years, residing still in Knoxville, Iowa, filed an application for an increase of her pension, having last been paid to and including September 4th 1866 by which time she has only one minor child, ALBERT OSKER PALMER, still living at home, aged then 14 years; she declared that "she had not re-married since the death of her said husband, nor has she abandoned the support of said child, nor permitted any one to adopt said child." As a result of this application, on 7 Sept 1867 the Examiner filed his statement asserting the widow had been receiving the sum of $8. per month commencing 24 July 1862, and that commencing 25 July 1866 (retroactive) she should receive "two dollars per month additional for said child," to end 23 Aug 1868 when ALBERT O. PALMER would reach his 16th birthday. There was no item in this file to indicate when the widow died at which time the pension to her would have also ended.

Unfortunately too, there was no clue in either the military or pension file as to the last resting place of the Civil War soldier, JOHN PALMER. This has been noted in numerous files received from the National Archives wherein the deceased soldier had died during some battle or as a result of disease or injuries in some hospital far away from his home state.

90. NOAH PALMER[8], (Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Sept 1820 in Lowville, Lewis County, New York, the 8th child of his parents. He married 13 Mar 1843 in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana, SUSAN EVANS (b 28 Jan 1824, Laurel, died 28 Oct 1903, Santa Ana, California), the dau of WILLIAM and SARAH (ROSS) EVANS of Laurel. NOAH died at age 96 years 10 Jan 1916 in Santa Ana, California. They had three daughters and two sons; both sons died young, and the oldest daughter predeceased her father; the youngest daughter died unmarried having been in ill health for many years.

The "History of Orange County" by Sam Armour (1921) presents a interesting resume of NOAH's life following his arrival in California explaining that his parents, "EPHRAIM (SR.) and HANNAH (PHELPS) PALMER were natives of New York and there they spent all their days. EPHRAIM SR. came of a long and honored line of English ancestry, his forbears being of the Quaker faith...." However, a more accurate account of the parents has subsequently been compiled (1950's) which reveals that the mother, HANNAH died in 1828 at the young age of 38 years, just three weeks after the birth of her twelfth child on 19 February; in addition to the new baby, there were seven other children (including NOAH) left motherless when HANNAH died, all under 14 years of age.

NOAH's two sisters, LYDIA and POLLY, ages 16 and 19 years doubtless then had to care for the family as the two oldest sons, FENNER WARD and JOEL, had migrated into other states. Although NOAH had two step-mothers, very little is known about either of them.

It was NOAH's grandfather, PETER WARD PALMER, who had become converted to the Quaker religion but not the grandmother, MARY ("POLLY") OSBORN who remained a Baptist throughout her life. Up to that time there was no record of any members of the family having adopted the Quaker denomination. It appears that the oldest son of PETER WARD, EPHRAIM, had adopted or followed the Quaker faith along with his wife, HANNAH PHELPS. No information has surfaced that EPHRAIM's brother and sister (PETER and "POLLY") adopted the beliefs of the Quaker Church. As has been set out in the chapter herein on EPHRAIM PALMER, SR., he was apparently "disowned in 1831 when he married his deceased wife's sister... EPHRAIM PALMER - married out and is disowned." (Minutes of the Orthodox LeRoy Monthly Meeting 11th of 9th month 1828.) This is also the only reference found that NOAH's step-mother, MARY BAKER (married to his father about 1829/30) was a sister to his mother, HANNAH PHELPS; thus the step-mother too must have been widowed as her name appears as MARY BAKER.

Finally, later research has revealed that NOAH's father, EPHRAIM (SR.) eventually settled in Ohio in the 1860's near his brother, PETER, and thereafter migrated to California to live out his days with his son, NOAH, in Santa Ana, Orange (then Los Angeles) County, where he died 21 Jan 1875, aged 87 years.

NOAH's oldest sister, "POLLY" had married ROWLAND HALL, date unknown, and settled in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana. Following his mother's death in March 1828, he eventually went to live with this sister who first resided in Jefferson County, New York, where NOAH received a good education in the local schools. In 1839, at age 19, he began teaching school first in New York and by 1840 in Laurel, Indiana, where some of his older brothers had also settled. Here also in 1843 he married SUSAN EVANS and their first two children were born here, in 1844 and 1846.

For the next seventy years of NOAH's life, the following is quoted from "History of Orange County" (California) page 207 (supra):

> "In 1849 when the news of the discovery of gold in California went like wildfire over the country, even to the backwoods hamlets, NOAH PALMER, like thousands of other young men, was fired with an ambition to seek his fortune in this new Eldorado. Joining the ISAAC OWEN missionary train he set out on the long journey, and for six long, weary months they slowly wended their way across the plains and desert, a journey that was fraught not alone with hardship but with many dangers. The hard work of mining at Hangtown (now Placerville), however, proved too much for NOAH so he went to San Jose and began farming, later removing to Santa Clara, where he continued ranching for many years."

The published history fails to explain clearly the family set-up during these years 1849-1852; the daughter born 1844 surivived; the son born 1846 died in 1847; the third child was born 1854 in Santa Clara County, California. Therefore, it appears his wife and one daughter remained at home in Indiana for that three-year period. Continuing we read:

> "In 1852 NOAH returned East and with his wife and little daughter started back to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, making the rough trip across the Isthmus on mule back, there being no railroad in those early days. The family established their home in Santa Clara County, and for a number of years Mr. PALMER was quite active in political life, being a leader in Republican circles. For four years he served as Tax Collector of Santa Clara County, 1862-1865 and was a Representative in the State Legislature for one term.
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> "In August 1873 NOAH journeyed to Santa Ana in Southern California, then only a small hamlet in Los Angeles County. There was little to attract one at that time as there had been but little improvement of the surrounding country and this offered but scant promise of the possibilities that eventually were unfolded. With that keen foresight that was ever a dominating characteristic, he felt that success awaited the pioneer here who had patience and perseverance, coupled with energy. He returned to Santa Clara, and on December 1st of that same year he closed a deal for 1765 acres, comprising a part of the old Santiago de Santa Ana Grant, originally a tract of 62,000 acres. On his return to this locality he was accompanied by a number of his friends from Santa Clara and to them he disposed of 1065 acres, giving them their choice of location. He retained 700 acres which he put under cultivation and

produced some of the best crops ever seen in this section. This land was all within the corporate limits of Santa Ana, now all subdivided into town lots except forty-five acres. His friends built on their various properties and also farmed with success for years.

"In 1882 NOAH PALMER began his active interest in the banking field for which his abilities especially fitted him. With others he organized the Commercial Bank of Santa Ana, with DANIEL HALLADAY the first president. After a very few years Mr. PALMER succeeded to that office and held it until 24 Apr 1910 when he retired, at age 90 years.

"He was also one of the organizers of the Bank of Orange and served as its president until the bank was sold. He was also a director of the Bank of Tustin and of the Orange County Savings Bank (now the Orange County Trust and Savings Bank). He was active in the promotion of the Santa Ana, Orange and Tustin Railway and was the first president of the company. In each of these developments he was enabled to further the material progress of the county by stablizing the financial foundation of the locality through his wise foresight and by aiding those who were in need of capital to carry on the agricultural and horticultural development that has brought undreamed-of wealth to the county. (In 1889 this large area was created into what is Orange County.)

"The passing away in January 1916 of NOAH PALMER, at the age of ninety-six, closed a career whose value and service to the community, indeed to the whole of Orange County, would be difficult to measure. Intimately associated with practically every enterprise that concerned the early development of Santa Ana, it is perhaps in his especial ability as a financier that he was most closely identified with the great progress made in this section of the county. Possessed in an unusual measure of keenness and discernment of mind, he was always quick to grasp advantages, albeit he was of a conservative temperament so that, although his judgment was quick and decisive, he was never led into developments of a speculative character. A 'pioneer of '49.' it was his privilege to witness such a transformation throughout California as can never again take place within the confines of the United States, so marvelous has been the change that has been wrought in those years. His wife, SUSAN (EVANS) predeceased him on 28 Oct 1903 after a wedded life of over sixty years. Five children were born to them two of whom are living: EMMA PALMER, the wife of GEORGE JACOB MOSBAUGH, and LAURA ('LOTTIE') E. PALMER."

There are many references to NOAH PALMER in Charles Swanner's "Santa Ana--A Narrative of Yesterday--1870-1910" which corroborate the foregoing accomplishments of this outstanding pioneer, including an explanation of the first subdivisions in the Santa Ana area; the first one was the Halladay Tract on East First Street; eventually NOAH's land was to be subdivided and we read briefly about what happened to it (page 28):

"The NOAH PALMER TRACT on East First Street was purchased by a Pasadena syndicate; streets and sidewalks were laid out and paved,

and one hundred thousand dollars paid down as a first payment; many lots were sold, but not enough to put the deal over and later on the property came back to MR. PALMER with judgment of a hundred thousand dollars or more against the Pasadena Syndicate...."

After the death of his wife in 1903 NOAH resided with his daughter, EMMA MOSBAUGH, whose second husband, GEORGE JACOB MOSBAUGH, was listed in the Swanner chronicle as one of the "Santa Ana financiers of the 1883 period." She had married first in 1878 CHARLES THELAN who died in 1897. NOAH's father, EPHRAIM (SR.) had migrated from Ohio to live out his life in Santa Ana, during the years 1865-1875 with NOAH and his family. NOAH was buried in Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

Children of NOAH and SUSAN, the first two in Laurel Indiana:

152. (1) ALLIE ALMIRA PALMER b 18 Apr 1844, d 17 Mar 1912 in Calif., m 12 Oct 1864 Santa Clara, Calif., ROSCOE EDWIN HEWITT (b 18 July 1840 Athens Co., Ohio, d 6 Aug 1916 Los Angeles), son of JOSEPH HEWITT who went from New York to Vaca Valley, California in 1853. They had 4 children:
    - i KATIE MAY HEWITT b 4 Apr 1866 Santa Clara, d 21 Nov 1878 Santa Ana.
    - ii FRED PALMER HEWITT b 4 Dec 1868 Sylviaville (now Dixon), Calif., had 2 children by 4th wife.
    - iii WILLIAM LESTER HEWITT b 28 Dec 1874 Santa Ana, m 24 Feb 1894 LENA MAY GULICK (b 28 July 1875 Altoona, Kansas); 1 child, ROSCOE GULICK HEWITT.
    - iv SUSY BELLE HEWITT b 26 June 1880 Santa Ana, m 12 Apr 1904 Los Angeles, MERRITT L. BAILEY (b 4 Mar 1882); divorced; 1 child: LLEWELLYN HEWITT BAILEY b 19 Apr 1905; m (2nd) 26 July 1919 Riverside, Calif. FOREST EDGAR DEUEL (b 19 Aug 1890, San Francisco).

(2) THEODORE HAMILTON PALMER b 2 Nov 1846 Laurel, d 20 Apr 1847.

(3) EMMA ANNA PALMER b 25 Oct 1854 Santa Clara Co., Calif., m (1st) 15 Jan 1878 Santa Ana, CHARLES C. THELAN (b 1 Sept 1847, d 16 Oct 1897); one son:
    - i HORACE PERCY THELAN b 5 June 1879, m 21 Aug 1911 EDITH K. YOST (b 8 Dec 1890, dau of WILLIAM R. and IDA C. (KELL) YOST); resided Santa Ana and had one son: RAY PALMER THELAN b 10 March 1912.

m (2nd) 16 May 1900 in Santa Ana, GEORGE JACOB MOSBAUGH (b 17 May 1840 Cicero, Indiana, son of CONRAD and ANNA M. (BREHM) MOSBAUGH who migrated from Hesse Dormstadt, Germany to Cicero in 1837). EMMA and GEORGE resided in Santa Ana; GEORGE was Cashier of the Commerical Bank founded by his father-in-law and was one of the "Santa Ana financiers of 1883" above. He had married (1st) MELISSA HARVEY of Indianapolis in 1868 by whom he had two daus and 1 son; they had migrated to Orange, Calif. in 1875 where MELISSA died Oct 1896.

(4) LAURA ELIZABETH PALMER b 7 June 1857 Santa Clara Co., Calif. She was known as "LOTTIE" E. and was an asthmatic, living much of the time away from home in search of health, spending time in coastal places and in Los Angeles. In 1910 she returned to Santa Ana and opened the old home where she lived with her niece, LENA GULICK HEWITT, wife of LAURA's nephew, WILLIAM LESTER PALMER (second son of ALLIE ALMIRA (PALMER) HEWITT. LENA was a niece by marriage and was divorced from that nephew.

(5) A son born and died 7 June 1857 (a twin).

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp. 1112-1114, which lists the following for sources:

"History of Orange County, Calif."by Sam Armour (1921), pp. 207-208.

"History of Orange County, Calif."by Pleasants (1931), vol. 2, pp. 50-53.

"History of Santa Clara County, Calif."(1881) p.786.

Mrs. LENA MAY HEWITT and MRS. EMMA MOSBAUGH (1930's)

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SOME MOMENTOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS

1650 - Harvard College receives its Charter, named for JOHN HARVARD.

1685 - This year rice introduced into the Carolinas from Madagascar by the New England trader, JOHN THURBER and first hat made in America at Danbury, Connecticut.

1690 - Sept 25 - First newspaper in America: "Boston Public Occurrences."

1692 - William and Mary College founded in Virginia.

1694 - The Jewish people opened their first house of worship at Newport, Rhode Island.

1700 - The Connecticut Code revised ordering every town of 70 families to provide a school and those of less population (to provide) a teacher for at least six months each year. First Baptist Church established in Connecticut at Groton. In June the Rev. JAMES NOYES (of Stonington) met in New Haven with nine other leading Congregational ministers and planned YALE COLLEGE; Rev. NOYES gave his library to this cause; it was named for ELIHU YALE (1648-1721), born Boston, amassed a fortune in East India Co., an early philanthropist. First public library opened NYC. POPULATION OF AMERICAN COLONIES estimated at 262,000.

1704 "Boston Newsletter" established. First noted appearance of Haley's comet.

1707 - Yale College moved from Killingworth to Saybrook, Conn.

1716 - Yale Trustees met at Saybrook to select permanent location; great agitation for Hartford, for Wethersfield and for New Haven and the latter was chosen at meeting 14 October.

1717 - Dissension over location of Yale settled by the Assembly.

91. EPHRAIM PALMER, JR.[8], (Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom , Dea. Gershom , Walter) was born 17 Nov 1826 in Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York, the eleventh child of his father by the first wife, HANNAH PHELPS. EPHRAIM, JR. married but the only information available is the name of the wife, AMANDA; her surname and vital statistics are unknown; they were divorced and she married 2nd one WILSON and resided in Boise, Idaho, where they had several children. AMANDA and EPHRAIM had only one child, PHILIP PALMER who died unmarried in Boise; EPHRAIM d 20 Mar 1913, Washington, D.C.

"The Palmer MSS." (page 1118) has little information about this EPHRAIM, JR.: "He ran away from home and enlisted in the Mexican War. He later enlisted in the Civil War and was Captain of Co. "B" of the Oregon Volunteers, doing service in the Northwest. He had gone to Oregon soon after his brother, JOEL, had reached there; probably resided in Dayton, Oregon. It has also been said that he died in Oregon, but this is incorrect as he died in Washington, D.C. and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery."

However, his military-pension file received from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. is extensive and from it we learn more details about the military service of EPHRAIM and his need for a veteran's pension in later life.

At age nineteen EPHRAIM enlisted 4 Oct 1845 at Newport, Kentucky in the general service of the United States of America and joined Battery "A", 2nd U. S. Artillery 21 April 1846 from Newport Barracks, Ky. This was the period of the Mexican War (1846-1848) following the annexation of Texas to the United States in 1845 and the refusal of Mexico to negotiate for the sale of New Mexico and California to the United States plus various property claims of Americans in Mexico. While EPHRAIM's older brother, JOEL,was guiding wagon trains through to the Oregon Territory, he was off to Mexico to fight, Congress having declared war against Mexico on 12 May 1846. In September 1846, General ZACHARY TAYLOR forced the Mexicans back across the Rio Grande River; and when Mexico's President Santa Ana led an army into the field, he was defeated by TAYLOR at Buena Vista in February 1847. At the same time in California Capt. JOHN C. FREMONT and Commodore JOHN D. SLOAT had raised a force and declared California to be United States territory. New Mexico was taken by Col. STEPHEN KEARNY; General WINFIELD SCOTT overran Veracruz in Mar 1847 and General SANTA ANA was defeated in April. The war ended when the great fortress of Chapultepec was stormed by the Americans in Sept 1847 and Mexico City was occupied. Peace came with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ratified by Congress in Mar 1848 by which Mexico ceded to the U. S. all upper California, New Mexico and the northern parts of Sonora, Coahuila and Tamaulipas. The United States paid an indemnity of fifteen million dollars and assumed the claims of the U. S. citizens against Mexico, (New University Encyclopedia by Franklin Dunham, Litt.D., L.H.D., U.S.Office of Education, Washington, D.C. 1967).

Samuel E. Morison's "Oxford History of the American People"(1965) includes many more details about that conflict, some well known and some not so well known, i.e. "Inexplicably, Mexico encouraged (1820's and 1830's) emigration from the United States to Texas" giving grants of thousands of

acres to entice Easterners to remove to Texas. One who benefited from this venture from Connecticut, MOSES AUSTIN, had his name perpetuated for ever in a Texas town. "By 1834 Austin's colony comprised 20,000 white colonists, and 200 slaves, and outnumbered the native Mexican population in Texas four to one. ... President SANTA ANNA's proclamation in 1835 of a unified constitution... caused the secession of Texas from Mexico. The North American settlers set up a provisional government, expelled the Mexican garrison and SANTA ANNA with 3,000 men crossed the Rio Grande and besieged the Alamo, the fortress of San Antonio, garrisoned by fewer than 200 Texans. They refused to retreat or to surrender. On 5 Mar 1836 SANTA ANNA assaulted the Alamo, captured it but only after every Texan had been either killed or wounded, and he killed the wounded," (pp. 551-552.)

EPHRAIM PALMER, JR.'s record from the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department dated 14 Dec 1897, Washington, D.C., reveals his presence in various Mexican towns during that war and his bouts with sickness while there:

"Sept 1846 -sick at Monterrey, Mexico.
"Nov.-Dec. 1846 - sick in hospital at Lattillo, Mexico
"Jan., Feb. and March & April 1847 - Absent, sick at Lattillo
"Sept. & Oct 1847 - sick in hospital at City of Mexico.
"Nov. & Dec. 1847 - absent, sick at City of Mexico.
"July & Aug.1848 - sick in hospital Fort Columbus, N.Y.

This same document concludes with the succeeding years of service of EPHRAIM:

"8 Feb 1850 - appointed Corporal.
"Muster Roll Sept. & Oct 1850 shows him: 'Discharged Oct 4, 1850 at Fort McHenry, Md. by expiration of service, a Corporal.'
"Not reported sick on any muster roll other than quoted.
"Records show that a statement of his service was furnished the Pension Office May 24, 1888 in claim No. 6315."

On 20 June 1887 EPHRAIM "a resident of Dayton, County of Yamhill, State of Oregon,"furnished his affidavit on a form headed "Declaration of Survivor For Pension" - "MEXICAN WAR PENSION, Act of January 29, A.D. 1887" in which he alleged he served as a private in the company commanded by Lt.C. DUNCAN in the Second Regiment, U. S. Artillery, in the war with Mexico. He affirmed that he enlisted at Newport, Kentucky on or about the first day of October, A.D., 1845 for the term of five years and was honorably discharged at Fort McHenry on the third day of October, A.D. 1850; further he alleged "that being duly enlisted as aforesaid, he actually served five years with the Army of the U.S. in Mexico, or on the coast or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, in the war with that Nation, which service was as follows: as infantryman from time of enlistment until I joined my company at Fort Brown, Texas, on or about April 24th 1846 and light artillery the balance of my enlistment; that I am sixty-four years of age, having been born at Lowville, Lewis County, N.Y. on the twenty-first day of November, 1823." (The underlined portions differ from other information about the date and place of his birth.) Across the side of the

page in handwriting is the following: "My address in future will be at Santa Ana, Los Angeles Co., Cal." By this date (1887), his older brother, NOAH, had been settled in Santa Ana (then Los Angeles County, now Orange County), California, for many years. It would appear, therefore, that EPHRAIM, JR., had plans to settle with or near that brother where their father (EPHRAIM, SR.) had lived and died in 1875.

EPHRAIM's career in the military, however, did not end with his service during the Mexican War and his honorable discharge in 1850. He may have settled near his brother, JOEL, in Dayton, Oregon shortly thereafter and may have married AMANDA there; his only child, PHILIP, may also have been born in Oregon inasmuch as following the divorce AMANDA and PHILIP apparently removed to nearby Boise, Idaho. But EPHRAIM's military file contained a copy of the "Oath Prescribed by the Act of Congress Approved July 2, 1862" which he signed on 27 Oct 1864 in Multnomah County, Oregon, giving his residence at Dayton, County of Yamhill in Oregon, and his rank as "2nd Lieut., Oregon Infantry" which was sworn and subscribed to before a first lieutenant:

> "... and I do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation of purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God."
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> (signed) EPHRAIM PALMER

It would appear from his military service 1845-1850 and his enlistment again during the Civil War that EPHRAIM, JR., did not consider himself a Quaker, which religion or philosophy his grandfather, PETER WARD PALMER, had embraced and, for a time, his parents also, until following his mother's death, his father had broken with the Quakers.

EPHRAIM's participation as a soldier during the Civil War is revealed by numerous "Muster Rolls" and similar items in his Military file obtained from the National Archives which reflect:

> 27 Oct 1864 he enlisted at age 37 for a period of 3 years at Portland, Oregon, rank of 2nd Lieut., Co. number one, Oregon Infantry Regiment; however, he was appointed to "act as recruiting officer for the 1st Regiment"of that group.
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> 26 Dec 1864 at Salem, Oregon, his rank is that of CAPT., Co."B", 1st Oregon Infantry Regiment; his birthplace was given as Lewis Co., N.Y., his age as 37 years; his occupation a carpenter.

Jan.-Feb 1865 reported as "Present"-"appointed Capt. of Co. "B" of Infantry by his Excellency, the Gov. of Oregon ... reported himself for duty, ... arrived at and took command of Post..."

Mar.-Apr 1865 reported as "Present.")
May & June 1865 reported as "Present.") "Muster Rolls"
July & Aug 1865 reported as "Present.")
Sept.& Oct 1865 reported as "Present.")

"Return" at Fort Dalles, Oregon for the month of April 1865 lists EPHRAIM PALMER as "en route to Ft. Boise, arrived at this Post on the 14th of April and encamped on Mill Creek," and the same "Return" on February and March of that year revealed he was "Commanding the Post."

"Return" for June 1865 lists CAPT. EPHRAIM PALMER as "Commanding Troops destined for Camp Wallace, Idaho Territory pursuant to Post Order No. 71, dated at Hdqrs. Fort Boise, Idaho Territory."

"Return" for months of July, August, Sept. 1865 reveals Capt. EPHRAIM PALMER was "In command of Camp Wallace since June 27th 1865."

"Returns" for the months of Oct-Dec 1865 and Jan-May 1866 reveal CAPT. EPHRAIM PALMER was "Commanding the Camp Lander, Idaho Territory pursuant to Order No. 14 dated at Headquarters, District of Boise, Fort Boise, I.T., Lt. Col. JNO. M. DRAKE, 1st Oregon Infantry."

"Return" for June 1866 reveals: "CAPT. EPHRAIM PALMER Commanding Troops en route to Vancouver, Washington Territory, to be mustered out."

"Co. Muster-out Roll" is dated at Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, with the date of July 23, 1866 and CAPT. EPHRAIM PALMER "is entitled to three months extra pay."

From the time of his completion of service in 1866 it appears EPHRAIM was residing near his brother, JOEL, in the county of Yamhill, Oregon from which state in the town of Dayton he filed his Declaration for Original Invalid Pension on 6 Aug 1890, sworn to before a Notary Public and signed by two witnesses, giving his age then as 66 years. This was twenty-six years after his honorable discharge at Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory on or about the 26th day of July, 1866; his personal description was furnished as:

Age:	66 years	Height:	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion:	dark	Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	gray		

His physical disabilities were listed as: catarrh in head; chronic rheumatism; internal hemorrhoids; total deafness in left ear.

A "Survivor's Pension, Bureau of Pensions, Mexican War" certificate was signed by the Secretary of the Interior and countersigned by the Commissioner of Pensions granting to EPHRAIM PALMER, a "pension of eight dollars per month, to commence on the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, in conformity with the Law of the United States approved January 29, 1887."

On the 8th of March 1897 EPHRAIM PALMER for some unexplained reason furnished another Affidavit detailing more government service after his honorable discharge at the end of the Mexican War and before his ser-

vice in the Civil War, as follows:

"That in the first part of the month of April 1856, I accompanied Major J. RIVEARSON on his expedition to the Rogue River. I was employed by the Indian Department. There was no Company or Regiment to our party. Major RIVEARSON had command of our party. We left Dayton, Oregon, for Port Orfere, Oregon. When we arrived there we received word from the superintendent of Indian Affairs to join Col. BUCHANNAN's command and we at once left Port Orfere and arrived at BUCHANNAN's camp on Rogue River just in time to take part in the fight and assist in the relief of Capt. SMITH on Little Sugar Loaf Mountain. I assisted in gathering up the Indians and taking up their arms and placing them on the reservation and then we returned to Dayton on or about July 1, 1856 and was paid off here by the Indian Department. This service with my service in Co. "B", 1st Oregon Volunteer-Infantry and in Battery "A", 2nd U. S. Artillery from 1845 to 1850, constitute my entire service in the Army or Navy of the United States.

"That this, my Affidavit, was written in my presence by J. H. FLOWER in Dayton, Oregon, on March 8, 1897, from oral statements made by me to him. ....

(signed) EPHRAIM PALMER"

A "GENERAL AFFIDAVIT" was signed by EPHRAIM PALMER, witnessed by J. C. COOPER, at Yamhill, Oregon, which explains further his above alleged participation in the "Indian war" at the Rogue River; he was aged 71 years when he gave this affidavit:

"STATE OF OREGON)
COUNTY OF YAMHILL) ss:

"I am the claimant above named; I was in no company or regiment in the 'Rogue River Indian War.' There was no Co. or Regt. there. I was employed by the Indian Department through Gen. JOEL PALMER, who was Superintendent or Agent of Indians, with headquarters at Dayton, Oregon at that time. He employed Major RIVEARSON, myself and others to go to Rogue River at that time, about last of March or first of April 1856.

"I did not serve in Army or Navy of United States prior to October 4, 1845; neither did I serve in Army or Navy of United States between Oct. 4, 1850 and 1856 except as my service in Rogue River Indian War which was in spring of 1856.

"I was in no service for the United States in Army or Navy between the date of my service in Rogue River Indian War and October 27, 1864 at which latter date I was mustered in the Army of United States to take part in war of rebellion.

"When I say no Co. or Regt. was there in Rogue River Indian War, I mean that the party employed by Gen. JOEL PALMER, was not formed in a regular company or regiment."

In support of his claim for an invalid's pension, EPHRAIM PALMER furnished a more detailed Affidavit alleging his disabilities and the dates they were encountered:

"I was attacked with an abscess on the liver in 1858, it broke and discharged through the lungs. I have had more or less trouble with my liver ever since; the liver and spleen is very much enlarged. In 1862 the internal hemorrhoids commenced troubling me. In 1865 at Camp Lander, Idaho, I had a serious attack of influenza which terminated in catarrh in the head. About 1885 the rheumatism and neuralgia set in and all the other complaints combined has brought me to such a state of physical disability that I am totally disabled and unable to perform manual labor and have been in such condition for the last five years and I have no means of my own. I cannot procure the certificate of any doctor who treated me prior to 1892. A number of them are dead and others have left the country and I do not know where they are. I am also troubled with deafness in my left ear and can hear nothing with it.
Witness: J. H. FLOWER (signed) EPHRAIM PALMER"

Corroborating affidavits as to EPHRAIM PALMER's disabilities were signed by C. W. POWELL, S. R. BAXTER, NOAH PHELPS, the latter being the Assistant Postmaster and POWELL being the Postmaster and one affidavit by his physician, DR. G. E. STUART, aged 45 years, "a reguiar practising physician and surgeon for twelve years."

Thereafter another "Declaration for Pension Under Act of Feb 6th 1907" was signed by EPHRAIM PALMER, witnessed by AUG. DETMERING and J. C. NICHOLS both of Dayton, Oregon, and notarized by J. E. MELLINGER, Notary Public on 7th day of March, 1907 in which his age is given as 80 years, still a resident of Dayton, Oregon. In this Affidavit he repeats his service in the Civil War and honorable discharge July 1866; his service in the Mexican War 4 Oct 1845 to 3 Oct 1850, and his date of birth as 17 Nov 1826 at Lowville, New York; his occupation is given as carpenter; his previous application for pension was under No. 959403.

Five years later another Act of Congress was passed 11 May 1912 following which on 20th May that year EPHRAIM PALMER again filed an Affidavit as follows:

"STATE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. ss:
On this 20 day of May, A.D. 1912, appeared before me a NOTARY PUBLIC EPHRAIM PALMER, being duly sworn according to law, declared that he is 86 years of age, a resident of WASH, D.C....."

and then his previous service from 1845 to 1850 is set out and his description and birthdate given as 26 17 Nov 1826, place, New York; that his several places of residence since leaving the service have been:
"New York and Wash., D.C." and
"That his post-office address is BARNES HOSP., U. S. Soldiers Home, Wash., D.C."
Witnesses: (signed EPHRAIM PALMER
WILLIAM SWIFT
WILLIAM W. GOULD (signed) R. D. HOWELL, Notary Public"

The final (and most recent) document in the Military-Pension File received from the National Archives is the notice dated Apr 2, 1913 to the Pension Agency at Washington, D.C. reporting "that the above named pensioner (EPHRAIM PALMER), who was last paid at $30. to Mar. 4, 1913, has been dropped because of DEATH Mar. 20, 1913."

Information about EPHRAIM PALMER's removal from Dayton, Oregon, to live out his days in the Soldiers Home at Washington, D.C. (sometime between 1907 and 1912) has not surfaced among family papers. However, the information contained in "Palmer MSS." (page 1118) is substantiated by the last affidavit furnished by EPHRAIM on 20 May 1912. His burial in Arlington National Cemetery is also verified by letter dated 25 April 1979 from Department of the Army, Arlingron National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia 22211 addressed to Ms. ALICE P. BUMBERA of Crosswicks, New Jersey, in response to her letter of March 30th that year:

> "According to the interment records for Arlington Cemetery, the only information which this office can provide beyond what you already have concerning EPHRAIM PALMER is that he served ... during the Civil War, and that his gravesite, #11086, is located in Section 13, signed by the Superintendent, K. J. COSTANZ."

The NA file contained no reference to a wife or son for EPHRAIM PALMER, although the "Palmer MSS." lists the wife's first name as AMANDA and their son was named PHILIP. By the time of EPHRAIM's removal to the Soldiers Home all his brothers had predeceased him (both JOEL and FENNER WARD having died at Dayton, Oregon, in 1882 and 1884) except NOAH who was residing in Santa Ana, California where he died 1916 at age 96 and NOAH left no sons surviving him; of NOAH's five children, the two sons died a few months after birth; and his oldest child, the daughter, ALLIE ALMIRA (PALMER) HEWITT, died in Los Angeles March 1912, thus predeceasing her father and her Uncle EPHRAIM.

Thus at the close of a long and adventuresome life (having died at age 87 years), EPHRAIM apparently had no choice but retirement at the Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C, having no wife, children or grandchildren, followed by burial in America's most beloved cemetery, Arlington; and what a contrast to one of his older brothers, JOHN RICHARD, born 1815 (in Canada), a Methodist Minister, died while in service during the Civil War also (Co. "K", 3rd Iowa Cavalry). The "Palmer MSS." (page 1109) reveal that JOHN RICHARD PALMER died 21 July 1862 in prison at Memphis, Tennessee, and he fills an unknown grave," although the National Archives Military file for him lists his death on that date in Helena, Arkansas "from cholera," age 44 years.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp.1109, 118.
National Archives File No. 959403.

92. HENRY WESLEY PALMER[8], (Cornelius[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 Oct 1820 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the first child born to CORNELIUS and CATHERINE (SMITH) PALMER. When he was a young teenager his parents removed to Wayne County, N. Y. residing in Palmyra and also in Manchester.

HENRY married BETSEY ANN BROWN of Port Gibson, New York, near Palmyra, although no information has been found about her. They resided in Port Gibson where their six children were born and where HENRY lived out his life as a farmer. Following the tragic death of his son, WILLIAM DAVID, in 1889 at age 32 in Newark, Wayne County, he was appointed one of the two guardians over the minor grandchildren, JUDSON BRADLEY, aged 7 years and GRACE A., aged 2 years. This was done at the request of his daughter-in-law, FLORA A. (NORTON) PALMER, his late son's widow, who was also appointed guardian.

Information about the deaths of HENRY and his wife and places of burial have not been found but he was aged 69 years in 1889 when he was appointed one of the guardians for his two minor grandchildren.

HENRY and BETSEY had the following six children:

(1) ELLA PALMER born 1848, died 1851.

(2) CHARLES WESLEY PALMER born 1850, died 1873 unm. aged 23.

(3) ELDA ADEL PALMER b 2 Oct 1853, m JUDSON BRADLEY of Lyons, N. Y. (b 8 Aug 1852); they resided East Palmyra and had one child who died young.

153. (4) WILLIAM DAVID PALMER b 5 May 1857, m 1879 in Newark, Wayne Co., FLORA A. NORTON, dau of LUTHER M. and SARAH A. (STILSON) NORTON of Newark. He died 9 Aug 1889, aged 32 years. Two children:

i JUDSON BRADLEY PALMER b 21 Mar 1882.

ii GRACE A. PALMER b 20 Feb 1887, d 9 Dec 1920, unm., in Manhattan, Kansas.

154. (5) EDWARD PARKER PALMER b 3 Mar 1861, m 16 Nov 1882 in Newark CAROLINE ADELIA BILLS (b 31 Aug 1862 Palmyra), dau of JOHN DAVID and ELIZABETH (LOGAN) BILLS: 7 children, all born in Palmyra:

i LOUIS EDWARD PALMER b 29 Oct 1883.

ii FRED ARTHUR PALMER b 25 Aug 1885, m FLORENCE PIERCE; resided Palmyra, N.Y.

iii HENRY WESLEY PALMER, II, b 5 June 1887.

iv LUELLA ELIZABETH PALMER b 2 Aug 1889, m MILAN WOODWARD, resided Syracuse, N.Y.

v JUDSON HIRAM PALMER b 12 Nov 1892.

vi ELDRIDGE ALLEN PALMER b 14 Feb 1895, m HELEN MORGAN.

vii FLETCHER GARLOCK PALMER b 28 June 1896, m GLADYS PARKER; had one child.

155. (6) BENJAMIN JUDSON PALMER b 10 May 1863, m 11 Mar 1885 MARY ELIZABETH LANGDON (b 17 Jan 1867, d 3 July 1921), dau of THOMAS K. and RUTH A. (WILBER) LANGDON; he died 1924 in Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y. They had 4 children born Newark:

i BENJAMIN LANGDON PALMER b 18 Sept 1886.
ii ERLE (EARL) R. PALMER.
iii CAROLYN RUTH PALMER m. _____ GALE; resided Alpena, Alpena Co., Michigan.
iv CHARLES W. PALMER.

Source:
"Palmer MSS." pp. 1126-1130.

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93. GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER[8], (Cornelius[7], Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 May 1832 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the third son born to CORNELIUS and CATHERINE (SMITH) PALMER; his next older brother, JOHN FENNER PALMER born 1823 had died in 1845 at the age of 22 years. GEORGE died 1 Mar 1922, aged 90 years.

GEORGE married 9 Jan 1854 LOUISA SCHUTT (b 6 Oct 1838 in Port Gibson, N.Y., d 3 Mar 1887), dau of JOHN and HARRIET (BIGELOW) SCHUTT of Port Gibson. GEORGE was about two years of age when in 1834 his parents removed to Wayne County, N.Y. settling first in the village of Palmyra and thereafter in Manchester. Following his marriage he resided in Port Gibson and thereafter in Newark where they both continued to reside the remainder of their lives.

GEORGE and LOUISA had seven children, all born in Port Gibson:

156. (1) MURRAY WATERMAN PALMER b 1 Feb 1857, m 9 May 1886 in Elizabeth, N. J., FLORENCE ADELL BEEBE (b 16 Dec 1861 in Morris, Grundy Co., Illinois), dau of EMERSON PRATT and CAROLINE ELIZABETH (UNDERWOOD) BEEBE. MURRAY died 25 May 1895 in Elizabeth, N.J. and had one child:
i DONALD BEEBE PALMER b 22 Apr 1894, Elizabeth,N.J.

157. (2) FRANK ALLISON PALMER b 10 Nov 1859, m 15 Oct 1879 DELLA BIGELOW, dau of CHANCY and ROSA BIGELOW of Woodstock, McHenry Co., Illinois; removed to Wisconsin; 2 children:
i ARTHUR ROY PALMER b 16 Nov 1884, m ALMEDA JOHNSON, resided Necedah, Wis., one child: FRANK ARTHUR PALMER b 23 May 1908.
ii BESSIE MAUD PALMER b 8 Dec 1890, m FRED BLODGETT of Beloit, Wis. 17 Mar 1909.

(3) HATTIE CATHERINE PALMER b 16 Oct 1861, m 11 Jan 1888 JOHN T. LEGGITT; res. Newark, N.Y.; 2 children:
i JOHN T. LEGGITT b 20 Sept 1890, d 8 June 1910.
ii EARL PALMER LEGGITT b 6 July 1898.

(4) JENNIE LOVISA PALMER b 23 Nov 1863, died 1921 unmarried.

(5) REUBEN FENTON PALMER b 1865, m 21 Nov 1888 JENNIE SNYDER, dau of JOHN SNYDER of Newark, N.Y. and had 2 children:
i MURRAY PALMER.
ii ETHEL PALMER married ROY SHOEMAKER.

(6) JOHN WESLEY PALMER b 2 Nov 1866, d ca 1898, unm. Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana.

(7) GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER, JR. b 14 June 1873, d 1894, unm.

94. DANIEL BRAYTON VALENTINE[8], (Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 May 1821 in the village of Nassau, county of Rensselaer, N.Y., the only son of ANNA (PALMER) and JOHN VALENTINE. He m 9 Sept 1841 at Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y. SALLY ANN GALLOWAY (b 21 Oct 1821 Wayne Co.), dau of MILO and ANN GALLOWAY formerly of Vermont who had removed to Newark.

His father bequeathed the family farm of "about thirty acres of land" in Arcadia, Wayne County, to his wife, ANNA and gave her the privilege of disposing of any part of the same if necessary to support her during her life; she also received the household furniture and "one cow, one horse and wagon, one horse sleigh and harness." The residue of his estate was to be divided between his son, DANIEL, and daughter, "BETSEY". DANIEL, along with his uncle, FENNER PALMER, were named executors of the father's Will which would have been probated in 1847.

DANIEL ventured away from farming and as a young man became a cattleman at which he prospered and he also had a stud farm in Chicago, where he eventually resided. His farm in Arcadia was sold in 1851 (Book 50, p.227, Records) when they removed to Chicago; in 1850 his widowed mother was then residing with them in Arcadia. Following the son's move to Chicago, his mother made her home with various relatives of which she had many in the area of Wayne County; three of her brothers (THOMAS, JONATHAN and FENNER, III) all resided eventually in Arcadia by the late 1840's; her brother, CORNELIUS, resided nearby in Palmyra; another brother, GEORGE, and the oldest sister, PHEBE, resided in Barre, in the nearby county of Orleans; her sister, ELIZABETH by 1859 was residing in Rochester; she also had married Palmer cousins residing at Walworth.

By 1881 DANIEL had returned to Rochester to reside as the City Directory for that year reveals his residence at 38 Mumford Street with his widowed mother ANNA and GERTRUDE FENNER. The census record lists DANIEL as a "drover," (a dealer in cattle). DANIEL died at the home of MALCOLM McNEIL in Chicago on 25 June 1900 just five years after his mother's death. He was buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago.

DANIEL and SALLY ANN had seven children; all b Wayne County,N.Y.:

158. (1) MARY ELIZABETH VALENTINE b 31 Aug 1843, m MILTON PARISH BARTLETT (b 1 Nov 1821 Bristol,Ontario Co., N.Y., d 17 Mar 1894 Chicago) as his 2nd wife on 23 Jan 1867 in Chicago, Illinois. They had 4 children.
(2) ANNA VALENTINE b 25 Jan 1846 in Arcadia, d 20 Apr 1848.
(3) ELLA (or NELLIE) VALENTINE b 20 Apr 1848 in Arcadia, m 28 Feb 1862 FREEMAN T. SHORT and had three sons:
i EDMOND SHORT.
ii WILLIAM SHORT.
iii RAY SHORT. .
(4) JOHN VALENTINE b 19 Oct 1850, Arcadia, died 1852.
(5) JOHN VALENTINE b Mar 1851, Arcadia, died 19 May 1853.
(6) RICHARD HERRICK VALENTINE b 28 Jan 1853 Newark, m 8 July 1876 MARY MILLICENT PICKENS and had 5 children:

i HARRY CICLES VALENTINE b 3 Feb 1879, Chicago,d 1883.
ii HAZEL M. VALENTINE b 28 Oct 1882, m ROY SMITH.
iii HELEN LOUISE VALENTINE.
iv HOWARD RICHARD VALENTINE b 4 Mar 1885, m 1908 BEATRICE E. GALVIN.
v THOMAS L. VALENTINE ("TOM") b 3 Feb 1890,Chicago.

(7) CHARLES VALENTINE b 6 Nov 1855.

Source: HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL of Fort Worth, Texas (1985).

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SOME MOMENTOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS

1709 - This year a slave market established at foot of Wall Street in New York City.
1713 - Pennsylvania forbade the importation of African slaves.
1715 - Bill introduced into Parliament in London revoking all Charters of all American colonies.
1721 - During smallpox epidemic, vaccination introduced at Boston and violently opposed.
1728 - Connecticut law which permitted a man to leave his estate to any or all of his heirs (including daughters) annulled by royal order that the English law of "primogeniture" must be observed! (the eldest male inherits the estate).
1732 - Methodist Church started by the WESLEY brothers in England. First Masonic Lodge in America installed at Boston.
1742 - The Spaniards invaded Georgia.
1743 - First Baptist Church organized at Pung-hun-we-nuck Hill (Pendleton Hill), North Stonington and WAITE PALMER, grandson of WALTER was first pastor.
1744 - The English settlers commenced moving westward into the Ohio Valley which started a conflict with the French which continued for thirty years.
1746 - The College of New Jersey (Princeton) founded.

Sources for "Momentous Historical Events":
1. Williams Haynes "Stonington 300-Year Chronology" (1949).
2. Samuel E. Morison "Oxford History of the American People"(1965).
3. Univ. One-Volume Encyclopedia" U.S.Office of Education, D.C.

95. CHARLES FENNER PALMER[8], (George[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Oct 1830 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N. Y., the only son of GEORGE FENNER PALMER and his first wife, GERTRUDE ELIZABETH BECKER. He married MARY ANN SWEET (or SWEAT) who died 12 July 1908 in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y. He died 9 Nov 1890 in that county in either Albion or Barre.

CHARLES' parents had removed from Nassau to Wayne County, N.Y., settling in Barre, where his mother died in 1862, and his step-mother, ELIZABETH SMITH also died there in 1867. He is mentioned in the Will of his step-mother. His father married (3rd) JANE H. KIRBY.

For nine years CHARLES served as Superintendent of the Poor for the county of Orleans. His three children were also born there in the village of Barre. Administration of his estate will be found in Volume 6, page 351, Orleans County, wherein his residence was given as Albion and his wife and two children were mentioned. On 27 Nov 1908 administration was had on the estate of his widow and Letters of Administration were issued to her son, RICHARD LESLIE PALMER (Vol. 8, p. 293, Orleans County).

CHARLES FENNER and GERTRUDE PALMER had three children:

159. (1) RICHARD LESLIE PALMER b 17 Dec 1855, m 25 Oct 1876 in Barre, KATE N. WYMAN, dau of SAMUEL P. and LUANA WYMAN of Barre, where they also resided and where their four children were born:
   - i INA G. PALMER b 23 Nov 1879, m ELMER ELLIOTT. resided Barre, Orleans County, N. Y.
   - ii CHARLES WYMAN PALMER b 22 Sept 1889, resided R.D. #5, Albion, N. Y.
   - iii OLIVE GLADYS PALMER b 20 Aug 1894, married LOUIS RANDALL.
   - iv WARNER G. PALMER b 17 Mar 1900.

(2) GERTRUDE E. PALMER b 24 Nov 1862, died Feb 1864.

(3) JENNIE BELLE PALMER b 26 June 1865, m _____ WETHERBEE; resided Barre, N.Y.

Source:

Information furnished by CHARLES W. PALMER in early 1920's to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y., and appears on pages 1133-1134 of "Palmer MSS."

96. FENNER THOMAS PALMER[8], (Jonathan[7], Fenner, Jr.[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Apr 1830 in Nassau, Rensselaer County, N.Y., the oldest child of JONATHAN and BETSEY (HERRICK) PALMER. His parents resided in Nassau and later in Schodack in that county until about 1846 when the family removed the great distance to the northwesterly area of New York and settled in Wayne County in Lyons and later in Arcadia. He married (1st) 13 Dec 1854 in Newark, Wayne County, OLIVE HOWLAND (b 25 Dec 1836), dau of GEORGE and MATILDA (SCOTT) HOWLAND of Newark, by whom he had two daughters.

FENNER married (2nd) 19 May 1868 in Tiffin, Ohio, ELEANOR WELLS SHAWHAN; she died 3 years later on 20 Mar 1871. They had one son born 1869 who eventually removed to California. FENNER died 14 Oct 1875 in Tiffin, aged 45 years.

It is believed his two children by the first wife were born in Wayne County and that FENNER did not remove to Tiffin, Ohio until after the death of his first wife.

FENNER and OLIVE had two children:

(1) ANNA PALMER died in infancy.
(2) JENNIE OLIVE PALMER b 28 June 1859, m 18 Oct 1882 WILLIAM A. HUNT (b 21 Jan 1856, Clyde, N.Y.), son of WILLIAM S. and SUSAN (BRIGGS) HUNT; they resided in Clyde and had three children:
    i LESTER PALMER HUNT b 7 Sept 1883, m GLADYS REDFIELD WHITING 21 Sept 1910; resided Buffalo,N.Y.
    ii OLIVE MARTHA HUNT b 2 Apr 1887, m ARTHUR S. HERRICK, resided Syracuse, New York.
    iii SUSAN BRIGGS HUNT b 25 Nov 1890.

One child by second wife, ELEANOR WELLS SHAWHAN:

(3) JONATHAN SHAWHAN PALMER b 27 May 1869, m ELLA AUGUSTA RANSOM (or RAWSON) of Martinez, California. JONATHAN remained in Ohio residing in Tiffin and Seneca but later removed to Los Angeles, California, where he resided at 341 West 45th Street and was a construction engineer as late as 1925. He was called "JONTY" PALMER; they had two children:
    i BURSLEY WILLARD PALMER b 20 Oct 1898.
    ii ELEANOR LOUISE PALMER b 22 Sept 1900.

Source:

Information furnished by JENNIE O. HUNT and her son, LESTER PALMER HUNT in 1920's to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. and appears on page 1136 of "Palmer MSS."

97. LEWIS HERRICK PALMER[8], (Jonathan[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 31 Jan 1835 in Nassau, County of Rensselaer, N.Y., the third son born to JONATHAN and BETSEY (HERRICK) PALMER. When he was about eleven years of age his parents removed to Wayne County, settling first in the town of Lyons and later in the town of Arcadia.

LEWIS married 26 Dec 1861 at Clyde, Wayne County, N. Y., LOUISA MARTHA BRIGGS (b 16 May 1838, d 8 May 1895 in Clyde) dau of SAMUEL S. and MARTHA (REED) BRIGGS of Clyde, N. Y. LEWIS settled in Clyde following his marriage and entered the employ of the Briggs National Bank in that town. This bank had been established in 1845 by his father-in-law, SAMUEL S. BRIGGS and eventually LEWIS became its President. He and LOUISA remained in Clyde the rest of their lives and both died there, although the date of LEWIS' death is not known.

LEWIS and LOUISA had six children, all born in Clyde, N.Y.:

(1) OLIVE LOUISE PALMER b 12 June 1863, m 12 Oct 1887 in Clyde SCHUYLER MILLER (b 26 May 1854), son of DAVID and JANE ANN (SCHUYLER)MILLER of Brooklyn, N. Y. They resided at 25 Crooke Avenue, Brooklyn and had one dau, LOUISE SCHUYLER MILLER born 17 July 1888.

(2) EDWIN BRIGGS PALMER b 12 June 1866,m 7 Sept 1892 SADIE SYBILLAH LANE (b 23 June 1873), dau of RODNEY and JENNIE ADAIR (WELLING) LANE of New York City. EDWIN was a graduate of Cazenovia Seminary and was employed in the bank in Clyde. They had one dau, JANET LOUISE PALMER b 8 Oct 1903.

(3) LEWIS RUFUS PALMER b 3 Feb 1868, m 24 Oct 1895 MARY LOUISE HERRING, dau of HOWARD McKENZIE and CATHERINE (BOYD) HERRING of Baltimore, Maryland. LEWIS was a graduate of Syracuse University and the Philadelphia School of Medicine in 1891; in 1907 he was a physician in Baltimore where he died 2 Oct 1912, aged 44 years. His widow continued to reside in Baltimore at 2112 Mt. Royal Terrace. They had one dau, KATHERINE LOUISE PALMER b 2 Apr 1908.

160. (4) BRIGGS SAMUEL PALMER b 28 Feb 1871, m 29 Apr 1902 in Lynn, Mass., MARIANNE GAILLARD ASHCROFT (b 27 July 1883 in Lynn), dau of FRANK ABBOTT and ANNIE LAURA (BREED) ASHCROFT. He went to Boston, Mass., and entered the optical business under the firm name of SANBORN OPTICAL CO., at No.3 Winter Street. They had three children (probably born in Boston):

i ESTHER ASHCROFT PALMER b 18 Feb 1903.
ii LEWIS HERRICK PALMER, 11, b 9 Aug 1905.
iii RICHARD BRIGGS PALMER b 21 Feb 1910.

(5) MARY LOUISE PALMER b 3 Aug 1873, d 7 Aug 1936, unm.

(6) ANNA REED PALMER b 29 Aug 1875, d unm 20 Feb 1926 in Florence, Italy, where she was studying music.

Source: Information furnished by EDWIN B. PALMER and MRS. LEWIS R. PALMER in 1920's to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. and appears on pp 1137-1138 of "Palmer MSS." Also pp. 706,724 "Breed Gen'l." which gives the name ANNIE LAURA BREED ASHCROFT, not ANNIE LAURIE.

98. GEORGE BINGHAM COOK[8] (Mary[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Aug 1849 in Saybrook Twp, Ashtabula County, Ohio, the 11th of sixteen children born to MARY PALMER COOK and her husband, SILAS COOK. He married 20 Apr 1875 LOVINA JOSEPHINE ROWLEY (b 8 June 1853, Saybrook Twp., d 18 Nov 1921, Ashtabula), dau of TRUMAN R. ROWLEY and MARY (TALCOTT) ROWLEY. GEORGE died 24 Mar 1927 aged 77 years; he was buried 26 Mar 1927 in Saybrook Cemetery, Saybrook Twp. LOVINA COOK was buried there 21 Nov 1921; she had been a school teacher.

GEORGE's grandparents (ERASTUS and JERUSHA (HEWINS) COOK) had been among the early pioneers to this coastal area of northeast Ohio, settling there in 1813 when GEORGE's father was about three years of age. Both his grandfather and his father had large farms in the area and had been farmers their entire lives which was a tradition continued by GEORGE; he also became a carpenter and always lived in Saybrook Township.

He attended the public schools in the township and was an early member of the Church of Christ in Ashtabula. He was one of the three members who served on the local Park Board which developed Saybrook Township Park.

There were five children born to GEORGE and his wife, LOVINA, all in Saybrook Township; all five lived to adulthood, and married:

(1) IDA MAY COOK b 5 Jan 1879, m 17 Oct 1906 CLAYTON ELISHA FORBES; she died 22 May 1964, aged 85 years.
(2) BERT STANLEY COOK b 26 Nov 1880, m 17 Mar 1903 ELGIN CORNELIA BAIL; died 2 Nov 1960, aged 80 years.
(3) FRANK MERTON COOK b 26 Feb 1885, m 29 June 1907 LINNIE MAY PINNEY; died 28 June 1956, aged 71 years.
(4) FLORENCE ALTHEA COOK b 6 Feb 1888, m 16 June 1915 ERRETT WALDRON KNOWLES; died 5 Apr 1929, aged 41 years.
161. (5) ROBERT MORGAN COOK b 1 May 1897, m 1 Sept 1927 MILDRED ELSIE HOLMES; died 3 Nov 1980, aged 83 years.

Source:

Information from RAYMOND GEORGE COOK of Cincinnati, Ohio (1985) a grandson of above subject, who has been researching the Cook Family for several years and plans publishing same after his retirement in 1990, the genealogy to be entitled: "THE COOK BOOK, Ancestors & Descendants of ERASTUS COOK, A Pioneer Settler of Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1813."

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99. MARY LOUISE PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 14 Sept 1829/30 in Lakeside, N.Y., the first child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER. She m EDWARD P. POMEROY in 1852 (b 9 Nov 1829, d 4 June 1888) and they had two children; she m (2nd) NATHANIEL L. PALMER, a widower, (same family) on 9 Jan 1881 in Lakeside. NATHANIEL was b 3 May 1828 in Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. and d 22 Feb 1897 Chula Vista, San Diego Co., California. She died in Kansas City, Missouri 9 Nov 1899 and was buried in Palmyra Cemetery, Vienna Street, Palmyra, Wayne County, N. Y. next to her only dau ADDIE M. POMEROY PARKER (1859-1945) and son-in-law, WILLIAM M. PARKER (1844-1906). NATHANIEL was buried in the Masonic (now Mt. Hope) Cemetery in San Diego.

MARY's second husband was a younger half-brother to her own grandfather, NATHAN PALMER (b 1782) and was 46 years younger than that half-brother, although they had different mothers. NATHANIEL L. had married first on 25 Sept 1850 MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE by whom he had four children; MARGARET died 11 May 1879 in Rochester, N.Y. and apparently MARY and her first husband were divorced as she married second on 9 Jan 1881 and the date of death of EDWARD POMEROY is given as 4 June 1888.

The 1880 Census for Wayne County reveals the following about three generations of her family residing together:

RENSSELAER PALMER (her father), aged 76 years;
MARY PALMER (his wife), aged 73 years;
MARY, the daughter, aged 50 years;
ADDIE POMEROY, granddaughter, a teacher, aged 21 years;
LORENZO PALMER, son, aged 41 years.

MARY's younger brother, LORENZO NORTON PALMER, listed in the 1880 census was married later that year on 10 Nov; the census would have been taken in the spring-summer months and at that time he was the only one of MARY's siblings remaining at home; her son had married the previous December and the daughter, ADDIE, would marry the following year, 1881.

MARY (PALMER) and her first husband, EDWARD POMEROY had two children:

(1) CHARLES THADDEUS POMEROY b 24 June 1853, m 9 Dec 1879 DELLA S. MANN (b 17 Feb 1858, d 24 Sept 1891). CHARLES by profession was a photographer with studios in Rochester, N.Y. and family portraits taken by him reveal an address of 18 West Main Street; in 1886 the address was 80 East Main Street and his home address was 227 Averell Avenue. He apparently removed to Kansas City, Missouri by or before 1888 (the year his father died) as all photographs after that date have a Kansas City address. He died 13 June 1909. CHARLES and DELLA had two sons:
    i CHARLES HARTLEY POMEROY b 27 June 1883, m MAUDE BOWMAN and they had two daughters:
        (a) IMOGENE POMEROY b 1907.
        (b) JACQUELINE POMEROY b 1912.
    ii RALPH POMEROY b 16 Oct 1887, d 15 July 1902.

(2) ADDIE M. POMEROY b 1 Oct 1859, m 30 Oct 1881 WILLIAM M. PARKER (b 2 Dec 1844, d 9 Oct 1906). The tombstone markers at Palmyra Cemetery reveal the following information about WILLIAM M. PARKER: "Co. A., 111 Regt., N.Y. Vol.Inf." They had two children:

i GLENN H. PARKER b 12 Aug 1882, m 12 June 1907 HARRIETTE WHIPPLE (b 22 July 1885) and had one son:

(a) GARTH T. PARKER b 19 July 1920, m MARY ELLEN VOORHEES (b 17 June 1922) and had one dau: CAROL CHRISTINE PARKER b 30 Sept 1946.

ii LOUISE M. PARKER b 30 June 1884, m 25 June 1910 GROVER C. BARTOO (b 3 Nov 1884); LOUISE d 25 Mar 1947. They had two children:

(a) RUTH JACQUELINE BARTOO b 7 Oct 1914, m GEORGE LELAND BACH 7 Sept 1939 and had three children:
CHRISTOPHER LELAND BACH, b 28 Aug 1941.
BARBARA KATHLEEN BACH b 9 Sept 1943.
SUSAN LOUISE BACH b 22 Aug 1946.

(b) LELAND STANLEY BARTOO b 16 Jan 1919, died 13 Dec 1931.

Following MARY's second marriage to NATHANIEL L. PALMER, they removed to San Diego County, California, settling on a fruit farm in the town of Chula Vista about 1895; however, her husband died in 1897, aged 69 years and MARY removed to Kansas City where her only son then resided, and where she died two years later. She served as Administratrix of her husband's estate from which she received one-half of the proceeds.

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100. GEORGE LAMB PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Mar 1832 in Lakeside, N.Y. the oldest son of his parents. He married (1st) 7 Jan 1855 in Lincoln, Wayne Co., N.Y. MARY MALVINA SMITH (b 10 Sept 1833, Lincoln, d 26 Jan 1885 Garrison, Benton Co., Iowa), dau of DANIEL M. and ELIZABETH (HERENDEEN) SMITH of Lincoln. He married (2nd) 25 Oct 1888 in Garrison, Mrs. CATHERINE A. (HOSKINS) JONES who d 21 June 1899; GEORGE died 4 Mar 1924 in Vinton, Iowa, aged 92 years.

This member of the PALMER family appears to have traveled extensively and to have changed his residence several times, unlike most of his siblings. From family papers, research papers of his son, BYRON SMITH, and newspaper clippings obtained in 1984 from Branch County, Michigan, the following itemization sets forth his different places of residence over a period of some sixty years:

From the date of his marriage 1855 he first resided in Ontario, N.Y. and then removed to Girard, Michigan;

By 1858 he is settled in Iowa, Benton County, where his second son, BYRON SMITH PALMER was born 4 June in Vinton; the first son was born 10 May 1857 and died the same, place unknown;

On 11 Mar 1860 he is in Garrison, Iowa where a third son is born named WILLIS WALLACE PALMER;

On 1 Nov 1864 a fourth son, RENSSELAER PALMER, is born, place unknown; he died 18 Oct 1871, aged seven years; he was killed by falling from a loaded wagon;

On 1 Apr 1869 living in Girard, Mich., a dau, JESSIE B., is born; whether the parents remained in Michigan through the 1870's or returned to Iowa is not clear; what seems to be clear is that GEORGE LAMB PALMER felt his sons should attend school in Michigan and newspaper items in the Branch County, Mich. "The Courier" reveal the following about his sons, BYRON and WILLIS:

1872-1876 BYRON S.PALMER attended high school in Michigan.

1 Feb 1878 at Orangeville (now Hodunk): BYRON PALMER who has been attending school at Valparaiso, Indiana for the past five months, returned home on Saturday of last week.

19 Nov 1880: WILLIS PALMER is home from the Agricultural College to spend the winter vacation. His brother, BYRON, is teaching the school at Eden, Mich.

31 Dec 1880: BYRON PALMER who is teaching school at Eden, Mich., came home on Thursday of last week and returned Monday.

5 Aug 1881: The commencement at the State Agricultural College occurs on Tues., Aug. 16th. BYRON S. PALMER, son of GEORGE PALMER, living near Orangeville, is one of the graduates. (see below).

30 Mar 1883: Among the list of graduates from the Dental Department of the University, we notice the name of BYRON S. PALMER of Coldwater (the county seat of Branch County).

9 Nov 1883: A card announces to us the marriage of BYRON S. PALMER to MISS JENNIE M. CARMAN at Macedon, N.Y. Oct. 24th. He is the son of Mr. GEORGE PALMER who lived on the farm now occupied by Mr. ADAMS, near Hodunk. He was a student in our city schools and graduated at the Agricultural College. He subsequently studied dentistry at the University and is in practice at Paw Paw, in Michigan.

23 Aug 1881: We notice among the speakers at Commencement last week at the State Agricultural College, the names of BYRON S. and WILLIS W. PALMER of Orangeville, in this (Branch) County, sons of MR. GEORGE S. PALMER of that place.

From these news clippings it appears GEORGE must have also resided in Michigan during part of the 1880's but must have finally settled down in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa, where he died in 1924, and where his son, WILLIS took up residence after graduation from the Agricultural College in Michigan; WILLIS became a farmer and stock raiser in Garrison, Iowa, and resided the rest of his life in Iowa. GEORGE's only dau, JESSIE, married in Vinton, Iowa, but resided in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the family papers is a picture of a "dugout sod house"drawn by a nephew, H.V.R.PALMER in 1927 from an earlier sketch made by GEORGE LAMB on which the latter had written: "My first home in Iowa, built by me in 1885 (measuring) ten by fourteen feet." Following the death of GEORGE's second wife in 1899, he made annual visits back home to visit his family in Lakeside, N.Y. every summer.

GEORGE LAMB[9] and his first wife, MARY MALVINA (SMITH) PALMER had five children:

(1) Infant son b and d 10 May 1857.

162. (2) BYRON SMITH PALMER[10] b 4 June 1858 Vinton, Iowa, m 24 Oct 1883 in Macedon Center, N.Y., JEANETTE M. CARMAN (b 5 July 1857 in West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., d 1937), dau of TRUMAN and EMELINE (MILLER) CARMAN of Macedon. BYRON d 25 Jan 1926/27; both are bur in Palmyra Cemetery, Palmyra, N.Y. They had two children:

i GEORGE TRUMAN PALMER b 17 June 1887.

ii IRENE CARMAN PALMER[11] b 17 June 1890.

163. (3) WILLIS WALLACE PALMER b 11 Mar 1860 in Garrison, Iowa, m 11 Nov 1886 Lakeside, N.Y., EMMA LOUISE HUSTON (b 28 Dec 1859 Lakeside), dau of WILLIAM THOMAS ("TOM") and MARY ELIZABETH (WHITE) HUSTON of Lakeside. WILLIS d 1 Mar 1838 Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa. They had two children:

(4) RENSSELAER PALMER b 1 Nov 1864, d 18 Oct 1871, aged seven years; killed by falling from a loaded wagon.

(5) JESSIE B. PALMER b 1 Apr 1869 Girard, Mich., m 6 June 1894 in Vinton, CHARLES L. SEBERN; resided Cleveland, Ohio. JESSIE died 5 Dec 1935.[11] They had three children:

i MARY GAIL SEBERN b 12 May 1895; attended Oberlin College; m 15 Nov 1917 ALVA J. HARDY; two children:

(a) CHARLES BRUCE HARDY b 25 Oct 1918, m 20 Oct 1943 DORIS ELIZABETH DENLEY (b 25 Mar 1920).

(b) NEIL DUNBAR HARDY[12] b 4 July 1922, m 29 June 1945 MILDRED MARGARET MOORE; by *1949 they had one dau:[13] LINDA DARLENE HARDY b 10 Dec 1946.

ii CHARLENE SEBERN[11] b 23 Nov 1896, graduated from Oberlin College; m 21 Dec 1921 DONALD H. CAMERON; they had two children:

(a) DONALD PALMER CAMERON[12] b 9 Apr 1925.

(b) GEORGE WALLACE CAMERON b 21 Nov 1927.

iii JEANNE EVELYN SEBERN b 4 Apr 1907, graduated from Oberlin College; on 11 Aug 1934 m. GORDON CROCKET; they had two children:[12]

(a) GAIL CROCKET b 14 Feb 1940.

(b) BONNIE JEAN CROCKET b 27 May 1942.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949)* by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and Dr. BYRON WILBUR PALMER.

"Palmer MSS." (p. 1033).

Family Records of Harry PALMER Bean of El Paso, Texas.

Palmyra Cemetery Records.

101. AMELIA MILISSA ("MILLIE") PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Lakeside, N.Y., 27 July 1834, the third child of VAN RENSSELAER and his wife, MARY (MILLER) PALMER. She m 21 Apr 1855 GEORGE WILLARD DAVIS (b 21 May 1826 Lakeside, N.Y., d 9 Nov 1898); AMELIA d 22 Feb 1892 Valley Center, Kansas.

GEORGE DAVIS migrated to Kansas endeavoring to establish himself in some way so he could make a living; he then returned to Lakeside and his wife, "MILLIE" (as she was usually called) returned to Kansas with him. The following would indicate he became a storekeeper:

"The Valley Center, Kansas, Ministerial Fellowship" booklet under the heading "A Brief History of Valley Center," reveals the following:

"In 1882 DR. W. J. HENNESSY and a Mr. DAVIS* engaged in the drug business. In 1884 the doctor sold his interest to E. M. CARNAHAN; and in 1887 MR. DAVIS bought MR. CARNAHAN's share. Soon he built up the stock of drugs, stationery, medicine, books, paints, oils, wallpaper, etc. As there was a great need for a shoestore in Valley Center, MR. DAVIS added a shoe department. As all of his merchandise was of the highest quality, his was a very popular and profitable store and drew trade from several nearby towns." (*Believed to be GEORGE WILLARD DAVIS, "Millie's" husband.) Valley Center does not appear to have existed before 1868.

In a publication entitled "The Founding of Valley Center" by the high school library, in a paragraph describing the V.C.PARK (two miles south of town), we learn that: "MR. G. R. DAVIS** built a stand and sold soft drinks, candies and ice cream. People came from as far away as Wichita and on Sundays the park was crowded." This was sometime in 1885. (** This referred to GEORGE R. DAVIS, second son of "MILLIE" and her husband.)

"MILLIE" (PALMER) and her husband, GEORGE DAVIS, had five children:

(1) WILLIS DAVIS b 22 Apr 1857, m 5 July 1883 CORA EDMONDSON, (b 28 Sept 1848, d 1936 in Valley Center); he d 7 Dec 1920. They had two children:
  - i RUTH EVANS DAVIS b 25 Sept 1885, m 26 Apr 1909 ANDREW J. O'NEILL (b 24 July 1888); they had three children:
    - (a) ANDREW O'NEILL b 22 July 1910.
    - (b) RALPH O'NEILL b 14 June 1912.
    - (c) WILLIS O'NEILL, b 16 Aug 1915.
  - ii MILLIE C. DAVIS b 4 Jan 1887, m 7 June 1911 LOUIS W. BANERIE; she d 4 June 1949.

(2) GEORGE R. DAVIS b 17 May 1859, m 13 Dec 1883 MARY THOMPSON (b 18 Nov 1865); resided Valley Center, Kansas; they had five children:
  - i PALMER DAVIS b 2 Feb 1885, d 9 Jan 1889.
  - ii OSCAR DAVIS b 16 Jan 1887, d 6 Jan 1889.
  - iii WILBUR DAVIS b 15 Dec 1889, m 13 Sept 1917 IVY ALICE

WELLS (b 15 July 1885); they had one child:
(a) GEORGE DAVIS b 24 Oct 1918.

iv HAROLD DAVIS b 11 Dec 1894, m 14 Feb 1925 JOSEPHINE BERTCH (b 23 Jan 1895); they had two children:
(a) BERTHA DAVIS b 17 Mar 1900, d 27 Aug 1917.
(b) JOSEPHINE DAVIS, adopted 5 July 1916.

v HELEN DAVIS b 20 Oct 1897, m 16 Sept 1917 LEWIS KELLY (b 28 July 1895); they had two children:
(a) LEWIS KELLY b 23 Mar 1920.
(b) GEORGE KELLY b 10 Dec 1924.

(3) OSCAR DAVIS b 1 Dec 1866, m 13 July 1895 BLANCHE TENNISON DAVIS (b 15 Aug 1870); they had one child:

i ROY TENNISON DAVIS b 15 May 1896, m JEWEL E. YOUNG (b 22 Apr 1906); they had one dau:
(a) BETTY JOY DAVIS b 16 July 1926.

(4) VINCENT DAVIS b 24 Sept 1872, m 10 Oct 1900 MOLLIE THOMPSON (b 7 Mar 1873); he d 10 May 1949; they had one dau:
(a) KATHERINE DAVIS b 2 Oct 1903, m 7 Dec 1923 GLENN M. BRIGGS; she d 8 Nov 1928.

(5) LYNN DAVIS b 3 Apr 1877, m 8 Aug 1914 BARBARA ADALINE GIBBONS (b 29 Nov 1876).

Sources: "Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra.
Family Records of Harry PALMER Bean.

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102. JONATHAN M. (JOHN) PALMER[9] (Van[8] Rensselaer, Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Wayne Co., N.Y., the fourth child of VAN RENSSELAER PALMER and his wife, MARY, on 10 Sept 1836. He married at Walworth in that county on 23 Aug 1863 JULIA REED; this was confirmed by affidavit given 15 Feb 1865 in the County of Monroe, N.Y. by HARVEY MILLER, then aged 62 years, before one A. J. PETTENJILL, Court of Deeds, which alleges:

> "that he (HARVEY MILLER) is a Justice of the Peace, residing at Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. and that as such Justice of the Peace he did unite in marriage JOHN M. PALMER and JULIA REED at Walworth aforesaid on the 23rd day of August 1863; that there is no public record of said marriage, as deponent verily believes; that deponent neither made, nor authorized to be made, any public church record of said marriage; that it was not customary among the people of said County, at the time of said marriage, to record marriages in Town or County records, nor required by the laws of said County or State, as deponent is informed and believes; and that deponent derives the facts of said marriage from recollection clear & distinct of the facts and circumstances."

In addition to the signature of A. J. PETTENJILL acting as a Notary Public, there is also attached a certification by C. MASON, Clerk of Wayne County, certifying that HARVEY MILLER at the time of signing the annexed Jurat was a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly elected and sworn; that all official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit; dated 3 Mar 1865, given under Seal of Office at Lyons.

JOHN PALMER (the name he apparently always used instead of JONATHAN) served as a private in Co."D", 97th Reg't. N.Y. Infantry during the Civil War and was one of the many thousands of casualties in that terrible tragedy. The Military and Pension (Widow's) files at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. No. 60678 provide much material of interest to the genealogist and the family about this soldier.

2 June 1863 JOHN M. PARMER was enrolled in the 24th Cong. Dist. of New York at Auburn, to serve 3 years
24 July 1863 he was drafted and was "held to service"
23 Aug 1863 he married JULIA E. REED
24 Sept 1863 he was sent to Elmira, N.Y.
3 Oct 1863 he joined his regiment

His military file sets out the following description:

Age	26	Occupation	Millwright
Eyes	black	Hair	Light Brown
Height	5 ft.6 in.	Complexion	Light

However, other documents in the file set forth a slight difference in two aspects of the above description:

Eyes	Grey	Hair	Brown

The file reveals he "was at (the battles of) Mine Run, Racoon Ford and in the battle of the Wilderness" in which he was "killed in action 6 May 1864". The first of the next year his widow applied for her widow's pension and the file contains supporting documents relating thereto:

An Affidavit given 25 Feb 1865 by ERASTUS F. MAINE and MARY A. MAINE (aunt and uncle of the soldier, said MARY A. MAINE being the youngest sister to the soldier's father; her maiden name was MARY ANNA PALMER), was subscribed and sworn to before HARVEY MILLER, Justice of the Peace for the County of Wayne; affiants alleged that they were well acquainted with JULIA E. PALMER, widow of JOHN M. PALMER, late a private in Co.D of the 97th Regiment of New York Volunteers in the service of the United States in the War of 1861, "who is now making application for a widow's pension; that ever since the death of the said JOHN M. PALMER, the said JULIA E. has remained and continues a widow and is now a widow and is unmarried; that the said JOHN M. PALMER left no child him surviving."

On 21 Feb 1865 JULIA E. PALMER signed a Power of Attorney by which she did make, constitute and appoint ALFRED G. MUDGE of Rochester, N. Y. "her true and lawful Attorney, for her and in her name, to ask, demand and receive from the United States the Pension to which she is entitled;" this was witnessed by HARRY TALBOT and ADELINE LAWSON.

The previously quoted confirmation of her marriage by HARVEY MILLER, Justice of the Peace, had been obtained to support her application for her widow's pension; JULIA E. GOULD further alleged "that she had known the said JOHN M. PALMER for about five or six years prior to her said marriage to him, and had kept company with him for about two years prior to their said marriage."

JULIA E. (REED) PALMER was granted a widow's pension which was

paid by the United States Pension Agent at Canandauga, N.Y. and the number of her pension certificate was 60678.

On 20 Dec 1871 JULIA (REED) PALMER married (2nd) HENRY L. GOULD, also a Civil War soldier, at Fairport, Monroe County, N.Y., at which time her widow's pension was terminated. Her second husband had served as a Sergeant Major of the 2nd Regiment of Michigan Cavalry Volunteers. They resided in Isabella County, Michigan until the death of HENRY GOULD on 12 Mar 1905 in Isabella Co., Mich., township of Coe, the marriage lasting almost thirty-four years.

On 28 Oct 1905 JULIA (REED, PALMER) GOULD filed an affidavit with the United States Pension Office advising her then age was 66 years and requesting that her "name be restored to the pension roll under Act of March 3d., 1901, amending section 4708 Revised Statutes." She declared she "was without means of support than her daily labor and she had an actual net income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per year; that she appointed C. W. GIDDINGS of St. Louis, Michigan, her true and lawful Attorney to prosecute this claim." She then furnished a post office address of R.F.D. No. 3, St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan.

On 27 Mar 1906 an affidavit was furnished by MARY G. RENSHAW in the County of Kent, Michigan, aged 63 years, a resident of the town of Alto in that county, alleging she was "well acquainted with the aforesaid JULIA E. GOULD, that affiant is her sister and has known her since she has been old enough to remember. That since the death of her first husband, JOHN M. PALMER, the said JULIA E. GOULD was never married to any other person than HENRY L. GOULD."

On 9 June 1906 an affidavit was furnished by FRANK J. NORTON in the County of Gratiot, he being aged 62 years, a resident of the township of Coe, Isabella County, in which he alleged that he "was well acquainted with the aforesaid JULIA E. GOULD; that he owned a farm near to the one upon which the said JULIA E. GOULD resides in said township of Coe and is a neighbor of hers; that he knew her late husband, HENRY L. GOULD, in his life time, and was with him when he died at his home in said township of Coe; that the said JULIA E. GOULD was never divorced from the said HENRY E.GOULD."

On 7 June 1906 an affidavit was furnished by another sister of JULIA (REED, PALMER) GOULD, LOUISA REED given in the County of Monroe, State of New York, alleging she was then aged 57 years, a resident of Rochester, and had been "present at the marriage of JULIA E. PALMER to HENRY L. GOULD on the 20th day of December 1871 at Fairport, Monroe County, N.Y."

A similar affidavit was given on 8 June 1906 by MRS. FRANKIE GOODWIN, then aged 49 years, a resident of West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. alleging she too was present at the marriage of JULIA E. GOULD to HENRY L. GOULD on 20 Dec 1871 at Fairport, Monroe Co., N.Y. As of 4 Dec 1915 the last payment of $12. was made to JULIA under her Certificate #60678 (as JOHN's widow), followed by the notation her name had been dropped from the roll because of her death 9 Jan 1916, aged 77 years, she having been born in 1839. There is nothing to indicate whether HENRY GOULD received a pension under his Pension No. 923,939, for which he applied 27 June 1890.

103. LORENZO NORTON ("REN") PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Feb 1839 in Lakeside, Wayne County, N.Y., the fifth of nine children born to VAN RENSSELAER PALMER and his wife, MARY (MILLER). LORENZO m 10 Nov 1880 ALVINA (LAVINA) BURLING (b 19 Feb 1861), dau of JAMES and MARTHA (BRIDGEMAN) BURLING of Byron, Genesee Co., who was 22 years his junior. The 1880 Census for the county (taken in the summer of that year) reveals LORENZO, aged 41, is still residing at home with his parents who are ages 76 and 73 and also his oldest sister, MARY and her daughter, ADDIE POMEROY, a teacher. It was in Nov of that year that he married. ALVINA's parents were born in Cambridgeshire, England and came to America from Bristol, England (Burling Family Bible).

LORENZO resided his entire life in the area of Lakeside as a farmer, apparently continuing to reside in his parents' home. The ten-year period 1881-1891 brought many changes in the make-up of his family: his father, VAN RENSSELAER died in 1881; his first son named for the father (RENSSELAER WILBUR) was born in 1883; another son was born in 1887 they named WALTER RAY; his mother, MARY died in 1890; and a third son was born in 1891, named OLIVER ARTHUR.

Family records indicate that LORENZO and his family were living for a time in one-half of the parents' large home at Lakeside and the other half was being shared by his youngest brother, FRANK, and the latter's family. Although FRANK was ten years younger than LORENZO he had married at the young age of 24 years and during that same decade FRANK would have had three children also in his family, a dau BERTHA born 1875; another dau FLORA born 1880; and a son, RAY, born 1889; wife HELEN (NORTHRUP) PALMER.

Family tradition also credits LORENZO with the planting of trees at the nearby Lakeside Cemetery where so many of his family were being buried, especially during that same period of time--the decade from 1881 to 1891: in addition to his parents, his 4-year old niece LOUISE PALMER, died in 1881 and in 1889 her 3-year old brother, the children of OLIVER HAZARD, younger brother to LORENZO; then on 21 July 1891 that brother died at the young age of 50 years; and in Aug of 1890 his sister-in-law, HELEN (NORTHRUP), wife of his brother, FRANK, and their baby son were killed in a local train accident. All are buried in Lakeside Cemetery as is LORENZO who died 8 July 1907, and his wife who died 30 Sept 1936. ALVINA m (2nd) WILLIAM JAY BILLS, a farmer and justice of the peace for Ontario-Wayne Counties.

LORENZO and ALVINA had three sons born in Lakeside, New York:

164. (1) RENSSELAER WILBUR PALMER b 10 Apr 1883, m 12 June 1907 MARY G. CRAVEN (b 24 Aug 1881 Ontario, N.Y.) dau of DAVID and JULIA CRAVEN; she d 3 Dec 1958; RENSSELAER d 26 June 1965; they had four children.

165. (2) WALTER RAY PALMER b 10 Oct 1887; resided Cleveland, Ohio; m STELLA UPDIKE 1909 (b 5 June 1885).

166. (3) OLIVER ARTHUR PALMER b 8 Apr 1891, m EVA (EDITH) BEDFORD (b 1898, d 20 Aug 1963, age 65); resided Rochester and Batavia,N.Y. He d 20 Aug 1970; they had one son, MILTON GEORGE PALMER b 11 Dec 1925 who m and had dau CRYSTAL LEE.

Source: "Palmer MSS." p. 1039; Mrs.BEATRICE (PALMER) PEER; Family Records.

104. OLIVER HAZARD PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 Dec 1841 in Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y., the sixth child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER. His father had five sisters but only two brothers and the next oldest brother to his father was OLIVER HAZARD PALMER who had been born 1812 and it would have been for that brother that he had been named. He m 17 Jan 1865 at Lakeside MARY HARRIET BOYNTON (b 11 June 1844, Lakeside, d 11 Feb 1931, also Lakeside), dau of LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON and his wife, MARY HOPKINS of Lakeside. OLIVER's wife was a direct descendant on her maternal side of STEPHEN HOPKINS of the Mayflower. He died 21 July 1891 and both he and his wife were buried in Lakeside Cemetery.

OLIVER resided his entire life in Lakeside and together with his brother, LORENZO NORTON PALMER, they were farmers; however, during the winter months OLIVER would teach at the Boston Road School in Lakeside; he was proficient in mathematics and tutored young boys in preparation of their college entrance examinations; to do his share of the farm work then he would husk corn at night.

OLIVER's devotion to higher education extended to all three of his children who survived to adulthood; the oldest son became a physician; the second son was a dentist; and his daughter became a teacher. His family knew tragedy too which seemed to occur in every family in the early days, especially in the death of small children. OLIVER's fourth child, a dau, died at age three years; and his youngest child, a son, also at age three years choked to death while the family was gathered at the table eating a meal on 27 Mar 1889. Such sad events were never forgotten and the mother's grandson always remembered her crying every time she recalled the death of the little boy; this continued as long as she lived, more than forty years after the event.

One winter during a terrible blizzard, OLIVER was caught out with his team and sleigh as a result of which his beard became so frozen he was unable to open his mouth, and pneumonia set in. At that early date it was not yet known how to drain the pleural sac with a tube. He traveled to New York City to visit his wife's brother, DR. FRANK BOYNTON, a nose, ear and throat specialist. Dr. BOYNTON prescribed travel and rest and relaxation in his own yacht as a result of which the two traveled up and down the coast but OLIVER did not improve and he died 21 July 1891, six months before his fiftieth birthday; everything possible was done to bring his health back, but to no avail. His brother-in-law was an eminent specialist in his field and numbered among his patients the Rockefeller children.

Another tragedy which MARY BOYNTON PALMER's grandson recalls hearing about is the death of his great-grandfather, LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON. MARY was in New York City visiting her brother, DR. FRANK BOYNTON, and while on a downtown street there she heard a newsboy calling out the words "Prominent doctor's father killed by flyer on the R.W. and O. Railroad in Webster (N.Y.)" and then she saw the headlines on the paper and the name of her own father, LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON, as the victim of the accident. MARY's grandson, JOHN BOYNTON PALMER, recalled all these events, many of which happened before he was born in 1905.

OLIVER's widow married (2nd) A. J.BIXBY; in Lakeside Cemetery her tombstone inscription includes this reference: "Late Wife of A.J.BIXBY." She died at age 86 years, forty years after the death of OLIVER; buried nearby are her two young children: LOUISE who died 1880 and CHESTER who choked to death in 1889.

OLIVER and MARY had five children; all born Lakeside, N.Y.:

(1) JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 13 Dec 1865, m in New York City 18 Apr 1900 HELEN M. COOLEY, dau of JUSTICE and ELIZABETH (PINE) COOLEY of Little Britain, N.Y. HELEN and JOHN were both physicians, living and practicing in N.Y.City. Two years after marriage their only child, a dau, was born named HELEN COOLEY PALMER, who died before she was two months old, a very great tragedy for both parents but especially for HELEN who, as a physician, had delivered so many hundreds of babies successfully and yet could not save her own baby daughter; the sadness this caused HELEN remained with her forever; she had so often delivered babies free of charge and was highly skilled in her profession. JOHN died 30 Oct 1911 in N.Y.City, aged 46 yrs.; buried in family plot near his only child. At the time of his death he was Commodore of the Northport Yacht Club and had been Commodore of the Knickerbocker Yacht Club. His widow removed to Southern California, settling in an affluent community adjoining Pasadena, San Marino, where she died 10 May 1936; she was also buried in Lakeside Cemetery. JOHN's Will was dated 20 Sept 1911, probated 17 Nov 1911 in which he mentioned his mother, MARY PALMER BIXLEY, of Lakeside (who survived him by 20 years); his wife of 253 West 103rd Street, N.Y.City; a legacy to ROBERT C.PALMER of the same address; and his Will also mentioned his brother, BYRON WILBUR; his sister, ADELINE C.; and his only nephew, JOHN BOYNTON PALMER (son of BYRON WILBUR). (Vol. 944, p. 247, N.Y. Co. Probate Records). One child:
    i HELEN COOLEY PALMER b 12 Apr 1902, d 6 June 1902.

(2) ADELINE C. PALMER b 21 Oct 1867; resided Geneva, N.Y. where she was a kindergarten teacher; she d 23 Oct 1949, buried Lakeside Cemetery. She never married.

167. (3) BYRON WILBUR PALMER b 27 Mar 1874, m 22 Sept 1903 CAROLYN HUBBARD WARFORD (b 12 Jan 1876, d 15 May 1967), dau of BENJAMIN HILL and WESLEY ANNA (RUTAN)+WARFORD of Tottenville, N.Y. They had two children:
    i JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 27 Apr 1905, m 18 Aug 1945 MILDRED BRUCKER (b 15 Sept 1904 Webster, N.Y.).
    ii MARGARET ("PEG") WARFORD PALMER b 3 June 1910, m 29 Aug 1953 at Camp LeJeune, N.C., ALFRED N. SCALCIONE (b 6 Apr 1917 Jersey City, N.J.).

(4) LOUISE BELLE PALMER b 12 Mar 1877, d 17 Dec 1880.

(5) CHESTER ASHLEY PALMER b 28 Mar 1886, d 27 Mar 1889.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra., and "Palmer MSS." p. 1040. Information furnished by JOHN BOYNTON PALMER,Webster, N.Y.

MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY, PALMER
1829/30 - 1899

GEORGE LAMB PALMER
1832 - 1924
Age 92 years

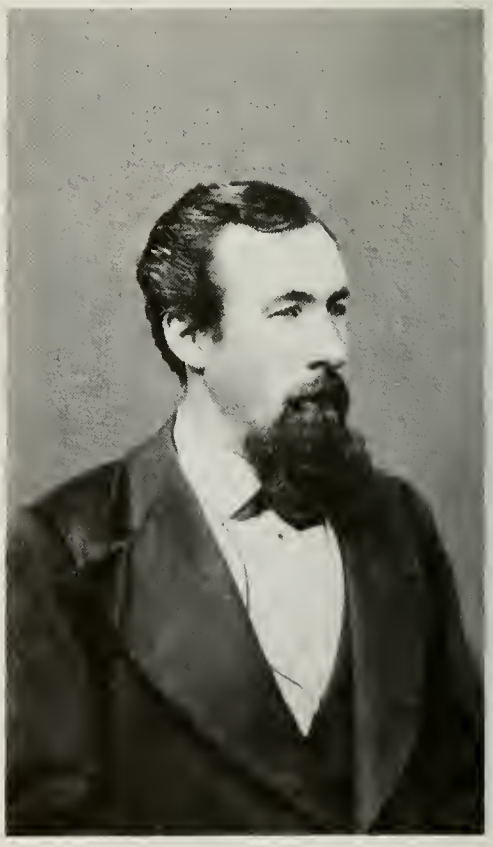
MARY HARRIET (BOYNTON) PALMER - wife of -
1844 - 1931

OLIVER HAZARD PALMER
1841 - 1891

LORENZO NORTON PALMER
1839 - 1907

OSCAR CONKEY PALMER
1844 - 1919
Civil War Veteran

ADELINE "ADDIE" PALMER
1846 - 1865
Died at age 19 yrs.



FRANK PALMER
1849-1940

Four surviving sons of VAN RENSSELAER PALMER; photo taken January 1906.

FRANK PALMER
LORENZO NORTON PALMER
OSCAR CONKEY PALMER
GEORGE LAMB PALMER

OLIVER HAZARD PALMER
1812-1884

Two younger brothers of VAN RENSSELAER PALMER who were Uncles of above foursome.

NATHAN PALMER, JR.
1819-1902

Double wedding photo of FRANK PALMER to 2nd wife, MaBELLE PALMER, 1892 and her niece, LILLIAN MAY SARGENT and JOHN R. MURPHY, at Princeton,Kansas.

HELEN CORNELIA (NORTHRUP) PALMER
1849 - 1890
1st Wife of FRANK PALMER, m 1873.

Two daus of FRANK and HELEN (NORTHRUP) PALMER

FLORA PALMER 1880-1973

BERTHA CORNELIA (PALMER) SPESSARD
1878 - 1959

105. OSCAR CONKEY PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 5 March 1844 in Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y., the seventh child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER. He m 14 Oct 1869 in Webster, Monroe Co.,N.Y., AMELIA ANTOINETTE BOTSFORD (b 28 Mar 1849 Webster, d 4 Mar 1920 Rochester) dau of HENRY HARVEY and DIANA AMELIA (FOSTER) BOTSFORD of Webster. OSCAR died at Union Hill, Wayne Co., 1 Feb 1919; both bur Webster Rural Cemetery.

During the early years of the Civil War OSCAR was a student at Genesee College, Lima, N.Y., but the news the family received that an older brother, JONATHAN (JOHN) had been killed in action on 6 May 1864 in the famous "battle of the wilderness" may have resulted in the parents refusing to give their permission for OSCAR to enlist. However, though only age twenty, and having always lived on a farm and had a great love for horses, OSCAR couldn't resist the constant urge to join the cavalry. A copy of his Declaration of Recruit is dated 20 Sept 1864 at Palmyra, N.Y. by which he volunteered for the term of one year, and became a member of Co. "B", 8th N.Y. Cavalry.

Like his brother, OSCAR too was engaged in action during the war, but unlike his brother, he survived, and lived to relate to his sons his experiences, and eventually to record in writing the stories he had told the sons during the years that followed. His younger son, HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER, urged OSCAR to write down all these interesting events; however, it was not until after OSCAR's death that the family discovered a small pad of thirty pages which told his story, written with a pencil, in his own handwriting.

OSCAR was first at Camp Elmira, Barracks No. 9, from where he wrote his favorite sister ADELINE ("ADDIE") who was just two years younger than he, explaining that there were several thousand in the camp there. The next letter was written to her on 10 Nov 1864 from Winchester,Virginia, and shortly thereafter he was taken quite ill and sent to Chestnut Hill Hospital at Philadelphia. The length of his stay in the hospital is unknown but the next letter dated 28 Dec 1864 was written to the sister from Camp Remount, Pleasant Valley, Maryland, advising that after leaving the hospital they were sent to Camp Distribution and had to march eight miles into Washington to get the train for Harpers Ferry, from which point they marched through a heavy snow storm another six miles to Camp Remount. In that letter he tells of the "substitutes" jumping off the train by the dozens in their efforts to escape every time the train slowed down; some of them were shot. In that letter he expressed the hope that ADDIE had had a gay Christmas and he told of how he had spent that holiday: "I was on picket about two miles from camp. Went on Saturday night and when Christmas came around I was walking my beat in a well trod path in the snow on the side of the mountain, with a carbine on my shoulder, but I am tough as ever and can stand it as well as any of them."

Following the re-election of President ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OSCAR wrote a letter on 28 Nov 1864 to his older brother, OLIVER HAZARD, in which he expressed his opinion about the results: "The election turned out a great deal better than I expected; Old Abraham is the man. In the army wherever I have been you would see hardly a 'Mac man' (McClellan)

unless he was some 'Ruff Scruf' that you could expect nothing else from." The incumbent President received a 212-to-21 electoral vote victory over former Army General GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, although LINCOLN himself felt certain of being defeated and wrote and sealed a resolution to "co-operate with the President-elect as to save the Union between the election and the inauguration." In the previous national election LINCOLN was carried to the White House with only a 39% popular vote, the second lowest (then) margin ever recorded by a winning presidential candidate. However, by November of 1864 the Union armies had won stunning victories in both Georgia and Virginia and the electorate responded favorably toward LINCOLN. ("Presidents of Manifest Destiny" by Patterson and Patrick (pub 1972 by the Los Angeles Times.)

The last letter written by OSCAR which his younger son, HOWARD, was able to locate and preserve was written before they started on the Shenandoah Campaign, dated Sunday, January 29, 1865, at Headquarters, 8th N.Y. Cavalry, Camp Russel near Winchester, VA. It was sent to the sister, ADDIE, who was eighteen years old; among other things, he wrote: "I almost feel as though I was at home to get back with the boys. You don't know how glad I was to get to the old Regiment again though we had rather a cold time coming. I think it was nearly as cold as I ever saw it in York State when it didn't storm. We are in camp about two miles from Winchester in a piece of woods and have good winter quarters though I am afraid we won't stay in them long for we have had orders to get our horses sharp shod, with an extra pair of shoes to carry for the horses. I think that looks like moving though I hope they will wait until the weather moderates a little."

HOWARD recalled his father explaining that General SHERIDAN required about 150 new horses a day and a good horse that was healthy and spirited meant a great deal to a cavalryman. When the allotment of horses was made, the men were lined up some distance from the row of horses and at a given signal everyone ran for a horse. As the son of a farmer, OSCAR knew horses and the one he ended up with did not satisfy him. With a little money in his pocket at the time, he traded for a consideration with one of the others who had obtained a very spirited horse which also proved to be a wonderful runner.

Following his being wounded the first week of April 1865 at Five Forks, Virginia and during the fighting at Dinwiddie Court House, OSCAR wrote one of his brothers on 8 Apr 1865 from Burkville Station in which he writes of receiving the news from someone that "ADDIE had gone," referring to the death of his beloved sister, ADELINE, who died 26 March 1865, aged eighteen years. He wrote "Oh, how sad and lonesome it must be at home. If I had known I shouldn't have seen her again I never could have left." He signed his letter "Ock"-his nickname. (See Addendum for OSCAR's story of his Civil War experiences.)

From the Military-Pension files at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. (No. 233,712) the history of OSCAR is continued:

> 2 May 1865 a document dated at Washington, D.C. from the N.Y. Military State Agency, signed by "Your obedient servant, W.W. POTTER, Med. Agent, to Surgeon R.O.ABBOTT, U.S.A. Med.Director,

Department at Washington, D.C. requests:

"I respectfully request that you will cause an examination to be made of Private OSCAR C. PALMER, CO.B, 8 N.Y.Cav. an inmate of Lincoln U. S. Gen. Hospital,with a view to his being transferred to Rochester, N.Y."

8 May 1865 a statement headed "MEDICAL DIRECTOR's OFFICE, signed by R.O.ABBOTT, Surgeon, U.S.A. "REQUESTS TRANSFER TO ROCHESTER, N.Y. of Private OSCAR C. PALMER, Co.B, 8th N.Y.Cav., inmate of Lincoln U.S.General Hospital,"

to which is attached the following:

"Respectfully submitted to the Hon. Secretary of War,
TRANSFER RECOMMENDED
M. N. BARNES, Surgeon General"

and the following notation: "ORDERED MAY 16, 1865,
The recommendation of the surgeon general is approved,
BY ORDER OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,
JAS A. HOODE"

"HOSPITAL MUSTER ROLL: OSCAR C. PALMER Transferred to muster out Camp Rochester, N.Y. June 20, 1865. Mustered out in accordance with order from A.G.O. dated May 3/65, (wounded in action April 3rd 1865) on June 26, 1865."

OSCAR spent the remainder of his life in the area where he had been born and reared in Wayne County, N.Y., continuing as a farmer and having an apple farm at Union Hill; he married on 14 Oct 1869.

On 23 June 1881 OSCAR filed his Declaration for Original Pension in which he furnished his description as follows:

Height:	5 feet, 5 inches	Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Light	Eyes:	Blue

and alleged that "while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at or near Five Forks in the State of Virginia, on or about the 3rd day of April 1865 he was wounded in his right shoulder near his neck, injuring the muscles of said shoulder and said shoulder wound was received while serving under Major BLISS in the Cavalry when following the forces of the enemy and while forming into line; that he was treated in a hospital and was sent to Lincoln Hospital in Washington, D.C. and that since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the town of Ontario, Wayne Co., State of N.Y. and his occupation has been that of a merchant and a farmer... that he is now partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States. He thereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation WILLIAM R. MUDGE of Rochester, his true and

lawful attorney to prosecute his claim; that he has not (previously) received nor applied for a pension; that his post office address is Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. " The witness to his signature were OSCAR H. PEACOCK and ABRAM MALSEY.

On 14 Oct 1882 the Pension Commissioner received from the Adjutant General, U.S.A. the following report of service and disability in the case no. 426,215 of OSCAR C. PALMER, CO. B, N.Y.CAVY.:

> "Disabled by wound of right shoulder at Five Forks, VA. April 3, 1865; discharged June 26, 1865."

On 27 Feb 1883 the Adjutant General's Office furnished the Commissioner of Pensions the following statement about OSCAR C. PALMER, Private Co. B, 8th Regiment, N.Y.Cav'y.:

> "Enrolled 10 Sept 1864 for one year at Palmyra, N.Y. and is reported on roll for March & April 1865; absent in Hospital, Washington, D.C. since Apr 3, 1865. Co. was in action at Five Forks, VA. April 1, 1865; mustered out with Co. June 26, 1865. List of casualties in 2nd Brig., 3rd Cav. Div. shows him wounded at Dinwiddie C.H. April 1 & 3 1865."

Whether or not OSCAR began receiving a pension following the foregoing is not ascertained from his Pension file; however the next date for the submission of a document in his file is ten years later:

On 17 May 1893 a General Affidavit was filed signed by ALFRED H. GATES and F. A. PEACOCK at County of Wayne re Claim of OSCAR C. PALMER, No. 233,712 for collection of a Pension under Act of June 27, 1890; they alleged "they are both personally acquainted with the said OSCAR C. PALMER and the said ALFRED H. GATES for himself deposes and says that he has been acquainted with him for the last forty years and enlisted at the same time and served with him in the same Company and Regiment and tented with him while in the said Service and has seen him very often since his discharge and the said FRED A. PEACOCK says that he was acquainted with him prior to his enlisting in the said Service and has seen him often since up to the present time and they both depose and say that they believe that his disabilities of piles and rheumatism are not the result of any viscious habits upon the part of the said OSCAR C. PALMER and that he is a temperate person and one of good habits."

On August 20, 1894 a communication from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. was directed to the "Postmaster, Lyons, Wayne Co., N.Y." as follows:

> "Please be so kind as to inform this Bureau BY INDORSEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER, as to the standing in the community, and the general reputation for truth of ALFRED H. GATES and F. A. PEACOCK of your town, affiants in ADDITIONAL PENSION CLAIM No. 233,712 of O. C. PALMER of Co. B, 8 Reg't. N.Y.Vol.Inf."

The reply signed by the P.M.(Postmaster) at Lyons, D. V. TELLER, is dated Aug. 23d 1894: ALFRED H. GATES & F. A. PEACOCK general reputations for truth is good."

On 15 January 1898 a notice was sent to OSCAR C. PALMER from the Department of the Interior requesting that "in forwarding to the Pension Agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below. (signed) Commissioner of Pensions." The questions were:

ARE YOU MARRIED. IF SO, PLEASE STATE WIFE's FULL NAME AND MAIDEN NAME:
(ANSWER) YES. AMELIA ANTOINETT PALMER (BOTSFORD)
WHEN, WHERE, AND BY WHOM WERE YOU MARRIED?
(ANSWER) OCT. 14th 1869 BY REV. MR. MAINE AT WEBSTER,MONROE CO.,N.Y.
WHAT RECORD OF MARRIAGE EXISTS? (NOT LEGIBLE)
WHERE YOU PREVIOUSLY MARRIED? (DASHES INDICATING NO PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.)
HAVE YOU ANY CHILDREN LIVING? IF SO, PLEASE STATE
THEIR NAMES AND THE DATES OF THEIR BIRTH:
(ANSWER) MYRON B. PALMER AUG 27th 1873
HOWARD VAN RENSSELAR PALMER DEC 23rd 1878
DATE OF REPLY: JULY 4, 1898, signed OSCAR C. PALMER

On 9 March 1907 OSCAR signed and filed another Declaration for Pension, under the Act of 6 Feb 1907. This was signed in Monroe County and attested to by: WILLIAM H. STOKES and ARTHUR McARTHUR who attested to their knowledge of claimant for 40 years and 18 years respectively; their signatures were sworn to before CHARLES A. MOTT, Justice of the Peace on 9 Mar 1907. In this new declaration OSCAR repeated the information in his original Declaration re his entry into the service, his physical description, residence and age at time of enlistment; and added that his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

At Lake Side, N.Y. till April 1st 1874.
Ever since my residence has been Union Hill, N.Y. --
born are "in the town of Ontario", N.Y.

He further affirmed in the 1907 Declaration that he was then a pensioner under Certificate No. 233,712; that his post office address was Union Hill, Co. of Monroe; and that he made the declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of February 6, 1907.

Another Act of Congress was passed on 11 May 1912 pertaining to veterans' pensions and on 27 May that year OSCAR PALMER filed another affidavit, giving his age as 68 years, resident of Ontario, same physical description and enlistment data as heretofore and again he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of this new Act. His signature on this one was witnessed by BURR PALABA and MYRON B. PALMER.

In March 1915 another questionnaire was received by OSCAR at Union Hill, N. Y. with the request: "Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information requested is for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. (signed) Commissioner of Pensions."
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: MARCH 5th 1844 at Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y.
POST OFFICE ADDRESS AT ENLISTMENT? Ontario
WIFE's FULL NAME AND MAIDEN NAME: AMELIA A. PALMER (BOTSFORD)

WHEN, WHERE AND BY WHOM WERE YOU MARRIED? OCT. 14th 1869, Webster, Monroe Co., N.Y. by REV. ERASTUS MAINE
IS THERE ANY OFFICIAL OR CHURCH RECORD OF YOUR MARRIAGE? NO.
WHERE YOU PREVIOUSLY MARRIED? NO
ANY FORMER HUSBANDS OF YOUR WIFE? NO
ARE YOU NOW LIVING WITH YOUR WIFE? YES
NAMES, DATES OF BIRTH OF ALL CHILDREN, LIVING OR DEAD:
MYRON B. PALMER - Aug. 27th 1873
HOWARD V. R. PALMER- Dec. 23rd 1879
DATE: MARCH 29th 1915 (signed) OSCAR C. PALMER

It would appear the pension had been granted to OSCAR on the basis of his original Declaration filed in the early 1880's and that from time to time his file at the Pension Department was up-dated by requests for current information. The pension seems to have continued until his death on 1 Feb 1919 and the Bureau of Pensions' file contains the form "PENSIONER DROPPED" dated 18 Feb 1919 "who was last paid at $32. to JAN 4 1919 has this day been dropped from the roll because of death on Feb 1, 1919." This followed the receipt by the Bureau of a letter dated February 13, 1919 signed by HOWARD V. R. PALMER on the stationery of EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, Rochester, (for which company HOWARD worked for many years) advising:

> "My father, OSCAR C. PALMER, late of Union Hill, Wayne County, N.Y. died Saturday, February 1st, 1919. I give you this information in order that you may adjust your records accordingly and remit the amount of the pension due up to that date. My mother, AMELIA A. PALMER, of the same address, survives him, and will you please advise me of the necessary procedure to enable her to draw the pension to which a widow is entitled.
> "In replying kindly address me at the address given below:
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> 101 South Fitzhugh St.,
> Rochester, N.Y."

An Act of Congress of April 19, 1908, as amended by the Act of September 8, 1916, provided AMELIA PALMER the basis for making her Declaration for the purpose of receiving a pension as OSCAR's widow. In this affidavit she set forth the same particulars about her husband's Civil War service and about their marriage; a difference appears on the form she submitted in the date of their marriage as she gives the year 1868 whereas OSCAR always affirmed it was 1869. She signed the Declaration on 29 Mar 1919 and her signature was witnessed by her two sons; she gave her age then as 70 years and affirmed she was born 28 March 1849 and this affidavit was made one day after her 70th birthday.

On 11 Feb 1920 AMELIA A. PALMER was called upon to sign still another Affidavit to satisfy the Bureau of Pensions, giving the date of her marriage to OSCAR C. PALMER as the year 1870 and that no marriage record was available and they had two sons, MYRON B. PALMER born 27 Aug 1873 and HOWARD PALMER born 23 Dec 1879. This document she had to sign by making her mark (X) and someone else writing her name; it was subscribed and sworn to before JULIA LITTLE, Commissioner of Deeds.

In less than one month after signing the aforementioned Affidavit, AMELIA PALMER, OSCAR's widow died on 4 Mar 1920. Doubtless she was ill at the time the last Affidavit was requested of her and was unable to even sign her name and merely made her mark in lieu thereof; her signature on her original Declaration in 1919 is hardly legible. Thus OSCAR and AMELIA after almost fifty years of marriage died one year and one month apart.

They had two sons:

168. (1) MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER b 27 Aug 1873 Union Hill, N.Y. m LUCY REMINGTON PRICE on 14 June 1908 in Philadelphia, Pa. (b 14 Mar 1880 that city, d 14 July 1962 Palo Alto, Calif.) dau of DR. MORDECAI and FANNY (REMINGTON) PRICE of that city. MYRON died 24 July 1932; he was a physician with the Rochester, N.Y. Hospital for a time and later in private practice there.

169. (2) HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER b 23 Dec 1879, Union Hill m 27 June 1907 HELEN MOORE (b 15 Apr 1883) dau of PETER EDWARD and CHARLOTTE (CHRISTIE) MOORE of Dumont, N.J. HELEN died 4 Feb 1974, aged 91 years and HOWARD died 19 Oct 1975, aged 96 years; bur Webster Rural Cemetery.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) supra; and "Palmer MSS." p.1041.
National Archives Military-Pension Files No. 233,712.
Family Records of MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, JR.

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106. FRANK PALMER[9] (Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Oct 1849 at Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y., the ninth and last child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY(MILLER) PALMER. He married (1st) 18 Sept 1873 HELEN CORNELIA NORTHRUP (b 27 Feb 1849, Webster, N.Y., d 16 Aug 1890, Lakeside), dau of RANSOM and EUNICE (FARNHAM) NORTHRUP. He married (2nd) at Princeton, Kansas, 3 May 1892, ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER (same family), at the home of her father, (b 13 Aug 1869 Canawangus (now Avon), Livingston Co., N.Y. and d 10 Dec 1945 at Kensington, Maryland). HELEN was buried at Lakeside Cemetery, Lakeside, N.Y. with her year old son, RAY FARNHAM PALMER, who was killed in the same tragic accident which took her life. FRANK died 13 Jan 1940, aged 90 years, in Orange, California; he and his second wife were buried in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, Orange Co., California. She was usually known as "BELLE" and was the dau of NATHANIEL L. PALMER and his first wife, MARGARET LAVINIA DENISE.

FRANK was in the fruit growing business in Lakeside on the farm which he inherited from his father and which he shared with his brother, LORENZO. During the seventeen years he and HELEN had been married they had two daughters and one son. HELEN was a seventh generation descendant from the immigrant ancestor, JOSEPH NORTHRUP, who came from England (family tradition believed it to be Yorkshire) in 1637, arriving in

Boston, Mass. 26 July that year; he settled first in New Haven, Conn. in April 1638 and at Milford in 1639. He was a member of First Church at Milford and died in 1669. HELEN (NORTHRUP) PALMER's great-grandfather, AMOS NORTHRUP (b 1730) was an Ensign in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass.

Descendants of FRANK and HELEN have heard many times the events of that day (16 Aug 1890) which began as a pleasant trip to Webster and ended in the death of three members of the family. LORENZO BOYNTON and his wife, HARRIET (a sister of HELEN NORTHRUP PALMER) were making the journey and HELEN and her year-old son, RAY, accompanied them. Along the way they made a stop so HARRIET could visit a friend and they were to pick her up on their way back. When they reached the railroad crossing at Webster, the local train was on the siding at the station. LORENZO drove onto the track not seeing the "flyer" approaching at a speed of sixty miles per hour; it was already two hours late. LORENZO immediately stood up and attempted to back the horse away and off the tracks; it reared up but did not back the carriage off the tracks; at the impact with the N.Y. City "flyer" the baby son, RAY, was thrown high in the air; LORENZO had no marks on him but his neck was broken; and they and HELEN were all killed, perhaps instantly.

LORENZO BOYNTON was the father of MARY HARRIET BOYNTON, the wife of OLIVER HAZARD PALMER.

FRANK brought suit against the railroad for the death of his wife and son which left his two daughters, ages ten and fifteen years, motherless. The conductor on the train always knew the previous day if there were to be a passenger stop at Webster and on that fateful day knew there was none. The defense contended they were not liable as the train had whistled and rung the bells and they were successful in defeating the law suit; however, out of sympathy for the two little girls they did make a gift of money to them, BERTHA and FLORA.

On 3 May 1892 FRANK married (2nd) ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER (same family) who was 20 years his junior, and his oldest child, BERTHA, by his first wife having been born in 1875, was only six years younger than her step-mother. FRANK's grandfather, NATHAN (b 1782) was the oldest of eleven children of Revolutionary War soldier, NATHANIEL PALMER, and BELLE's father, NATHANIEL L. (b 1828) was the youngest child of that soldier (tho by the second wife); thus FRANK's grandfather and BELLE's father were half-brothers.

FRANK and BELLE and his two daughters first lived in Lakeside where their only child was born 31 July 1894, named MARGARET IRENE; then later they removed to nearby Webster.

When BELLE was ten years of age her mother, MARGARET LAVINIA (DENISE) PALMER, had died in Rochester in 1879 and in January 1881 her father had married (2nd) MARY LOUISE (PALMER) POMEROY (same family), and they were residing in Kansas where MARY's son by her first husband had gone into the photography business. By the 1890's her father and step-mother were residing in Princeton in that state and it was there in the

home of her father and step-mother that BELLE married FRANK. Eventually BELLE's father reportedly had a 400-acre farm in Ottawa, Kansas which he thereafter sold and in 1895 purchased an orange grove in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California, where he and MARY settled.

In Aug 1896 FRANK and BELLE followed and also settled in Chula Vista with their young daughter, MARGARET IRENE, who doubtless had been so named for her maternal grandmother, MARGARET LAVINIA PALMER; the young dau was just two years of age at the time. BELLE's husband and father engaged in the fruit-growing business together in Chula Vista. However, the following year (1897) her father died there and was buried in the (then) Masonic Cemetery, city of San Diego (now a part of Mt. Hope Cemetery). Her step-mother returned to Kansas City to be near her son, CHARLES THADDEUS POMEROY. At the estate sale FRANK purchased his father-in-law's Chula Vista ranch. However, due to some years of severe drought, FRANK traded his orange groves for a cattle ranch in LaJara, Colorado, and in April 1903 he and BELLE and daughter, MARGARET, removed to the Colorado ranch. However, FRANK found he did not care for cattle ranching and three years later he sold the ranch and moved to Denver. Within two years they were back in Southern California, this time settling in Orange County in September 1908 and here they remained the rest of FRANK's life; here he again entered the fruit-growing (oranges) business. He owned ten acres of land on Chapman Avenue where he built a house and barn. In many ways FRANK was innovative and forward looking. He purchased his first car in 1913, a Reo Touring and at a time when not many young women were driving, he insisted that the salesman teach both him and his daughter, MARGARET, how to drive it. They became active members there of the Methodist Church. In the early 1920's FRANK retired from growing oranges and lived the remainder of his life at No. 188 South Center Street (now a part of the city building complex).

Throughout the years from the late 1800's to the late 1920's FRANK and his family did a great deal of traveling as did some of his brothers and his father-in-law. During the years they lived in Colorado, it has been understood that he took his family annually to California, riding the D.& R.G.W. (which went through the town of LaJara, Colorado) to Santa Fe where they would board a Santa Fe Railroad train. There remain family photographs of his brothers, GEORGE, "O.C." (OSCAR CONKEY), "REN" (LORENZO NORTON), taken with FRANK in Denver in Jan of 1906 which necessitated GEORGE traveling from Iowa and "O.C." and "REN" making the journey from Lakeside, New York. Family photographs also bear evidence to visits in Orange, California, by brothers GEORGE and "O.C." and their wives, after FRANK built his house in 1909; there were at least two different occasions when these visits took place.

Following FRANK's death in 1940, his wife went to live with her only daughter, MARGARET (PALMER) BEAN in Kensington, Maryland and remained with her until BELLE died in December 1945. They are buried in the Mausoleum at Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, California, and in 1973 his unmarried dau by his first wife was also buried there. FLORA MAY PALMER, FRANK's second child, had removed to Southern California to live to be near her father and step-mother; when she died on 2 July that year she was aged 93 years, thus having even greater longevity than her father.

FRANK's children by 1st wife, HELEN NORTHRUP:

170. (1) BERTHA CORNELIA PALMER[10] b 26 Sept 1875, m 22 July 1907 CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD (b 6 Oct 1874, d 3 Oct 1949) son of BENJAMIN F. and CATHERINE (HARTLE) SPESSARD of Hagerstown, Maryland. BERTHA d 13 May 1959; both are bur Greenhill Cemetery, Waynesboro, Pa.; two sons:

i FRANK PALMER SPESSARD[11] b 30 June 1909.

ii CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, JR. b 4 Oct 1913, died 23 Sept 1974.

(2) FLORA MAY PALMER b 26 Jan 1880 Lakeside, N.Y., died unm 2 July 1973 San Diego, California, aged 93 years. She eventually removed from New York to San Diego Co., California to be nearer her father and step-mother. For many years she earned her living by giving piano lessons. Thereafter she took nurses training where she met a student (PAULINE COWAN) who had just lost her husband in the 1918 flu epidemic; they became close personal friends and lived together most of the rest of their lives, working as practical nurses, often caring for the elderly and infirm. By the 1930's FLORA's father was in his eighties and needed attention and the step-mother was rather frail so FLORA was able to render much care and assistance to them up to the time her father died in January 1940 in Orange, California. FLORA had an amazing sense of humor and was a delightful person to converse with but was extremely shy about having her picture taken. She lived to be 93 years old and up to the very last she kept up with the latest sayings. Like her father and step-mother, she was buried in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

(3) RAY FARNHAM PALMER b 1 Sept 1889, d 16 Aug 1890, buried with his mother in Lakeside Cemetery, Lakeside, New York.

FRANK's child by 2nd wife, "BELLE" PALMER:

(4) MARGARET IRENE PALMER[10] b 31 July 1894 at Lakeside, N.Y. m 10 June 1919 HOWARD STEWART+BEAN (b 23 Oct 1893 in Santa Clara Co., Calif., d 10 June 1975 Sedona, Ariz.), son of HARRY PERCY and MARY ELIZABETH EDWARD (STEWART) BEAN of Campbell, Santa Clara Co., Calif. They were married in Orange, Orange Co., Calif. She died 31 Dec 1974, Sedona. They had two children:

i HARRY PALMER BEAN b Kensington, Maryland, 27 July 1920.

ii AUDREY ELIZABETH BEAN[11] b 2 Dec 1922, Kensington.

(See page 463.)

For clarification and feasibility the chapters herein on MARGARET IRENE PALMER and her children are placed herein as the descendants of ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER, dau of NATHANIEL L. rather than under the father, FRANK, son of VAN RENSSELAER PALMER.

Sources: "Palmer MSS." p. 1042, and "Palmer Genealogy" (1949), pp. 19-20. Family Records of Harry PALMER Bean and Frank PALMER Spessard.

107. SUSAN HART PALMER[9] (Oliver[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Rochester, N.Y. 28 Sept 1854, the first child of OLIVER HAZARD PALMER and his wife, SUSAN HART. She m 31 Mar 1875 in New York City GEORGE LELAND DYER (b 26 Aug 1851), son of GEORGE W. and MARY (KELLY) DYER of Calais, Maine. His date of death is unknown; SUSAN died 20 Feb 1921 in Winter Park, Florida.

GEORGE DYER graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, served in the U. S. Navy and was in command of the gunboat "Stranger" during the Spanish-American War (1898-1900). Thereafter he was Governor of Guam from 1904 to 1906. Following his retirement they made their home in Winter Park, Florida. They had traveled extensively during his Naval career. They had three children:

(1) GEORGE PALMER DYER b 7 Feb 1876 Montevideo, Uruguay, m 9 Oct 1901 DOROTHY STURGES BELL (b 10 June 1876), dau of JOSEPH and ISABEL E. (STURGES) BELL of New York City. He, like his father, served in the U.S. Navy, took part in the Spanish American War and during that conflict served in the Philippines. His last known duty was aboard the U.S.S. "Colorado."
(2) SUSAN HART DYER b 20 Dec 1879.
(3) DOROTHY DYER b 5 May 1886.

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108. ANNE MUMFORD PALMER[9] (Oliver[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Rochester, N. Y. in 1857, the second child of OLIVER HAZARD PALMER and his wife, SUSAN HART. She m 25 May 1885 in Washington, D.C. E. NELSON FELL (b 1857 in Nelson, New Zealand, d 1928 Warrenton, Virginia), son of ALFRED FELL of London, England. ANNE died 12 Jan 1937 in Kent, England.

ANNE's husband had been a mining engineer and prior to their marriage for a number of years was employed in British Columbia and in Siberia. He was the author of "Russia and The Nomad." After marriage they resided in Florida where NELSON had an estate of several thousand acres at Narcoosee, Osceola County. Later he purchased an estate at Warrenton, where they resided until his death in 1928. After his death ANNE lived for a number of years in England, where she died in 1937. Two of her children predeceased her and at least three of her siblings predeceased her; information about her sister, ALICE E. (b 1863, m 7 Dec 1885 LEIGH OSBORNE GARRETT in Washington, D.C.)has not surfaced, although it is believed she had seven children. ANNE had 3 children:

(1) MARIAN FELL b 28 Sept 1886, m _____ VAN AGNEW, died 1935; they had four children, names unknown.
(2) OLIVIA FELL b 21 Aug 1888.
(3) E. NELSON FELL, JR. b 11 Oct 1895, died before ANNE.

Source: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1045-1046; "Palmer Genealogy" (1949) by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and Dr. BYRON WILBUR PALMER, p. 8.

109. FRANK ERASTUS MAIN[9] (Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Nov 1856 in West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. the only surviving child of the Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN and his wife, MARY ANNA PALMER. The first child of his parents, born 1847/48, named ADELIA ("DELIA") died in infancy. His father was a Baptist Minister who had been born in Stonington, Conn.and had reached Wayne Co.,N.Y.with grandparents,STEPHEN and LUCINDA (RAY) MAIN; LUCINDA's mother was HANNAH PALMER,both of whose parents were also PALMERS!

FRANK married 17 July 1878 MARY ELLA HOAG but nothing is known of her parentage or prior residences. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated, trained as a physician. He resided at different periods in Philadelphia, Auburn and Albany, New York; he, like his parents, affiliated with the Baptist Church and he was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. He married about the time he completed his under-graduate studies in 1878 but his medical studies were not completed until about 1881-1882, the latter year being the year when his first child was born, in Philadelphia, N. Y. where he appears to have first practiced as a physician.

His wife, MARY ELLA, died 26 Jan 1896 while they were residing in Auburn but was buried in the West Walworth Cemetery. He married (2nd) 23 June 1897 CORA ISABELLE THAYER. He died at Albany in 1916, aged 60 years, and was buried in West Walworth Cemetery.

FRANK and his first wife had two daughters:

171. (1) ANNA BETH MAINE b 28 April 1882 Philadelphia, N.Y., m 9 Oct 1901 at Auburn, N.Y. the Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH. (b 10 Jan 1873 England, son of JOSEPH COLCLOUGH of England; died 9 July 1949 Huntington, N.Y.). She died 1984, aged 102; three children:
    i FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH b 17 Jan 1903,Albany.
    ii BETH COLCLOUGH b 26 Nov 1916, Cincinnati, Ohio.
    iii JEAN COLCLOUGH b 9 Mar 1920, Cincinnati.

172. (2) FRANK ELFLEDA MAINE ("FLETA") b 21 Aug 1888 Auburn,N.Y. She taught school for some thirty years in Englewood, New Jersey and Evanston, Illinois, retiring in 1944. That year she and a friend, also a retired school teacher, removed to South Pasadena, California; thereafter they were both residents in the 1970's in an Episcopal Retirement Home in Alhambra, adjoining South Pasadena; she never married.

Sources:

Miss ELFLEDA "FLETA" MAIN of Alhambra, California (1980).
Mrs. ANNA BETH (MAINE) COLCLOUGH, Hilton Head, South Carolina (1980).

110. WILLIAM H. PALMER[9] (Alexander[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Aug 1839 in the village of Ransom, Hillsdale County, Michigan, son of ALEXANDER PALMER and his first wife, LUCEBA (HATHAWAY). He married 4 Sept 1863 in Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan ALICE M. HART (b. 8 or 28 Apr 1846 at Lorain County, Ohio and died 23 July 1933 at Hillsdale, Michigan). She was the daughter of SAMUEL and EMILY (GIER) HART of Ransom. In the "Compendium of History and Biography of Hillsdale County, Michigan" (published 1903 by the A. W. Bowen Company of Chicago) the Editor, Elon G. Reynolds has written (pages 422-423):

"WILLIAM H. PALMER ... is the oldest white (age 64) person living in Ransom Township who was born in this township." He died 20 July 1918, aged 79 years; his wife died 23 July 1933, aged 87 years; they are buried alongside three of their children in the Burt (or Evergreen) Cemetery in Ransom Township in the old section (west side of Middle Drive) located in Section 23, on Burt Road between Gilbert and Tripp. "Hillsdale Burials" (supra) on page 420 has the following for members of this family:

PALMER, HATTIE 1866-1871 killed by explosion
PALMER, ADELBERT R.1868-1871 killed by explosion
PALMER, JESSIE 1883-1897
PALMER, ALICE M.1846-1933
PALMER, WILLIAM H. 1839-1918.

From the age of twelve years (1851) to 1861 WILLIAM lived with his Uncle JOHN C. PALMER (JR.) in Ridgeway in the adjoining county of Lenawee. He enlisted 16 Nov 1861 as a private in Co. "G", 1st Michigan Light Artillery in which he served until honorably discharged 28 Jan 1865. According to his file atthe National Archives "Corpl. WILLIAM was a casualty being wounded (slight contusion in arm) on 1 May 1863 at Thompson's Hill near Port Gibson, Mississippi." In June 1863 at Raymond Mill he was captured by the enemy; he had been "left sick on May 15, 1863." The report for July and August 1863 revealed under REMARKS that WILLIAM PALMER was a "paroled prisoner (but) not yet exchanged." However, family records reveal he "later escaped and was hospitalized."

In September 1863 he was finally granted leave to return to his home inasmuch as his marriage to ALICE M. HART took place on the 4th day of that month in Hudson, Lenawee County. Her father, SAMUEL, had been born in Vermont near Weston in Rutland County on 1 March 1822, the son of GEORGE HART of Lynnfield, Mass., who was the son of Captain ENDICOTT HART, a native of Scotland; her mother, EMILY, was born in Carroll County, Ohio 6 Jan 1818, the daughter of JOHN GIER, a native of Pennsylvania, who had married MARY BENDER (born also in Penn.) and they settled in Russia, Lorain County, Ohio.

Many years later on 2 April 1919 ALICE's brother, GEORGE HART (named for the above grandfather) furnished a sworn affidavit while a resident of Hillsdale County corroborating ALICE's affidavit supporting her application for a widow's pension; GEORGE verified her marriage to the soldier, WILLIAM PALMER, explaining "that his sister, ALICE M. HART, was married to WILLIAM H. PALMER in Hudson, Michigan Sep. 4, 1863; that on Sep. 5, 1863 WILLIAM H. PALMER and his wife came to the home of said deponent's (GEORGE HART) father, SAMUEL; that at such time said WILLIAM H. PALMER was on a three weeks' furlough from the United States Army." GEORGE also asserted that the attached document was a true copy of their marriage certificate.

The following is quoted from Reynolds' "Compendium" (supra):

"WILLIAM H. PALMER, the honored subject of this brief review, has accumulated a comfortable estate in worldly wealth, created a fine and valuable farm out of the wilderness and firmly established himself in the confidence, regard and good will of his fellow citizens of the township. ...

"Like his sisters and brothers he acquired the rudiments of a common school education in the little log schoolhouse in the woods, which, with its slab benches and puncheon floor, was made as comfortable as the circumstances allowed. He went to Ridgeway in Lenawee County and made his home with his uncle, JOHN C. PALMER (JR.) in 1851,but returned to Ransom November 1861 to enlist in Company "G", First Michigan Light Artillery in which he served in defense of the Union until January 28, 1865. The command to which he was attached saw continued and active service, and Mr. Palmer was in a number of severe engagements, notably those of Vicksburg, Cumberland Gap, Port Gibson, Champion Hills and Black River Bridge. He was alsoin numerous skirmishes and for twenty-nine days was in pursuit of the Confederate raider, 'Morgan' in Ohio and Kentucky. They started with three days' rations which were soon exhausted and for some time they subsisted on two ears of corn per man a day, which they were obliged to eat without salt. On May 1, 1863 he was wounded in the left shoulder at Port Gibson near Vicksburg, and three days later was taken prisoner in a hospital on Brown's Plantation, and was sent to Andersonville as soon as he was able to be moved. After a week of captivity one night he stole a Confederate horse and succeeded in getting away, reaching his battery in safety the next day. He sold the horse for thirty dollars, and was soon afterward sent to a hospital at St. Louis. In the fall he went to a parole camp in Ohio and was allowed to come home on a furlough during which he married Miss ALICE M. HART. ... Four weeks after marriage Mr. Palmer rejoined his battery and served until the close of the war.

"On being discharged from the army at the close of the war, Mr. Palmer returned to this county and purchased the farm on which he now lives, having saved enough out of his slender pay as a soldier to pay for it in its undeveloped condition. He has since labored assiduously to improve it and increase its value, and now has a fine place of fifty-four acres with excellent buildings, fences and other necessary improvements.....

"Mr. Palmer cast his first presidential vote for ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 1860 and he has since then steadfastly adhered to the Republican Party in politics.... He has been a member of the Masonic Order since the Civil War, holding membership in the Lodge at Waldron. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Patrons of Husbandry at Ransom."

(A similar history of WILLIAM PALMER will be found in "Portrait and Biographical Album of Hillsdale Co., Mich." pub 1888 by Chapman Bros.)

WILLIAM H. PALMER's Affidavit to the Bureau of Pensions in the mid-1880's listed his and ALICE's children as follows:

HATTIE E. b 9 May 1866, died 23 Nov 1871 aged 5 years
DELBERT R. b 20 June 1868, died 23 Nov 1871, aged 3 years
PERRY B. b 1 Feb 1873 (who was still living in 1915)
CORA M. b 13 Dec 1875 (who was still living in 1915)
BUDD B. b 10 Apr 1880 (died 30 May 1966; wife died 1970)
JESSIE A. b 9 Apr 1883, (died 27 July 1897, aged 14 years)

The "Palmer MSS" (page 1053) indicate the research conducted by Messrs. BYRON and HORACE PALMER revealed that true names of the first two children were: HARRIET and ADELBERT R. However, it appears the first daughter was also called "HATTIE" and "NETTIE" and the first son was DELBERT.

A double tragedy struck WILLIAM and his wife when on the 23rd of November 1871 a steam boiler in their saw mill exploded, killing (at that time) their only two children, HATTIE and ADELBERT. The parents were also severely injured in that explosion but survived

The NA file is not clear as to whether or not WILLIAM was awarded a disability pension in the 1880's; on 4 June 1898 he filed again with the Bureau of Pensions a questionnaire showing he had three children then living. His Certificate of Discharge gives the following description of WILLIAM:

Height	5' 9½"
Complexion	Light
Eyes	Grey
Hair	Brown
Occupation	Farmer

On 17 May 1912 WILLIAM H. PALMER filed an additional Declaration for Pension under the recent Act of Congress (of May 11, 1912), Pensioner Certificate No. 279268, signed by him at Prattville, County of Hillsdale, Michigan; and again on 20 March 1915 he furnished the Department of Pensions with answers to another questionnaire.

WILLIAM died 20 July 1918 and on 12 August that year his widow filed her Declaration for a Widow's Pension under the Act of Congress of April 19, 1908, and Amended by Act of September 8, 1916. She alleged she was 72 years of age and was applying for a widow's pension under these Acts. She signed this Affidavit at Prattville, Michigan, R.F.D. #1 and furnished supporting documents.

ALICE (HART) PALMER died 23 July 1933 at the Hillsdale home of her son, BUDD B. PALMER. On 23 Sept 1933 this son filed application with the Veterans Administration for reimbursement of amounts expended for nursing care and funeral expenses for his mother who died at the age of 87 and had required nursing care the past three years of her life. His mother had been receiving her widow's pension under Certificate No. 867,979. The two women named in the application of BUDD PALMER who had performed the nursing services for his mother were MRS. LOTTIE HART and MRS. FRANCES W. PALMER.

The NA file contained the doctor's statement that he had attended ALICE M. PALMER from March 1930 to the day of her death, July 23, 1933 and that the cause of her death was "apoplexy" and that the deceased had been nursed by MISS L. HART and MRS. B. B. PALMER. The copy of the death certificate for WILLIAM H. PALMER gave the cause of his death as "organic heart disease." From other information available we conclude that the above MRS. B. B. PALMER was FRANCES W. PALMER, the deceased's daughter-in-law, wife of BUDD B. PALMER.

The children of WILLIAM H. PALMER and his wife, ALICE (HART) were all born in Ransom except BUDD B. PALMER who was born in Pittsford, Michigan:

(1) HARRIET ("HATTIE") PALMER[10] b 9 May 18 1865/66, d 23 Nov 1871.
(2) ADELBERT R. PALMER b 20 June 1868, died 23 Nov 1871.
(3) PERRY B. PALMER b 1 Feb 1873, m EVA KIPP and had one son:
    i GORDON PALMER.
(4) CORA M. PALMER b 13 Dec 1875, m _____ MILLER 1st; m JOSEPH LINDEN 2nd; she had one son by her first husband:
    i JESSE MILLER b 21 Sept 1892, d 15 Oct 1970; he married MARGARET D. _____(1883-1969).
(5) BUDD B. PALMER[10] b 10 Apr 1880, m 17 Mar 1901 FRANCES A. WEATHERWAX (b 1 Aug 1881, d 25 July 1970); they had one dau:
    i VERA LEAH PALMER[11] b 11 Nov 1904, m 9 Aug 1930 TESLA E. STEARNS (b 23 July 1900); they reside (1985) in Bluffton, Ohio; no children.
(6) JESSIE A. PALMER b 1883, d 27 June 1897, aged 14 yrs.

(See pp. 312-313 this volume for burials of some of the above.)

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111. SIDNEY PALMER[9] (Alexander[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Aug 1842 in the village of Ransom, Hillsdale County, Michigan, son of ALEXANDER and his first wife, LUCEBA (HATHAWAY) PALMER. He married 25 Dec 1866 at Jefferson Twp in that county ELSIA (ELSIE) ELLAN SMITH, the marriage being performed by CHARLES H. SMITH, a Justice of the Peace. Very little information is known about his wife; she died 23 Nov 1914 in San Francisco, California. SIDNEY d 30 Oct 1928, aged 86 or 87 at the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle (now West Los Angeles), California. He was buried 8 Nov 1928 in Osseo, Michigan in the East Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Twp., Hillsdale County (see p. 313 this volume).

SIDNEY was a farmer like his brothers, father and forebears, and -- like his male forebears -- if and when there was a war to be fought, he immediately enlisted. He and two of his brothers enlisted in the Civil War (WILLIAM on 16 Nov 1861, SIDNEY on 18 Nov 1861 and JOHN on 28 July 1862) and all three survived.

On 18 Nov 1861 SIDNEY PALMER enrolled in the 7th Battery of the Michigan Light Artillery and served with Co. G, 1st Regiment of that group in Louisiana. At one point during the four-year conflict SIDNEY also served as a private in Captain LANPHERE's Battery of Artillery attached to the 13th Regiment of the Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out of the service at Jackson, Michigan 28 Jan 1865 as his term of service had expired.

His marriage to ELSIA ELLAN SMITH took place following the end of the Civil War. From the papers and records and research on this family previously done it appears little is known about his wife. They apparently settled down to farming in Hillsdale County and had five sons and one daughter born to them during the years 1867-1884. His pension and military files obtained from the National Archives furnish information hereinafter set out; one item is of interest in that on 22 March 1915 he answered a questionnaire from the Bureau of Pensions which was addressed to him at "San Francisco, Calif., Gen. Del." and also at 2612-A Folsom Street that city. His wife died in San Francisco 23 Nov 1914 by which time they had been married forty-eight years.

SIDNEY's application for a pension was filed under No. 411,065 and his Affidavit in support of his application was given on 3 Nov 1886 in which his age was stated to be 43 years and his residence in the village of Pioneer, County of Williams, State of Michigan. This same Affidavit was signed by two corroborating testimonies of his neighbors, DAVID HORTON and R. H. ROGERS, JR. affirming:

> "That they have known claimant for four years and during that time have worked with him and have known of his having rheumatism and a lame back and that he complained frequently of having piles and a portion of the time was unable to work on account of these troubles."

SIDNEY's affidavit explained that:

> "... he can not furnish the affidavit of the surgeon because they had none but he has furnished the evidence from the hospital steward who treated him; that he can not furnish more medical evidence than he has already furnished and requests that evidence of neighbors be accepted in lieu of medical and inform him at once what more if anything is necessary to complete his claim."

On 14 Sept 1887 another corroborating affidavit was furnished by CHAUNCY ANDREWS, aged 59 years, a resident of Ransom, County of Hillsdale who signed the affidavit CHANEY ANDREWS:

> "I have known SIDNEY PALMER from a boy. He worked for me about six years. I considered him a stout, tough, able-bodied young man up to the time of his enlistment. Since his discharge he came home, have not known so much of him personally (but) have seen him often and have heard him complain of his disabilities up to the present time."

On 11 Aug 1886 an affidavit was furnished by EDWIN E. LEWIS, aged 47 years, a resident of Batavia, County of Branch, Michigan, and given in that county before a Notary Public, as follows:

> "That I was in the same Battery during the war with the said SIDNEY PALMER and that he contracted rheumatism by doing duty in water and in rainy weather while laying on the levees at Milakaus Bend, La. in April 1863; piles were brought on to him by riding in saddle, being the lead rider on No. 3 during his term of service; they started on him on the Vicksburg campaign on or about May 1883 (prob. 1863) from which he suffered so much he was relieved from duty about 6 weeks then went on duty but suffered more or less; was excused from duty again while at Carrolton, La. was in Sept. 1863 was placed in hospital and remained there for about 6 weeks; was not able to do regular duty again during his term of service; he suffered from rheumatism & piles during the remainder of his term of service.

This affidavit was signed by EDWIN E. LEWIS, Late Capt. Battery G, 1st Mich.Rt.

On 16 Aug 1886 an affidavit was furnished by SOLOMAN M. BARRON, Late Hospital Steward, Co. G, 1st Regt., Mich. Lt. Arty. corroborating SIDNEY's claim for disability due to his army service:

> "I was acquainted with and knew SIDNEY PALMER in April 1863 while at Milakaus Bend, La. and PALMER had to do duty standing on wet ground and contracted rheumatism so bad that he was not fit for duty not more than half of his time;he had to be excused from duty on the Vicksburg campaign; piles set in and they, with his rheumatic pains, he would suffer very bad; I had him in the hospital on and off most of the while at Vicksburg; on the return from Jackson, Miss. I sent him to general hospital; he staid there a spell; came to the Battery again but suffered a good deal; sometimes his piles would be so bad that he could not ride his horse; I had the cair of him while in the Battery."

Under date of 15 January 1898 the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior sent SIDNEY PALMER a supplemental questionnaire for completion about his (then) marital status and number of children then living which was signed by him June 4, 1898. In this he repeated the name of his wife as ELSIE PALMER (ELSIE SMITH), the date of their marriage as Dec. 25, 1866, in Hillsdale County, Michigan, and the name of the Justice of the Peace who married them was CHAS. SMITH. The children listed were:

HARRISON, NEWTON, BURTON, WILLIAM, ARTHUR and LULA PALMER

which were not the full and complete names of these children which are hereinafter set out in full.

SIDNEY's National Archives file contains copies of his Battery Muster-in Rolls commencing January 17, 1862, affirming he had enrolled on 18 November 1861 at Ransom, Michigan; these Rolls continue up to and including 28 Jan 1865 when he was "mustered out at Jackson, Michigan, term of service expired."

There is nothing in the file to indicate he was not granted the pension on his original petition in 1886 when he was aged 43 years. However, periodic supplemental declarations were required of him and another one was completed and signed by SIDNEY on 22 March 1915 in which he repeated the above information about his marriage and his wife's name explaining: "ELSIA ELLAN PALMER died Nov. 23, 1914 in San Francisco, Cal." His children in this list had more complete names than in the previous declaration signed in 1898:

(1)	HENRY HARRISON PALMER	born Oct. 11 1867
(2)	ISAAC NEWTON PALMER	born July 31 1869
(3)	BURTON ELWOOD PALMER	born Jan 16 1872
(4)	JAMES WILLIAM PALMER	born May 12 1875
(5)	CHESTER ARTHUR PALMER	born June 14 1881
(6)	LULU MAY PALMER	born Dec 10 1884

Again on 27 June 1923 SIDNEY PALMER signed a sworn statement before a Notary Public in Hillsdale, Michigan re-affirming his identity as the same SIDNEY PALMER who enlisted Nov. 18, 1861 at Ransom, Mich., in Co. G, 1st Mich. Lt. Art. and that his "personal description at time of first enlistment was as follows:

Height	5' 7½"	Color of Eyes	blue
Complexion	Light	Color of Hair	brown

and that his occupation then was that of a farmer; further that since leaving the service he had resided at Osseo, Michigan except a year or two in California; and that his occupation in 1923 was "retired." Further that he then required the regular personal aid and attendance of another person on account of disabilities and that "my daughter, LULA PALMER, has to care for me, cook and care for me, or else have board at a hotel."

SIDNEY's only daughter, LULA MAY, evidently removed to Long Beach, California and was living there in 1928 when her father died on October 30 at the hospital in the Soldiers' Home (in Sawtelle) in West Los Angeles; the cause of death listed by the physician included the following: "Chronic Myocarditis; cerebral hemorrhage; gangrene; arteriosclerosis type, right toes."

On 28 Dec 1928 the daughter filed her affidavit in support of her claim against the Government for payment of burial expenses for her father as a Civil War veteran; she signed the same as "MRS. LULU PALMER, Route 2, Box 504 Long Beach, Calif." and listed her father's place of residence at the time of death as Long Beach, California. The itemization of expenses included her father's burial in Osseo, Michigan.

During the final preparation of this volume in 1985 the compiler was able to make contact with two living descendants of ALEXANDER PALMER, to wit: VERA LEAH (PALMER) STEARNS of Bluffton, Ohio, and TREVA (WALTERS) ROSE of Hillsdale, Michigan, both of whom furnished additional information about this family; VERA STEARNS descends from WILLIAM H. PALMER and TREVA ROSE descends from WILLIAM's younger brother, SIDNEY PALMER. Information regarding the children of SIDNEY PALMER and the latter's descendants follows; his six children were:

(1) HENRY HARRISON PALMER[10] b 11 Oct 1867, m ALICE DINSMORE (b 1871, d 1928), d 1951 in Westminster, Orange County, California; bur East Hill Cemetery, Osseo, Michigan, next to his wife. They had two sons who may have been twins:[11]

i IRA PALMER b 15 May 1892, m ELIZABETH ("LIZZY") _____ (b May/June 2, 1884, d 13 June 1965); IRA d 13 July 1965, one month after his wife's death; both bur in same cemetery near his parents.

ii CARL PALMER b _____, m (1st) MONA _____, they had one dau:

(a) "VIRGIE" (may have been VIRGINIA)PALMER. They resided in Chicago; after MONA's death, CARL married (2nd) ELSIE _____ (b 3 June 1913); in 1976 his widow was residing in Marseilles,Illinois.

(2) ISAAC NEWTON PALMER b 31 July 1869, m HATTIE MAY HAWES (b 1876, d 1921); he d 1937; both bur Leonardson Cemetery, Jefferson Twp, south of Pittsford, Mich., on Reading Road. They had four children:[11]

i FLORENCE PALMER b 1892, d 1911; bur near her parents, of[11] typhoid fever.

ii LALA E. PALMER m ANTHONY WALTERS (b 1888, d 1967); resided in Hillsdale Co., Mich. in Adams Twp. They had two daus:[12]

(a) RENA WALTERS b 3 June 1913, m 2 Mar 1937 LESTER S. WEBB; she d 7 Nov 1976. Her obituary included the following:
RENA M. WEBB, aged 63, died Sunday morning (7 Nov 1976) in Hillsdale Community Health Center. She was b Adams Twp 3 June 1913, to ANTHONY WAYNE and LALA E.(PALMER)WALTERS. She had lived in Pittsford and Osseo and in Hillsdale since 1950. She attended Pittsford High School; was member of Pittsford Grange, the No. Amer.Benefit Ass'n., the Mich.Past Presidents Club, the Marion and Oak Extension Club; World War 11 Mothers Club. She married LESTER S.WEBB in March 1937; he survives; other survivors include her son[13] MAURICE D. WEBB, Galesburg; his two sons: TRENT WEBB and BRENT WEBB,[14] and a sister, Mrs. HOWARD (TREVA) ROSE of Hillsdale. Funeral service will be at two p.m., Wed., in Towns Funeral Home,Hillsdale.

Dr. DAVID S. EVANS will officiate. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township.

(b) TREVA WALTERS[12] b 1915, m HOWARD ROSE; resides (1985) Hillsdale, Michigan, except winters in Florida.

iii ARTHUR C. PALMER b 1895, d 1972; believed to have had nine children, "all living around Sturgis and Burr Oak, Michigan;"bur East Hill Cemetery (see page 313 of this volume).

iv EDITH PALMER b 1897, m EMERY GOULD (b 1880, d 1956) died 1969; no children; both are bur in Leonardson Cemetery near her parents and unmarried sister, FLORENCE who died 1911, aged 19 years.

(3) BURTON ELWOOD PALMER[10] ("BERT") b 16 Jan 1872. No children.

(4) JAMES WILLIAM PALMER b 12 May 1875, m MARY _____. They resided near Ann Arbor, Mich and had five children:

i ELSIE PALMER.[11]
ii LENA PALMER.
iii THEODORE PALMER.
iv LULU PALMER.
v MARY PALMER.

(5) CHESTER ARTHUR PALMER b 14 June 1881, m MARIE _____; res. Toledo, Ohio ca 1911; he m (2nd) GRACE _____ (b 8 Dec 1886, d 1974); res.Westminster,Calif. He d 16 May 1965 Long Beach Veterans Hospital, Spanish Amer. War vet. Bur Westminster Memorial Park; no children.

(6) LULU MAY PALMER b 10 Dec 1884, m _____HALSTEAD; removed to Long Beach, California; she was residing there in the 1920's when her father (Civil War veteran SIDNEY PALMER) visited her and he went to live out his life in the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle (West Los Angeles) where he died 30 Oct 1928. She m (2nd) _____ ROBERTS & resided Riverside, California; she returned to Long Beach where she died 1966. She had one dau (GLENDORA or GLENDOLA):

i GLENDOLA HALSTEAD, who married _____ MILLER and they had a son:[12]

(a) ROBERT MILLER who resided in California.

Sources:

"Burials--Hillsdale County, Michigan" (1978) prepared by the Southern Michigan Genealogical Society; compiled by several of the members over a two-year period.
"Palmer MSS."
National Archives Pension File for SIDNEY PALMER. (The Pension Files for his two brothers, WILLIAM and JOHN, were also obtained.
Mrs. VERA LEAH (PALMER) STEARNS of Bluffton, Ohio.
Mrs. TREVA WALTERS ROSE of Hillsdale, Michigan.
Family Records and Palmer Family History Book of Mrs. CECELIA PALMER HOWE, commenced 1870, of Three Rivers, Michigan.

ADDENDUM TO SIDNEY PALMER

During the period in the 1920's when SIDNEY PALMER was a resident at the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle in West Los Angeles, he was sometimes visited by a relative who had resided in Los Angeles since December 1911: EDWARD BANNON PALMER, SR. and his wife, LILLIAN, and their three children which included the compiler of this book who was then a young child. This family resided near the Huntington Park area of Los Angeles County even today a great distance from West Los Angeles; but in the 1920's it was a very long journey to visit this veteran and return home; the journey was made in the family's 1916 four-door touring (open with no windows) Studebaker which EDWARD had purchased second-hand from some more affluent old-time Michigan friends who had retired to the West Adams section of Los Angeles.

The compiler through the years would vividly recall these visits and at times discussed them with her younger brother, EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR., who easily recalled them. It was recalled they would usually drive to the office of the Soldiers' Home and inquire about this old veteran and almost always he was to be found sitting out in the sunshine, on the spacious grounds, surrounded by shrubs and trees and well-kept lawns. Spaced throughout the grounds on the lawn were benches where numerous residents could sit and enjoy the sunshine.

Many years later, the compiler and her brother wondered just who that veteran had been and what had been his relationship to the family; it was understood from conversations that in some way he was related to their paternal grandfather, CYRUS PALMER, and that his name also was PALMER. When the compiler commenced her genealogical research into her PALMER family history she recalled the foregoing and was determined to eventually learn the identity of the old Civil War Veteran her family would visit at intervals in the 1920's. By this time her own parents were deceased and neither she nor her brother or sister could recall his identity.

The puzzle fell into place when the research progressed far enough and her grandfather's relationship to SIDNEY PALMER was found to be that of a first cousin. Their father's (ALEXANDER and CYRUS A.) were the two oldest sons of eleven born to JOHN C. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER who migrated from Walworth, New York to the Territory of Michigan in 1831. ALEXANDER was born 1812 and CYRUS A. was born 1815. SIDNEY was the fourth son of ALEXANDER; and CYRUS A. had six sons, the fourth one being named for him CYRUS ALBERT, who became the father of EDWARD BANNON PALMER, SR. CYRUS ALBERT was born 1849 and thus was a few years younger than his cousin, SIDNEY. Although other members of this huge PALMER family served in the Civil War, no record has been found of any who eventually resided at the Soldier's Home in Sawtelle, California.

Remembrances of the Compiler,
Doris PALMER Buys

112. JOHN PALMER[9] (Alexander[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 14 April 1843, son of ALEXANDER and his first wife, LUCEBA (HATHAWAY) PALMER of Ransom, Hillsdale, Michigan. He married 22 Oct 1865 NANCY TAZIER (?) at Ransom, Michigan and the marriage was performed by DANIEL WOODWARD. JOHN was only ten years of age when his mother died in 1853. He died 7 Dec 1925 in the village of Morenci, Township of Seneca, County of Lenawee, age 82 years, 7 months and 24 days. He was buried 10 Dec 1925 in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci according to a copy of his death certificate included with his pension file received from the National Archives, which listed the "Cause of Death" as "Old Age." All the information pertaining to this JOHN PALMER was obtained from his NA file, except the following record obtained from the D.A.R. Cemetery Records in the Detroit City Library, Volume 5, "Lenawee County Burials":

"On the Baker Lot" in Seneca Township, Oak Grove Cemetery:

JOHN PALMER 1843-1925 NANCY PALMER 1849-1927
G.A.R.
LEONARD H. PALMER 1870-19__ CARRIE, wf. LEONARD H. PALMER
(Son of JOHN) 1872-1898
DORA PALMER, wf LEONARD H. 1875 - 19__

HARLEY PALMER, son of L.H. & D. 1902-1914

HAROLD PALMER, son of L.H. & C. 1900-1922 (World War I Veteran?)
(American Legion Marker)

JOHN's NA file contains a copy of his Volunteer Enlistment papers giving his date of enlistment as 28 of July 1862 and his occupation as that of a farmer and his age as nineteen years, and his description as:

Eyes	Blue	Complexion	Light	(Pension Affidavit
Hair	Light	Height	5' 7"	has height: 5' 10")

His enlistment was for a period of three years; his residence was given as Ransom, Michigan and his signature was witnessed by Capt. T. T. HILL. JOHN was assigned to Company "F" of the 18th Michigan Infantry Regiment of Volunteers. His NA file does not contain any information about his years of service during the Civil War; he was discharged honorably on 11 July 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee having served for three years.

On 7 July 1890 JOHN appeared before a Notary Public in the County of Lenawee, Michigan, and signed a handwritten affidavit prepared by the Notary for the purpose of obtaining a pension"in accordance with the provisions of Act of Congress of 27 June 1890 and he hereby asks to be placed upon the pension rolls of the United States." In that document his age was said to be 47 years; resident of Morenci; his description was the same as on previous documents except his height was now 5' 11" and he alleged he served under Captain THEODORE J. HILL. He further alleged he was then two-thirds disabled from the performance of manual labor by reason of muscular rheumatism and neuralgic pains "which was incurred without any fault or negligence of his and is not the result of any act or vicious habit or habits on his part." He asserted that "While in the service he contracted muscular

rheumatism and neuralgia for which he is not pensioned; that since leaving the service applicant has resided in the Township of Ransom, Hillsdale County, Michigan and Morenci, Lenawee County, Michigan, his occupation being a general laborer and when enrolled (he was) a farmer." A General Affidavit in support of JOHN's application was furnished by HENRY C. WILLIAMS, M.D. of Morenci who affirmed "That he has practiced medicine for 22 years and that he has treated claimant for 14 years and has examined claimant this day and finds him disabled from Rheumatism and neuralgia to such an extent as to prevent him earning a living by manual labor and in my opinion disabilities are of a permanent character and are not caused by claimant's viscious habits."

JOHN was granted a pension and his file carried the number 855,246. On 3 June 1895 a brief supplemental questionnaire was furnished the Bureau of Pensions (Certificate No. 629,256) the answers to which were:

Marriage: Wife was NANCY J. TAZIER (?); married 22 Oct 1865 in Hillsdale County, Michigan;
Children living:

CARL (?) PALMER born 24 Nov 1867
LEONARD PALMER born 25 Feb 1870
MIRLE(?)PALMER born 15 Jul 1875

(These names appear to have been written by JOHN PALMER himself and are almost illegible; another typewritten document in the NA file, however, clearly gives the name of the son LEONARD H.)

Following the death of her husband, NANCY PALMER filed her Declaration For Widow's Pension under the Act of May 1, 1920, signed before two witnesses and a Notary Public in the County of Lenawee on 14 Dec 1925. She declared her age then was seventy-five years and that she had been born on 2 April 1850 at Lorain, Ohio. On 19 Jan 1926 her son, LEONARD H. PALMER, furnished a typewritten statement signed before a Notary Public, on the printed stationery of the WAKEFIELD STATE BANK, MORENCI, MICHIGAN as follows:

> I, Leonard H. Palmer being duly sworn, depose and say that I am fifty-five years of age and that my post office address is Morenci. Further that JOHN PALMER and NANCY PALMER were my father and mother and that they have lived in Morenci practically all of their married life. Further that they have never been divorced and that they were living as husband and wife at the time of the death of my father."

NANCY PALMER was apparently granted a pension of $30. per month since the file contains a report of "DROPPING PENSIONER" dated June 18, 1927 which explains that NANCY PALMER, widow, was last paid to May 4, 1927 and "has been dropped from the roll because of her death on 14 May 1927." Her file carried the number 969,807.

Subsequent to preparation of the foregoing, newly found descendants of JOHN's grandfather (ALEXANDER PALMER) have listed three children for this JOHN and NANCY as: RALPH G. b 1903, d 1918; LYDA and MINA, both with a question mark following their names. No other information about this JOHN. (Source: Mrs. Vera Palmer Stearns of Bluffton, Ohio.)

Inasmuch as the son RALPH G. PALMER died at age fifteen years, it may be understandable why some of the present-day relatives do not recall him. However, the LYDA and MINA PALMER which were on the pedigree received from VERA PALMER STEARNS were remembered by Mrs. TREVA WALTERS ROSE who recalled the following about this family:

JOHN PALMER[9], oldest son of ALEXANDER[8] and LUCEBA PALMER, resided in Morenci, Lenawee Co., Michigan. From her information and other records we believe there were the following children for JOHN and his wife, NANCY PALMER; they married 1865 following his discharge from Civil War duty:

(1) LEONARD H. PALMER[10] b 1870, m CARRIE _____ (1st); she was born 1872 and died 1898; no record of any children; he married (2nd) DORA (born 1875) who must have been the mother of the following children:
  i HAROLD PALMER b 1900, d 1922, World War 1 Veteran
  ii HARLEY PALMER b 1902, d 1914.

(2) LYDA PALMER, married CLARENCE SMATTS; she died Morenci.
(3) MINA PALMER married FRANK SMITH; resided Fayette, Ohio; they had two daus, one died young.

Sources:

National Archives Pension File for John Palmer, Civil War Veteran; filed by his widow, after his death.
D.A.R. Cemetery Records, Vol. 5, "Lenawee Co. Burials."
Mrs. VERA PALMER STEARNS of Bluffton, Ohio.

113. GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER[9] (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Nottawa Township, village of Wasepi, St. Joseph County, Michigan, 14 April 1840, oldest surviving child of CYRUS A. and MARY+(SCHREDER) PALMER. He married 4 Dec 1862 HANNAH GIBBONS in Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. (She was b 17 June 1844 in Mendon, Mich. and died 19 Sept 1930 in Malden, Mass., the daughter of GEORGE and MATILDA (MORRISON) GIBBONS of Mendon.) He died 10 Sept 1926 in Wasepi and both are buried in the Palmer family plot in Pioneer Cemetery. Both of them lived to the age of 86 years and would have been married 64 years had GEORGE lived another three months, ("Palmer MSS." page 1055).

The first four years of their marriage they operated a farm in Mendon Township; then for the next sixteen years they had their farm in Nottawa Township. In 1882 they settled in the village of Wasepi where GEORGE had been born and where his parents and most of his brothers still resided. Here they built a home, modern for those times, which they occupied continuously for the next forty-four years when GEORGE died there in 1926. In addition to continuing his life there as a farmer, GEORGE operated a saw mill.

On 13 July 1866 GEORGE was made a Master Mason in the Mendon Lodge of F. & A. M. No. 37 and continued taking all degrees up to Knight Templar at Three Rivers, the largest city nearby. According to"The Centreville Observer" which published GEORGE's obituary on 16 Sept 1926, "He was not content with a superficial knowledge of masonary but was a student of the Order and most faithful to its teachings. He was always a leader, a devoted husband and father whom everyone respected and sought. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Cardiff, with the Mendon Masonic Lodge officiating at the cemetery with a Knights Templar escort."

GEORGE and HANNAH had two sons born to them followed by one daughter. Their last years were greatly saddened by the death of their second son, VICTOR LeROY PALMER who died 12 Jan 1924 in Kalamazoo,age 52 years. VICTOR was born in Nottawa Township 8 Apr 1871 and married 4 Jan 1893 MARY EVELYN BARNARD (b 8 Aug 1870), the daughter of ROLAND C. and CLARA A. (CONNOR) BARNARD. Although they were married apparently 31 years, they had no children. VICTOR must have decided against the life of a farmer and life in such a small village as Wasepi as he settled in Kalamazoo about 1887 when he was but sixteen years of age and eventually entered the manufacturing business there and was first employed by D. Burrell & Son. Later he was employed by the Michigan Buggy Company. Eventually he assisted in the reorganization of that company and shifted its operation from the manufacture of horse-drawn vehicles to automobiles. VICTOR PALMER's obituary contained the following:

> "VICTOR PALMER was prominently identified with the business interests of Kalamazoo, serving several years as a director in local banks and other enterprises. He was a member of both Park Club and the Country Club and also a member of Saint Luke's Church for over twenty years. His services will be in charge of the Rev. JAMES H. BISHOP and his burial will be at Mountain Home Cemetery."

Following GEORGE's death in 1926 his older son, FRANK, served as his Executor and following the mother's death in 1930, FRANK was Executor.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER and his wife HANNAH had three children, the first one born in Mendon, Michigan and the next two born in Nottawa Township at the village of Wasepi:

173. (1) FRANK AUBREY PALMER b 5 Nov 1864 m 18 Nov 1885 MINNIE BUELL, dau of WILLIAM MONROE and MARY ANN (McKERCHER) BUELL, b 14 Dec 1860, d 22 Dec 1916. He d 20 Dec 1936 and was buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Wasepi; one son.

174. (2) VICTOR LeROY PALMER b 8 Apr 1871, m 4 Jan 1893 MARY EVELYN BARNARD (b 8 Aug 1870); died 12 Jan 1924 in Kalamazoo; aged 52 years; buried Mt. Home Cemetery; no children.

175. (3) MYRTAL CECILIA PALMER b 17 Aug 1876, m 22 Dec 1917 Maj.FRANK L. LEACH of Malden, Massachusetts (b 12 June 1884); resided Salem, Mass. She died 19 Aug 1957; nochildren; named for her aunt, CECILIA LORETTE (PALMER) HOWE.

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114. CHARLES ADELBERT PALMER[9] (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in the village of Wasepi, Nottawa Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan, 31 July 1841, the second of six sons born to CYRUS A. and MARY+(SCHREDER) PALMER. He married (1st) 9 Aug 1864 at Sturgis, Michigan ELLA NORA POWERS, dau of JAMES and DIADMA POWERS. ELLA was born in 1845 and died 15 Aug 1901 in Wasepi. CHARLES married (2nd) 1 Jan 1904 JULIA NEWLAND in Manton, Wexford County, Michigan; she was the daughter of ROBERT and PAULINE (BRUNNEY) NEWLAND of Ohio; she died Dec 1923.

CHARLES had but one child(known to have survived to adulthood) by his first wife and none by the second. A daughter, LORA M., was born at Wasepi 23 Oct 1865 but she died at the age of 29 years on 25 Aug 1895, a very great tragedy for her parents. LORA M. had been assistant postmistress at Wasepi eight years prior to the illness which resulted in her death. She was buried in the Palmer family plot in Pioneer Cemetery and her parents in due time were buried next to her.

A complete write-up about CHARLES appeared in the 1910 publication of the "History of St. Joseph County" (supra) from which we quote portions:

> "Mr. Palmer was reared as a farmer's boy and was educated in the township schools. At the age of 18 he began life for himself with no capital save courage, energy and persistence. His first services were as a farm hand at a wage of eleven dollars a month, but he did not stay long at the bottom of the ladder of life. The first land he bought was thirteen acres of Nottawa Township land--all wild.
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> "His daughter, LORA, graduated from the Mendon High School and was a proficient musician, both vocal and instrumental. Her untimely death occurred at age twenty-nine years, in 1895. It was in 1892 that Mr. PALMER began merchandising in Wasepi, and he has continued ever since.
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> "At the age of twenty-four (1865) he was elected Justice of the Peace in Nottawa Township and he has held the office ever since with the exception of four years--certainly a splendid record.

"CHARLES PALMER has been township drain commissioner for twenty years, and county drain commissioner for sixteen, this office being one of the most important of the county trusts. Thousands and thousands of dollars have passed through his hands and thousands and thousands of acres have been reclaimed. One of the greatest benefits of this drain work was its sanitary effect for it did away with all miasmatic troubles and with fever and ague. Mr.Palmer has served as school director for a quarter of a century, and he is, indeed, a staunch champion of the betterment of that bulwark of the nation, the public schools. In 1887 under President Cleveland's administration, he was appointed Postmaster at Wasepi, to fill out a vacancy. In 1900 he was relieved of the office and in 1904 he received his regular appointment as Postmaster at Wasepi.

"He is a stalwart Republican and cast his first vote for the martyred LINCOLN, and he was a strong advocate of the President's principles at the time of the Rebellion and has supported every Republican candidate since his maiden vote. He has many times been a delegate to county conventions and has advocated all measures for the betterment of his county and state.

"Fraternally Mr. PALMER is a member of the Mendon Masonic body, F. & A.M. No.137, and he was Worshipful Master for fourteen years. He became a Master Mason December 24, 1862, and he is a member of the Centreville Chapter, R.A.M., that connection dating from March 4, 1863. In 1904 he joined the Three Rivers Commandery No. 29. He has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter as many as twenty times."

Following the death of his father, CYRUS A., in 1896, CHARLES took over management of his father's huge farm on behalf of his mother. He outlived both his wives; the second one died in 1923 following which time he made his home with his youngest brother, FRED. After his mother's death in 1914 at the age of 96 years, the six brothers and one sister decided it was time to sell the parents' home and farm although CHARLES had been operating it profitably since 1896. In April 1916 the probate of the mother's estate handled by CHARLES terminated with the sale of the farm and distribution of the assets received from the sale to the seven surviving children.

CHARLES ADELBERT PALMER died at the home of his last surviving brother, FREDERICK, 29 May 1929, two months before reaching his eighty-eighth birthday; and just two months and a few days later his only sister, CECELIA PALMER (HOWE) CARTER also died in Marion, Indiana, aged 82 years. The Rev. RALPH DEAN officiated at his funeral, held in his brother's home, which was under the direction of the Mendon Masonic Lodge with a Commandery escort. He was buried next to his only child, LORA, and his first wife, in Pioneer Cemetery "of which he had had charge for over a half century" according to his obituary in the Wasepi paper.

(Additional Sources: "Palmer MSS." page 1057
and Palmer Family History by Celia Palmer Howe Carter
maintained during years 1870-1929.)

115. HARVEY DeWITT PALMER[9] (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 June 1844 in the village of Wasepi, Nottawa Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan, one of six sons of CYRUS A. and MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER who migrated there in 1838 from Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan. He married 2 July 1866 at Nottawa, MARY ELLA PORTER about whom little is known. One record indicates that he married (2nd) one CORNELIA _____ but nothing else is known about her.

Not desiring to be a farmer and follow in the footsteps of his ancestors and some of his brothers, HARVEY learned the blacksmith trade when he reached the age of eighteen years, at the shop of one WILLIAM SIMPSON at Prairie Corners in Nottawa Township. In later years he would travel from place to place, carrying with him all the "secret arts, parts and points of heated steel." He apparently continued to live and work in St. Joseph County for many years where one son was born to his wife in 1869 named RAYMOND ROSS PALMER.

HARVEY was a member of the Mendon (Michigan) F. & A.M. Lodge No. 135 (Masonic) and of the Centreville, Michigan, Chapter No. 11. His wife, MARY, died in 1903 and in 1908 he removed to Topeka, Kansas where he became employed in the shops of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company. HARVEY had become an inventive genius and some of his inventions continued in general use in the Santa Fe system for many years. He was regarded as the leading mechanic of Topeka. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Shipmakers and Helpers of America, Lodge No. 34 at Topeka. He continued to render valuable services to his employer when at the advanced age of 75 years he was stricken in his final illness about the 10th of May, 1920 which resulted in his death 20 May 1920; two weeks later he would have had his 76th birthday.

His older brother, CHARLES A. and only sister, Mrs. CELIA S. HOWE, notified by wire of the seriousness of his illness on May 13th departed immediately for Topeka and arrived a few days before his death; however, he had already lapsed into unconsciousness before their arrival so there was no recognition. His funeral took place at the home of that brother in Wasepi, conducted by the Masonic Lodge of Mendon. He was buried in the family plot in Pioneer Cemetery, Wasepi. He was the first of his family of seven children to die but on the first of September of the same year a younger brother, CYRUS ALBERT, would follow him, although at the time CYRUS had received the telegram advising of the death of HARVEY DeWITT, CYRUS was residing in Los Angeles, California, where he and his wife, ELLEN, had traveled to the previous Christmas, and where CYRUS had hoped to remain.

One child born to HARVEY DeWITT and his first wife:

(1) RAYMOND ROSS PALMER b 19 April 1869, married EVA LENA BONNEY; they had one child, a dau AUBURN PALMER who married _____ OSBORN and had one son named SIDNEY PALMER OSBORN who died at age one year. RAYMOND ROSS died 1 March 1936, aged 67 years.

(Source: "Palmer MSS." page 1057 and Palmer Family History Book of Celia (Palmer)Howe Carter.)

116. CECILIA (CELIA) LORETTE PALMER[9], (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 Jan 1847 in the village of Wasepi, Nottawa Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan, the only daughter of her parents who survived, although she had six brothers, three older than herself and three younger. Her father, CYRUS A. was mostly of English background descended from the early New England pioneers who reached Massachusetts by 1630. Her mother, MARY SCHREDER, however, was apparently one hundred per cent of German stock, her ancestry dating back to MARY's Hessian grandfather, JOHN J. SCHREEDER, as his name was phonetically written when he joined the colonists in 1777 to fight against the British; in German the name originally had been JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRÖDER; MARY's father had again changed the spelling of the surname to SCHREDER.

CECILIA received a good education in the township schools and became an accomplished musician, playing the violoncello and for many years gave music lessons. At age eighteen she married WILLIAM WALDO HOWE on 26 Dec 1865 (b 8 Sept 1841, Nottawa, died Dec 1908 Burr Oak, Michigan). He was an attorney practicing in Burr Oak so following their marriage she made her home in that town.

Although she had no children of her own, CELIA always took a great interest in her nephews and nieces and eventually in their children. She was devoted to her family and had great appreciation for her country and her family's history in helping to shape that country. In the 1870's while still in her twenties she commenced writing her family's history in a book which on her death in 1929 became the property of her only surviving brother, FRED; and on his death in 1949 became the proud possession of the compiler of this book. Oral History as it is commonly known today is being taught in some of the universities--the recording into electronic devices and cassettes the recollections of our most elderly citizens to insure that their remembrances not be lost to posterity. In the 1870's CELIA PALMER engaged in this same practice but she had to record in her own handwriting the conversations she had with the senior citizens of that decade. From her first-hand conversations she recorded information in her Palmer History Book received from:

(1) Her own maternal grandfather, JOHN J. SCHREDER (born 1789, died 1883, age 94) from whom she learned the history of his own father who was a Hessian soldier who was brought to this country in 1775 to fight with the British but who within two years deserted and joined the colonists with whom he continued to fight for the duration of that war in 1783; he was JOHANN J. SCHRÖDER born 1745 in Hesse-Kassel, Germany, died 1825 Newburgh, New York, age 80 years;

(2) Her own mother, MARY SCHREDER born 1818 Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, who died 1914 age 96 years;

(3) Her paternal grandfather, JOHN C. PALMER (born 1789, Granville, Washington County, New York, died 1864 Ridgeway, Michigan, age 75 years) whose own father, NATHANIEL (1764-1840) and grandfather, Captain FENNER PALMER (1735-1794) had been soldiers in the Revolutionary War; and

(4) Her father-in-law, AMOS HOWE born 1794 at Jamaica, Windom County, Vermont, who in March 1816 left his native state to journey westward.

"The History of St. Joseph County" Vol. One (1911) by H. G. Cutler described the history of the Pioneer Society (page 100) which was organized and AMOS HOWE was one of the Vice Presidents for Nottawa Township and a charter member. He was re-elected 10 June 1874 as one Vice President and at the third annual meeting held 9 June 1875 AMOS HOWE was elected President. However, he was unable to carry out this position as President inasmuch as he died 24 Aug 1875. At the meeting held 14 June 1876 a successor was elected and the Society was presented with a fine photograph of its deceased President by his son, WILLIAM W. HOWE of Burr Oak.

Following the death of WILLIAM HOWE in 1908, CELIA HOWE removed to Jackson where she operated a music store for many years, continuing to give music lessons. Because of her ability, integrity and love for her fellowman she was given the very unusual privilege of giving music lessons to the inmates of the state prison at Jackson under the wardenship of Mr. HATCH, bringing much comfort and happiness into the lives of those inmates. Also since the death of her father in 1896 she had the care of her mother who resided with her. Following her mother's death in 1914, CELIA (PALMER) HOWE removed to Mendon and for many years was very active in the social life of that village and an enthusiastic member of the Mendon Eastern Star Lodge.

In 1923 she married (2nd) a long-time family friend, SOL CARTER of Marion, Indiana, and removed to his home in that city. During the years 1927-1929 she carried on a continuous correspondence with her nephew, EDWARD PALMER (SR.) who had resided in Los Angeles, California, since 1911, encouraging him to take the necessary steps for his two young daughters (OLGA and DORIS) to join the Daughters of the American Revolution on the basis of the Revolutionary War service of her great-grandfather, the Hessian from Germany, JOHN J. SCHREEDER. Having been the family historian for more than fifty years she compiled all the information known to the family that this might be accomplished.

"On the evening of 3 August 1929 as she was crossing a street in Marion she was struck by a speeding automobile and dragged for a considerable distance and so seriously injured that she died the next morning at eight o'clock. Thus ended a life of service and worth. The world is richer for her life. But for the unpardonable heedlessness of the motorists and the present craze for speed, this noble woman would have undoubtedly been spared for years. Her body was brought to the home of her only surviving brother, FRED PALMER in Wasepi, Michigan, where the funeral occurred on Tuesday, 6 Aug 1929. The service was conducted by Rev. Alice Tench of Leonidas and Sisters of the Eastern Star of Mendon attended and acted as escort of honor. Mrs. Carter was aged 82 years, 6 months and 25 days; she was buried in the Palmer family plot in Pioneer Cemetery in the village where she was born." (Obituary appearing in local Wasepi newspaper 7 Aug 1929.)

Portions of the lengthy history of CELIA PALMER HOWE's father-in-law, AMOS HOWE, follows; an early settler in St. Joseph County, Michigan, he died there in Nottawa 1875 aged 81 years; it is of interest today (1984) to read the recollections of an American citizen born almost two hundred years ago which included events leading up to the War of 1812:

"My parents were both of Presbyterian persuasion; (I was) the youngest of five boys. In the 18th year of my age my name was enenrolled as a private in the Militia; on being examined was pronounced exempt from duty on account of rheumatism, a disease which had troubled me at times all my life. It was at this time (1812) the trouble arose between the American Government and the British, the British claiming the right of search among our vessels in view of obtaining their deserted seamen who had left them and sought shelter among Americans where they could obtain food and good wages for their labor.

"Not being satisfied with rescuing their own men, they commenced the traffic with others, claiming Americans and forcing them into their ranks where they made them serve as British seamen on board their 'Men of War,' for which charge the Government laid an embargo which insured no remedy and, in the extreme, War was declared, a war which proved severe and tedious and not until the four great battles on September 10, 1815 that the victory was achieved: the one on Lake Erie commanded by Perry; one on Lake Ontario by Commodore Chancy; one on Lake Champlain by McDover; and one on the land at Plattsburg under the command of General Deerborn, being four the greatest battles fought, rendering the names of the Commanders ever famous in the annals of history.

"In March 1816 I left my native State (Vermont) to journey in what was then called the 'Holland Purchase' near Buffalo .... (but) not being pleased with the general appearance of the country here I was induced to continue my travels until I reached Chataqua (Chautauqua) in the extreme western part of the state of New York where I was engaged for three years in the manufacture of Pearlash. At the end of which time (1819) I concluded to further my course to the West in view of better land, better climate and better prospects to which end I took my knapsack of provision and started for Michigan, continuing my journey from place to place until I reached Detroit by way of Cleveland; my trip proving rather a lonely one, traveling whole days without seeing a person or any habitation, taking my way sometimes on the ice, the largest days travel on ice being from Block House on the Carron River to Monroe a distance of 46 miles.

"I met six men with teams on their way to Cleveland. I asked them questions as regards the route to Detroit; also the farming prospects, to all of which they gave incouraging answers, stating that a person could have all the land he wanted by merely settling upon it--if the government did not give it, Detroit would. On arriving at Brownstown I found a friend and acquaintance, MOSES ALLEN, who I decided to spend the summer with and we took the job of furnishing timber to build a bridge across Huron River between Monroe and Detroit.

"After this was completed I put myself to farming on a piece of land on the bank of the Huron River in what is now called Huron in Wayne County, sixteen miles below what has since become Ypsilanti. I had no team, no farming utensils; merely an open field without a stake or fence.... I had a splendid crop of corn and vegetables but was not permitted to enjoy them as I was taken sick the 9th of Aug (probably 1819) and did not recover until the first of Nov.

"I made the journey back to my friends in Chautauqua and staid there until the next spring when I had entirely recovered my health during which time I had been married and in April in company with my wife started out in view of our home in Mich. on the banks of the Huron, arriving there in May. After living here one year we decided to purchase the land from the Government.... The day for the sale of land which was the first land sale in Michigan, having arrived, many were there with means to purchase land as it had been advertised at the rate of $2. per acre and the sale continued through the day and many farms sold the price not varying until the said above mentioned farm was put up for sale. There was a set price of $4. per acre. The question at issue arose why this land should be held in value above all the rest which was explained as follows: Section 16 was given for the use of schools and Section 16-15-21 and 22, corner as it happened, was the centre of the Township, giving sixteen for schools made it necessary to charge $4. ... which price I paid and the contract was drawn requiring the payment of one fourth of the purchase money down and the balance to be paid five annual payments, and it became my peaceful habitation for ten or twelve years during which time we suffered many privations as there was little emigration to those parts; times were very hard, the climate being new to us we suffered all those bothersome diseases so common to the early settlers of Michigan. When we had been there between two and three years, the township was organized; a town meeting appointed which was the first 'town meeting' ever held in Wayne County.

"In March 1829 I came to St. Joseph County in company with SETH DUNHAM in hopes of finding a better prospect for farming and a more congenial settlement. We took our way on horseback by way of the 'Chicago Road' previously called the 'Chicago Trail' which then had only been surveyed two or three years. The general appearance of the country here was good. ... When we reached Mottville we became so delighted with the country we decided not to look farther but to go home and make preparations for our return. After reaching home we concluded to again visit St. Joseph County and give it a more thorough investigation before moving our families to it. There were three of us: WM. HAZZARD, SAMUEL WING and myself ... camping out at night; the trip lasted fourteen days, taking our way by Ypsilanti which at that time had but two small dwellings; from there to Ann Arbor, a place situated on the open plains on the bank of the Huron River; from here we took the Indian Trail leading in the direction of Kalamazoo River..... taking an Indian for a guide we started in search of Prairie Round, from there to White Pigeon, passing a beautiful region of the country uninhabited save by the Indians--where Three Rivers now is.

"Eventually we reached Nottawasipi where we selected what we decided should be our homes; HAZZARD entering 80 acres, myself choosing land adjoining situated on Nottawasepi Prairie. From here we traveled until we reached an old French Trading House where Mendon now is; here we camped overnight; we went around the country by Indian Trails to what is now called Leonidas and from there turned our course towards home by way of Cold Water, arriving home in June. We began at once to make preparations to move to our new homes; in the next August I came in company with HEACOX, McKEE, CONOR, HAZZARD and FLETCHER. I bought 80 acres of land; put in crops; built a shanty and then went

back after our families. .... We moved in the spring of 1829. At that time Nottawasepi and Sherman were one town called 'Sherman'.

"At the first town meeting held at Sherman on Sturgis Prairie the first Monday in April 1831, I was elected Road Commissioner. With HAZZARD and Judge STURGIS, in company with the surveyor, ROBERT CLARKE, we surveyed a road from the Indiana line through Sturgis to Marantatts and about this time we built a log cabin in Centreville which was the very first building of any kind built in Centreville.

"It was at this time the neighborhood was aroused by the startling news of the death of CECIL SAWYER who was killed by the falling of a tree. Being the first death in the neighborhood, the people convened together at the residence of JONATHAN INGALS and resolved to purchase two acres of land in Section 16 in Town 6 and Range 10 for the burial of the dead and SAWYER was interred in this lot which became the Township Burrying ground (later called Pioneer Cemetery).

"Before the next Township meeting, the Township was divided and Nottawa set off by itself. I received a commission from Govarnor CASS appointing me Justice of the Peace. I was sworn into office by NELL McGAFFY, Justice of the Peace in White Pigeon Township. ... There being only eleven voters in the Township, it became necessary to confer the honors of two or more offices upon one person, all of which they accepted without a dissenting voice and there was no electioneering or bantering as to how men should vote. .... I was present at the first meeting in Huron Township; the first in Sherman; and the first in Nottawa.

"In a few years the government bought the 'Indian Reserve," a plat twelve miles square situated near or about where Mendon now is located, paying them (the Indians) off in goods; the Indians were disappointed; they claimed they had not had all the land which was promised them and they made the Governor ... some trouble in the settlement of the affair.

"... a report came that the Sac Indians were coming from near the Mississippi who were opposed to the whites settling the country. There was a meeting appointed at HENRY POWERS for the purpose of calling out the Militia; a committee was appointed to build a fort which was to be near the HOGAN Place on the edge of Nottawa, situated in the Township of Colon. Men were equipped for the line of Battle. It was at this time that my wife was taken sick from over exertion, excitement and fright; and after two weeks she died leaving me with two children, SAPHRONA and MALINDA."

The Pioneer Cemetery has two HOWE burials: "ANNA HEWIT, wife of AMOS HOWE, died June 13, 1832, aged 34 years" and "BABY HOWE - 1874", although a marker for the pioneer AMOS HOWE could not be found in either this cemetery or in Nottawa Cemetery. The above reference to the arrival of the Sac Indians undoubtedly referred to what has been called the "Black Hawk War":

"BLACK HAWK (1767-1838) was an American Indian Chief of the Sac Tribe. According to a treaty (1804) with the United States, the Sac and Fox Indians were supposed to move west of the Mississippi. The British, on whose side Black Hawk fought in the War of 1812, persuaded him to repudiate that treaty. A new treaty was signed in 1830, but in 1832 Black Hawk and his people returned to Illinois, where squatters had settled. In the ensuing war, known as the 'Black Hawk War', the Illinois Militia drove the Indians into Wisconsin, where many were massacred and Black Hawk was captured.... in 1837 he went to live on

the Sac and Fox reservation in Iowa." ("New University One-Volume Encyclopedia" (1967 by Harold Drimmer, published by J.J.Little & Ives Co., New University Encyclopedia Div., N.Y.)

Concluding with the recollections of AMOS HOWE: "Government sent troops from west of Chicago but they could not find even the track of a Sac Indian; consequently the excitement died out and the people were again at peace and the men who were in actual service for fourteen days received a land warrant of 160 acres of land--myself one of the number."

AMOS HOWE married a second time and had several sons, including WILLIAM WALDO born 8 Sept 1841 who married 26 Dec 1865 CECILIA LORETTE PALMER. AMOS died in 1875, aged 81 years, at Nottawa.

This county of St. Joseph where the CYRUS A. PALMER family settled in 1838 in Michigan and AMOS HOWE reached much earlier had the usual history of our country, being settled by Indians first and subsequently explored by the French who came down from Canada two hundred years previously. These French explorers, accompanied by their devout priests, are credited with re-naming the valley and two rivers there St. Joseph "in honor of the patron saint of New France--the saint who guards and guides the travellers." In 1781 the Spaniards captured Fort St. Joseph which the French had established. There were three tribes of Indians in this valley: the Ottawas, Chippewas and the Pottawatomies. However, there is no proof that the Spanish flag floated more than twenty-four hours over the fort although the Spanish claimed victory. At a later period the St. Joseph Valley came under the domination of the English and eventually under the flag of the United States.

"St. Joseph in Homespun" a centennial souvenir published in 1931 at Three Rivers, Michigan, compiled by Sue I. Silliman enlightens us about this county of St. Joseph: "A committee including AMOS HOWE was appointed to draw the plans for Fort Hogan, on the lands of J. FOREMAN in the northeast corner of Colon. ... The frightened settlers appointed their committee of safety which included AMOS HOWE," (pp.37-38), and many legends abounded about the causes of the Black Hawk War; in 1821 at Fort Dearborn (Chicago) the majority of the head chiefs of the three tribes gathered for, according to their tribal laws, the consent of the majority of chiefs was necessary to legally dispose of their hunting lands, (p. 7). The cause of the war grew "out of the fact that the Sacs and Foxes sold their lands to the United States and afterward regretted that they had not asked more for them; so they refused to vacate."

The early villages in St. Joseph County were given such quaint names as Burr Oak, Fawn River, Fabius, Flowerfield, Nottawa (Indian) Leonidas, Wasepi (also Indian) and Three Rivers being the spot where three rivers crossed, and White Pigeon; Centreville became the county seat; Sturgis was named for an early citizen, Judge John Sturgis who arrived in 1818 from Ohio. And three of these (Nottawa-Wasepi, Centreville and Three Rivers) were the homeplace for numerous members of the PALMER family dating from 1838 when CYRUS A. PALMER arrived at the Township of Nottawa, settling in Wasepi from Ridgeway, Lenawee County.

117. CYRUS ALBERT PALMER[9], (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 Sept 1849 in Nottawa Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan in the village of Wasepi. He was the fourth son of CYRUS A. PALMER and MARY SCHREDER who had settled in that village in 1838 following their marriage the previous year in Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan. He married 4 Oct 1874 ELLEN B. (BARKER) BANNON in Three Rivers, a larger community in that county; she was the 10th child of HENRY BANNON (also BANNAN) born 5 Sept 1850 in Three Rivers (her mother, ELIZABETH DIEHL,was of German stock and had been born in York County, Pennsylvania). They were the parents of at least seven children, of whom five survived into their seventies, one reached the age of eighty-seven and their only daughter (ZOE, born 1886) is still living today in Port Huron, Michigan, aged ninety-eight. CYRUS ALBERT died 1 Sept 1920 in Detroit and his wife, ELLEN, died 23 March 1925 also in Detroit; both were buried in the family plot in Pioneer Cemetery, Wasepi.

Unlike his father and grandfather, CYRUS ALBERT never was a farmer. At an early age he learned the trade of a blacksmith and from that beginning became an expert machinist--a career which he followed up to and including the day he died at age seventy-one years. He lived on his parents' farm in Wasepi until his marriage at the age of twenty-five years in 1874; some time within the next few months he made the decision to remove westward settling in Charles City, Iowa, where their first child, CLAUDE HARRIS, was born 5 July 1875. He may have felt that with his trade of a blacksmith he would not lack for employment in Iowa. Doubtless too he heard much about that state from his wife and her family. The BANNON family was widely traveled for the times and had had children born in three different states: Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan; and they had traveled westward to Iowa in the late 1850's and were residing in the town of Glenwood, south of Council Bluffs in 1860 according to correspondence sent to the older daughters who were married and remained in Michigan. However after the tragedy of the death of a daughter, the BANNON family headed eastward again, residing in Illinois in the mid-1860's in the town of Morris, county of Grundy, where ELLEN PALMER's mother died. Thereafter ELLEN and her father and unmarried siblings returned to Three Rivers, Michigan.

Just as the BANNON family had given up living in Iowa, so did CYRUS and ELLEN make the decision that they preferred being closer to their two families and perhaps longed for the picturesque village of Three Rivers. They were re-settled first in the adjoining town of Centreville,still the county seat of St. Joseph County, where their second child, EDWARD BANNON PALMER was born 5 April 1878.

CYRUS ALBERT found employment as a machinist in one of the new industries which commenced operations in Centreville as early as 1872 and eventually became known nationally as the "Dr. Denton Sleeping Garment Knitting Mills". Originally the business was named the Centreville Knitting Company owned by leading business men and farmers of the community. In 1885 there was a reorganization and the business was sold to W. D. INGHAM and DR. WHITNEY DENTON and operated until 1891 as INGHAM & DENTON; in that year Mr. INGHAM retired and his interest was purchased by three Centreville citizens with the firm name becoming W. DENTON & COMPANY. To this point the mill had confined its business to the manufacture of men's underwear. At this juncture DR. DENTON introduced a new type of sleeping garment and

emphasized the hygienic quality and features of his invention, which gave the business a decided impetus. For many years CYRUS ALBERT found at least part-time employment at the mill, keeping the machines operating. His third son, WILLIAM SICKLER was born 1 April 1883 by which time the family had settled in the adjoining community of Three Rivers where the remainder of their children were also born, two of whom did not survive; and all of CYRUS and ELLEN's five children graduated from Three Rivers High School.

From 1893 to 1899 CYRUS ALBERT was a member of the Three Rivers Fire Department. During this time his beloved father for whom he was named, CYRUS A., died at age 81 years. An older brother, CHARLES ADELBERT, took over the operation of the parents' farm and made it a profitable venture for the next eighteen years until the mother's death in 1914. On the occasion of the funeral for the father in 1896 and the mother in 1914 all their living children, numbering seven, were together; 1914 being the last time the siblings would hold a reunion; even in 1887 on the occasion of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents, the brothers living at a distance were not present. On the distribution of funds received from the sale of his parents' farm in 1916, CYRUS ALBERT and ELLEN journeyed via train to visit the son, EDWARD BANNON PALMER (SR.) who had settled in Los Angeles, California in 1911. By 1910 CYRUS and ELLEN with the two youngest, unmarried children (ZOE and LOUIS) had removed to Detroit where he was then better able to obtain employment as a machinist and also the son, then aged twenty, could also secure employment.

After a lifetime of coping with the winters of Michigan, it was not surprising that CYRUS ALBERT fell in love with Southern California, arriving as they did on Christmas eve 1919. He obtained employment there at his trade, although then aged seventy years, and expressed the fond hope that they could remain permanently. ELLEN, however, was eager to return to her home in Detroit as the change and adjustment for her had not been as welcome even though she had one son and three grandchildren in Los Angeles. The end of July 1920 they returned to Detroit, train travel in those days from Los Angeles requiring five days. CYRUS ALBERT returned to the employment he had before the journey to California but sadly the night of September 1st on reaching his home he suffered a heart attack and died the same evening. The funeral was held on Saturday, 4 September 1920, with burial in Pioneer Cemetery in the village of Wasepi where he had been born. The five children who survived to adulthood were:

176. (1) CLAUDE HARRIS PALMER b 5 July 1875, Charles City, Iowa; m 15 May 1907 NELLIE M. SMITH; he died 10 Nov 1945.

177. (2) EDWARD BANNON PALMER (SR.) b 5 April 1878 Centreville, Mich., m 17 Mar 1911 LILLIAN MELVINA MAYBERRY; d 14 Apr 1965.

178. (3) WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER (SR.) b 1 Apr 1883 Three Rivers,Mich., m 25 Dec 1912 ALICE EDITH CAMP; died 1 March 1953.

179. (4) ZOE PALMER b 26 June 1886 Three Rivers; m 7 Aug 1930 DR. WM. S. GRIGG of Port Huron,Mich. where she still resides.

180. (5) LOUIS HENRY PALMER b 12 July 1890 Three Rivers, m 18 June 1927 JULIA(CURTIS) STAMBAUGH, a widow; she died 20 Jan 1941; he died 25 Oct 1969 Los Angeles, California.

118. ELLIS ADALASKI PALMER[9], (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 Sept 1854 at Wasepi in the Township of Nottawa, St. Joseph County, Michigan. He was the fifth of six sons born to CYRUS A. and MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER, pioneers of that village who reached there in 1838. He married (1st) in 1876 ETTA BARTON, the daughter of EZRA and HANERRETTA O. (HEGERMAND) BARTON; ETTA was born 30 Jan 1855 and died 31 Oct 1904. During their twenty-eight years of marriage they had four children. ELLIS married (2nd) in 1905 HANNAH EWING, daughter of ROBERT and ANNA (SHOEFELDT) EWING, the widow of _____ MILKS; HANNAH died Oct 1924 two months following ELLIS' death 19 Aug that year in Howard City, Montcalm County, Michigan, where they resided since their marriage.

Following the pattern of his father and grandfather and other ancestors, ELLIS preferred to be a farmer. Following his marriage at age twenty-two he removed northward settling in Montcalm County in Howard City where he continued to farm the remainder of his life; here also his four children were born.

(1) CLARENCE PALMER b 14 May 1877, m 11 Jan 1900 MINNIE MAY BARNHARDT at Big Rapids, Mich. (b 3 Aug 1881, Ohio), dau of ABRAM and MARY JANE (BATES) BARNHARDT. They resided nearby at Grand Rapids, County of Kent. Two daus:

i RUBY ALVERTA PALMER b 5 July 1901, m HENRY STEINPORT 10 May 1924 (b 18 Aug 1897); two children: GERARD EDWIN STEINPORT b 3 Sept 1928, m 17 Jan 1946 DORIS GOEBY; and MARY JANE STEINPORT b 19 Oct 1933.

ii MAZIE (MARJIE) IRENE PALMER b 24 Apr 1906, m LOUIS KHAIR BARNEY 28 Apr 1928 (b 7 May 1898); no children.

(2) MARY PALMER b 10 May 1882, died 15 Dec 1887.

(3) MINABEL PALMER (also called NINA BELLE) b 18 Sept 1884, died 7 May 1885.

(4) LEO PALMER b 28 June 1888, m 6 Nov 1933 KATHERINE MAY GOME, (b 15 May 1882), dau of THOMAS and ALIDA (LORIN) GOME. They had no children.

The last contact with this branch of the Palmer family known to the compiler was a letter dated 24 Jan 1946 from CLARENCE PALMER, his address then being 747 College Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids.

(Source: "Palmer MSS." pp. 1059-1060; and
Palmer History Book compiled by CELIA(PALMER) HOWE CARTER 1870's-1929.)

119. FREDERICK ALMARIAN PALMER[9], (Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 March 1863 in the county of St. Joseph, Michigan, Nottawa Township, village of Wasepi. He was the eighth and last child (and sixth son) of his parents, CYRUS A. and MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER. FRED (as he was always called) was born during the Civil War, and although none of his older brothers were called to serve in that rebellion, there were many of the Palmer family who did enlist. Three of his cousins, all sons of his father's older brother, ALEXANDER, enlisted, served out their terms fully and survived the conflict and returned to Michigan; they were WILLIAM H., SIDNEY L. and JOHN PALMER.

FRED was reared on his parents' farm in Wasepi and on 30 Jan 1883 he married MAUD MOONEY in Three Rivers (b 18 Aug 1865 Three Rivers, d 1948 in Wasepi). The wedding took place in her grandmother's home; witnesses to the simple ceremony were JOE and BILL MALLO, neighbors from across the street. The newlyweds made their home with the groom's parents on the Palmer farm until FRED purchased a small store in the village, and they also purchased a house, white frame construction, which doubtless had additions to it as the years progressed. In 1940 when they were visited by the compiler, it was a two-story building with five bedrooms upstairs (but no bathroom) and downstairs a very large living room, dining room and good-sized kitchen but no bathroom; otherwise the house had been completely modernized in every way by the couple's three sons. At the front corner of the house (no longer in use in 1940) was a small building attached which had at one time for many years been a store the couple operated. When FRED's eyesight failed in his eighties they were forced to close out the stock and retire.

On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary 30 Jan 1948, a reporter from the local newspaper "The Observer" visited FRED and MAUD PALMER and wrote of his visit with them and their recollections:

> "Both Mr. and Mrs. PALMER averred they were happy years, with almost a half-century spent in the once-thriving community of Wasepi. When the couple moved here, the junction of the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads, it was termed 'the busiest town in southern Michigan for its size.' Two stores, a sizeable hotel and a busy railroad station kept Wasepi businessmen on their toes from morning to night, Mr. PALMER recalls. Mr. PALMER, in addition to his store, ran a taxi service from the village and wore out almost a dozen 'tin lizzies,' meeting the ten trains per day and driving the drummers to other villages between trains..... The couple are active and well in spite of their over-eighty years and still live in the home purchased upon their arrival here. No celebration of the milestone is planned, the PALMERS said; they will spend the day quietly at home."

MAUD (MOONEY) PALMER died the same year, 1948; FRED died 4 July the following year, 1949; they were aged 83 and 86 years; they were buried next to each other in the Prairie River Cemetery, Centreville (county seat of St. Joseph County), Michigan. During their last years the oldest son,

HARRY L. and his wife lived with them; MAUD had been ill for many months preceding her death and FRED's eyesight was very poor so it was necessary for them to have someone residing with them.

During the compiler's visit with FRED and MAUD PALMER in June of 1940, for the first time she viewed the Palmer Family History Book which FRED's only sister, CECILA, had started in 1870; FRED was the last surviving child of seven in his family and consequently inherited the family history. During a visit with FRED and MAUD the summer of 1945, the compiler's father (EDWARD PALMER, SR.) told them of the interest of his younger daughter in the family's history and inasmuch as MAUD had indicated back in 1940 that since she had no daughters, she did not know who would carry on the family's history, EDWARD's daughter had offered to take up the task. Eventually the history book was mailed to Los Angeles and has been the prized possession of this compiler ever since.

Children of FRED[9] and MAUD PALMER born in Wasepi, Michigan:

(1) HARRY L. PALMER[10] b 23 Mar 1884, m (1st) LORRA EZCLESHYMER 14 Oct 1900 (b 18 Nov 1882) they had 2 sons:

i BURDETTE PALMER[11] b 20 May 1902, m 15 Aug 1923 ARDIS BAKER, dau of PAUL and EDITH (KOOL) BAKER; resided Niles, Berrien Co.,Michigan; 2 children: MARCELA PALMER b 27 June 1924; and DONNA PALMER b 4 Nov 1926.

ii HARRY ORVILLE PALMER[10] b 22 Mar 1904, m 13 June 1923 LENA JACOBS (b 30 Oct 1904, d 27 Dec 1937) dau of FRED and MARY (MACHARLWESKH) JACOBS; 2 sons: RICHARD PALMER[11] b 19 July 1932; and ROBERT PALMER[11] b 10 June 1934.

HARRY m (2nd) NORA A. ROCKWELL 24 June 1919 (b 16 July 1884, dau of FRANK and MARY ALICE (DRAKE) ROCKWELL). HARRY was associated for many years with his father in the hotel business in Wasepi. In later years he was employed in Kalamazoo. He died in 1959 and his wife, NORA, died in 1960; both are buried next to his parents' graves in Prairie River Cemetery in Centreville.

(2) CYRUS LaVERNE PALMER[10] b 4 July 1885, m 26 Apr 1907 PEARL TEMPLAR in Mason, Ingham Co., Michigan (b 8 Apr 1881), dau of NICHOLAS D. and MARY A. (ROBERTSON) TEMPLAR. They resided at Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Mich. No children.

(3) JOHN D. PALMER[10] b 18 June 1890, resided in Galveston, Texas and in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Efforts have been made unsuccessfully to locate the above named RICHARD (b 1932) and ROBERT PALMER (b 1934). Unfortunately too there is no additional information about the son, JOHN D. PALMER.

Source:

"Palmer MSS." pp. 1061-1062.
Palmer Family History Book by CECILIA (PALMER) HOWE CARTER.

120. ANN PALMER[9] (Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Aug 1841 in the village of Ridgeway in Lenawee County, Michigan. She was the first child of FENNER and PHEBE (PALMER) PALMER and on 12 Nov 1862 she married GEORGE EXELBY, JR. (b 8 March 1836, d 30 Dec 1899 in Britton, Mich.). He was the son of early Ridgeway pioneers also,+GEORGE EXELBY and MARY (THACKRAY) EXELBY, who arrived in 1832 in Michigan from England.

The history of this area of the Michigan Territory reveals that although it was not until 1837 that Michigan became the 26th state of the United States, as early as 1815 the huge southeastern county of Wayne had been created; from it other smaller counties were subsequently mapped out, including Lenawee County in 1822 and by 1824 the MUSGROVE EVANS family had settled down with their six children in the area which became eventually the city of Tecumseh (over 7,000 population 1981). They migrated from Jefferson County, New York;"heretofore citizens of New York had been put off by adverse government reports, bypassing Michigan's 'swamps and sand hills' in favor of Ohio or Indiana." However, eventually the energetic advertising campaign of the able territorial governor of Michigan, LEWIS CASS, resulted in Easterners beginning to look with favor upon this Territory.

ANN PALMER's grandfather, JOHN C., arrived in 1827 to take up 400 acres of land for himself in what was to be Ridgeway Township and a like amount of land for his younger brother, FENNER; their families were transported to the new Territory in 1831 and 1832; their land was encompassed in what became the village of Ridgeway, where some member of the Palmer family continued to farm on the same land for the next 150 years.

In 1850 another family arrived directly from England, settling on adjoining land with their four children, JOHN and SARAH (COATS) BRITTON(SR.) By 1881 the area where they settled was listed as "Balch" by the Michigan Post Office and finally in 1888 the name was changed to Britton. One hundred years later the listing of "Ridgeway" no longer appears in the Index of the ATLAS although Britton is listed with a population of 700 individuals; however, Ridgeway continues to be included in the map of that area in the ATLAS; by the 1980's Ridgeway is just a "cross-roads" where the library appears on one corner; a country store and post office combined on another corner; and a church across the street from the library. Both Britton and Ridgeway are just a short distance from the larger city of Tecumseh; there is a Palmer Highway in Ridgeway and the first cemetery being Ridgeway Village Cemetery nearby.

ANN PALMER EXELBY's father-in-law died in the early 1860's and following her marriage in November 1862 to GEORGE EXELBY, JR., they settled down in the home place where GEORGE's mother, MARY (THACKRAY) lived out her days with them until she died in 1880. He may have continued as a farmer the first years of their marriage but in 1887 he purchased the local hotel from his brother, JOHN, known as the "Forest Hotel" which he continued to operate until his death in 1899 following which his oldest son, WALTER L. PALMER became the owner. By the mid-1970's the hotel was still in operation although its name has changed many times over the years.

When ANN and her husband took over operation of the "Forest Hotel" it was known as the "Exelby House" and in 1890 they built a brick cellar back

of the hotel which was a great comfort during the hot summer days--especially since there was no ice or refrigeration for food at that early period. From "Bygone Days" (page 25) we learn more about this hotel venture of ANN and her husband:

> "The hotel provided good accommodations to transients. It served as a stopping point for many railroad passengers. Excellent meals were served in the dining room. At one time meals were furnished for 41 boarders. The livery stable operated by the hotel proprietor was very popular with salesmen who did business with farmers. Although the hotel has changed hands many times, the structure remains the same. By 1900 the hotel became known as the 'Colonial House' with WALTER EXELBY the new owner."

Following her husband's death in 1899, ANN's son EDGAR who had married in 1887, lived in the family home and in the mid-1970's the house was still owned by descendants of the family; it was located on Britton Highway in Britton. ANN died 3 May 1918 aged seventy-seven years. She and her husband are buried side by side in the EXELBY-GRIPTON plot in Ridgeway Village Cemetery surrounded by the graves of their two sons and daughter and their respective spouses and the grave of one grandchild, GEORGE W. EXELBY:

		+EXELBY		
GEORGE EXELBY	ANN EXELBY	GEORGE W. EXELBY	JENNIE EXELBY	
1836 - 1899	1841 - 1918	1892 - 1918	1865 - 1908	

WALTER L. EXELBY	EDGAR J. EXELBY	+GRIPTON		FLORA Z.
1863 - 1937	1865 - 1939	ELLA M.	GEORGE L.	EXELBY
		1872-1966	1871-1963	1879
PHENA M. EXELBY				1953
1869 - 1946				

ANN[9] and GEORGE EXELBY had three children born Ridgeway-Britton:

(1) WALTER L. EXELBY[10] b 2 Sept 1863, m (1st) JEAN DARRAGH GIBSON 26 Feb 1884 (b 28 Dec 1865, d 23 Oct 1908), dau of SAMUEL and MARY (DARRAGH) GIBSON from Ireland; they had three children; he m (2nd) FLORA Z. ZELUFF 15 Dec 1910 (b 4 Sept 1879, d 1953). Resided Britton, Mich., where he was Town Supervisor for several years and following his father's death in 1899, took over operation of the local hotel. He and both wives are buried Ridgeway Cemetery, as above. WALTER and JEAN (JENNIE, JANE)[11] had three children:

i ALLIE MARGRETTA EXELBY b 26 June 1885, m 7 Jan 1911 EDWARD LANE McCRATE (b 17 July 1886); they resided Columbus Grove, Ohio, where EDWARD was in the auto business; they had seven children:

(a) ROBERT EXELBY McCRATE[12] b 16 Aug 1912.
(b) JEAN ELIZABETH McCRATE b 20 Nov 1913.
(c) CECELIA CARMENCITA McCRATE b 5 July 1915.
(d) FRANCES LANE McCRATE b 20 Mar 1917.
(e) ALICE LOUISE McCRATE b 17 Feb 1919.
(f) JOHN WALTER McCRATE b 24 Aug 1920.
(g) CARL LEON McCRATE b 31 Dec 1924.

ii HAZEL ORA EXELBY[11] b 6 Oct 1889, m 24 July 1912, EARL HAMILTON BABCOCK (b 30 Dec 1886); they resided in Grand Haven, Mich. where EARL was Superintendent of Schools; they had two sons; 1930's both attended Univ.of Michigan:
(a) EARL PAUL BABCOCK b 19 May 1913.
(b) RICHARD EXELBY BABCOCK b 15 Aug 1916.

iii GEORGE WALTER EXELBY b 1 Mar 1892, m 25 June 1914 EVELYN JULIA JOHNSON (b 7 Oct 1891,d 1971) dau of JOHN and KAREN ANNA (GUJORD) JOHNSON of Trondjheim, Norway. Resided Saginaw, Mich. GEORGE drowned 23 Aug 1918; they had 1 dau:
(a) WILLOWENE EVELYN EXELBY[12] b 30 Apr 1915 m 5 Sept 1937 CHARLES B. MacNAMARA (b 27 Apr 1914); resided Detroit, Michigan.

(2) EDGAR JESSE EXELBY[10] b 27 May 1866, m 20 Apr 1887 SERPHENA (also called "PHENA") MARY UNDERWOOD (b 1 Sept 1869), dau of WILLIAM and LIZA J. (GETTY) UNDERWOOD; they resided in Britton, Mich. and had three children; he died 1939 and PHENA died 1946.

i MILDRED CLEO EXELBY[11] b 29 June 1890, m 26 June 1912 FAY A. WIGGINS (b 11 June 1890); two children:
(a) VIRGINIA FANTEAU WIGGINS[12] b 23 Aug 1915, m. _____ MAYFIELD;
(b) RICHARD EDGAR WIGGINS b 7 Aug 1927.

ii DONNA BELL EXELBY b 11 Nov 1895 m 9 Oct 1920 JAMES GIBSON TAYLOR (b 12 June 1898); they resided Detroit where DONNA was a teacher; they had 1 child and DONNA died 19 July 1937 in Detroit:
(a) BARBARA JEAN TAYLOR b 4 May 1924.

iii CLYDE LaVERN EXELBY b 20 Apr 1900, m 27 June 1928 MILDRED KYES (b 4 Sept 1903), dau of BENJAMIN and EDITH (WEST) KYES; resided Lansing, Mich., where he was a teacher; they had two children:
(a) MARILYN LOUISE EXELBY b 19 Jan 1932.
(b) EDGAR CLYDE EXELBY b 24 June 1933.

(3) ELLA MAE EXELBY[10] b 9 Nov 1872, m 26 Aug 1896 GEORGE LaVERN GRIPTON (b 28 Feb 1871, d 1963)son of GEORGE and CATHERINE ("KATE") (ZOLLAR) GRIPTON. ELLA's husband was also known as "G.L." or "VERN." She died in 1966 in Britton and both are buried in the EXELBY-GRIPTON family plot in Ridgeway Cemetery. They resided in Britton where GEORGE was in the hardware business. They had five children, born in Britton:

i LINA BELL GRIPTON b 21 Nov 1897, d 15 March 1900.

ii GLEN MARTIN GRIPTON b 11 Jan 1901, m 4 July 1923 FLORENCE ARDATH BEAL (b 17 June 1900) dau of ALONZO J. and GERTRUDE (BORTEL) BEAL. Resided Britton, where GLEN was a hardware merchant; they had two children:
(a) JOYCE ELEANOR GRIPTON b 10 Jan 1925.
(b) ARDATH ANN GRIPTON b 17 June 1930.

iii GEORGE WILLIAM GRIPTON b 26 Apr 1904, d 22 June 1906.

iv CHARLES EDWARD GRIPTON b 21 Jan 1906, m 1 Jan 1931 MILDRED ARLENE PALMER (b 13 May 1906) dau of EDWARD and MARGARET (HITCHCOCK) PALMER. Both CHARLES and

his wife, MILDRED, were teachers and resided in Detroit. CHARLES EDWARD died in 1967; they had two children:
(a) CHARLES EDWARD GRIPTON, JR.
(b) MARY KAY GRIPTON of Dearborn, Michigan.

v MARGARET E. GRIPTON b 26 June 1911, m 30 June 1938 IVAN McCARBERY (b 30 Jan 1912, d 1952), son of ROBERT McCARBERY and his wife, MARGARET(BALL) McCARBERY; she m (2nd) HENRY LEWIS; MARGARET and IVAN had two children:
(a) GARY McCARBERY m. THERESA FREDRICKSON.
(b) KATHLEEN McCARBERY m. _____ WHITE.

Sources:
"Palmer MSS." pages 1068-1069.
"Bygone Days" by Britton-Macon Area Camp Fire Girls (1975) pp. 97,104,114,172.

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121. LEONIDAS S. PALMER[9] (Fenner[8],John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 June 1843 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the first son born to FENNER and PHEBE L. (PALMER) PALMER. Earlier that year his father's younger brother, LEONIDAS, had died at age fourteen and thus the father named his first son after his deceased brother. LEONIDAS married 10 Oct 1866 NANCY M. LINN at Ridgeway (b 10 Oct 1843/45, d 16 May 1919), the dau of SAMUEL and ABIGAIL (ARCHIE) LINN, formerly of New York. From the young couple's family Bible the information is handed down that they were married by the Rev. THOMAS NICHOLS and the witnesses to the marriage were GEORGE LINN and GEORGE EXELBY. (Family Bible in 1980's is in possession of great-grandson, CYRUS A. PALMER, III of Yorba Linda, California.) LEONIDAS died 11 Mar 1909 and was buried in the new Palmer Family Plot in the Ridgeway Village Cemetery; his widow was buried next to him following her death in the spring of 1919. A huge monument is close to their graves with the initials "A. E. PALMER and L. S. PALMER" and also the veteran's marker for his service in the United States Navy during the Civil War.

Except for his absence from Michigan while serving in the Civil War, LEONIDAS resided his entire life in the Britton-Ridgeway area and at one period served as Supervisor of Britton. He volunteered to serve in the United States Navy, enrolling on 6 Sept 1864 in Co. "M" of the Navy Gun Boat "Forest Rose" commanded by Captain S. N. GOULD; he was honorably discharged 23 June 1865, whereupon he returned home and continued as a farmer and married the following year. His wife's LINN family were also early pioneers of the Michigan Territory, having reached Britton in 1836. Prior to settling in Michigan, her father was captain of a boat on the Erie Canal which he worked at during the summer months.

On 28 Aug 1889 LEONIDAS filed a request for one-half disability pension based on his service-connected disability with which he suffered from date of discharge to the date of filing his Declaration at age forty-six. The Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department confirmed to the Commissioner of Pensions on 22 Oct 1889 the service record of LEONIDAS under Pension Claim No. 15112. Four corroborating affidavits were also given by men with whom he served or who had known him since boyhood:

On 2 Dec 1889 NATHANIEL M. HINDES, aged 43 years, resident of Ridgeway, Michigan, furnished the following statement:

"I was a comrade with LEONIDAS S. PALMER while in the U.S.Navy on Board Gun Boat Forest Rose. I well remember that said LEONIDAS S. PALMER was severely attacked with diarrhea which soon developed in piles and Rheumatism. Said diseases were contracted on ship board in April 1865; the diseases were severe and when discharged in June 1865 he was a physical reck by reason of the above described diseases. I have lived as close neighbor to said claimant ever since the year of 1865 and have been personally acquainted with said PALMER for at least 30 years and believe him to have been sound at the time of his enlistment. Since his discharge in June '65 he has suffered with diarrhea piles and Rheumatism each and every year to the present time to my certain knowledge and I believe he has been disabled at least one-half to two-thirds to perform manual labor to that of an able bodied man and that said PALMER has been for months at a time totally incapacitated to perform any labor."

On 28 Nov 1889 before a Notary Public in the County of Lenawee, ISAAC N. PILBEAM, aged forty-three years, resident of Ridgeway whose Post Office address was Britton, gave a similar affidavit, adding that he had been a comrade in the U. S. Service with LEONIDAS PALMER on board the gun boat "Forest Rose" and that he had lived as a near neighbor to claimant from childhood until the date of giving the affidavit; he corroborated the claimant's statements regarding his diseases contracted while on board ship.

On 7 Dec 1889 an affidavit before a Notary Public was given by GEORGE EXELBY, then aged fifty-one years, resident of Ridgeway, Post Office address Britton, Lenawee County, Michigan, in which he alleged he"had been acquainted with the said soldier LEONIDAS S. PALMER from boyhood and know that up the year 1864 when he enlisted he was a man of good, sound physical health; if he had been otherwise I should certainly have known it for we were born and reared within one mile of each other; .... and I further testify that said PALMER has to my certain knowledge suffered with the above described disabilities each and every year since his discharge from the Navy in June 1865 to the present time ... and at times and quite frequently he has been totally incapacitated to perform any labor whatever and I make the above statements from personal knowledge."

The above mentioned GEORGE EXELBY was brother-in-law to LEONIDAS PALMER, having married in 1862 ANN PALMER, older sister of LEONIDAS.

On 10 Dec 1889 a similar corroborating affidavit was furnished by C. L. LOWE, then aged fifty-one years, resident of Ridgeway, explaining that he had been personally acquainted with the said soldier LEONIDAS S. PALMER from boyhood inasmuch as they were born and raised within a few rods of each other; and alleging"that up to the time in 1864 when he enlisted he was a man of good sound physical health; and I further know when he returned from the U.S. service in June 1865 he was suffering from diarrhea and rheumatism and have heard him complain repeatedly of the piles and pain in his stomach; ... and at times he has been totally incapacitated to perform any labor whatever; and I make this statement from personal knowledge."

In addition to the foregoing affidavits, the Military-Pension files pertaining to LEONIDAS S. PALMER obtained from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., reveal a statement dated July 4, 1898, signed by "LEONADUS PALMER" furnishing the following information: (Under Certificate No. 7187)

WIFE's FULL NAME: AND MAIDEN NAME: NANCY M.PALMER NANCY M. LINN
WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED: October 10th 1866 - Rev. T. NICOLS
WHAT PROOF OF MARRIAGE EXISTS? MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
ANY PREVIOUS MARRIAGES: NONE
ANY CHILDREN LIVING: - THREE BOYS:
ERVIN born Jan 15, 1872
ARTHUR born Jan 5, 1875
CYRUS A. born Dec 10, 1880

On 28 Aug 1889 when submitting his "Declaration for an Original Invalid Pension" he signed his name LEONADUS PALMER; alleged he had been treated during the war by the surgeon on the boat; and gave his own physical description as follows:

AGE	46 years	HEIGHT:	5 feet 8 inches
HAIR	Light	COMPLEXION:	fair
EYES	Blue		

LEONIDAS was granted a pension which apparently continued until his death on 11 March 1909 in the village of Britton from "Gastric Fever and General Debility" according to his death certificate included in the NA file. His age was shown to be 65 years, 9 months and 8 days; his father's name was listed as FENNER PALMER, born N. Y., and his mother's name was shown to be PHEBE BLOOMER, born in Wisconsin; the deceased was listed as a "Retired Farmer" and the information for the death certificate was furnished by ARTHUR J. PALMER (his son).

On 5 April 1909, LEONIDAS' widow, NANCY, filed her "Declaration for Widow's Pension" under the Act of Congress passed 19 April 1908; she was aged sixty-three years, residing in Britton, Michigan; and signed the affidavit before a Notary Public, MORRIS D. BRITTON; also witnessed by two individuals, NORMAN H. ACKLEY who had known her forty years, and FRED E. WICKWISE who had known her twenty-two years.

On 26 May 1909 NANCY M. PALMER signed another affidavit before the same Notary Public re-affirming her marriage to MR. LEONIDAS S. PALMER on the 10th day of October 1866, by Rev. THOMAS NICHOLS "who is now dead and that I was married at home and witnessed by MRS. ANN EXELBY and MRS. LAETITIA EXELBY who have formerly made affidavits that they were present at the marriage. MR. PALMER was pensioned under the name of LEONADUS PALMER, Certificate No. 7187 which name was spelled wrong on his enlistment papers and the correct name and spelling of same should be LEONIDAS S. PALMER as shown on his death certificate. I hereby make oath that the statements as given herein are true and correct."

On 27 April 1909 before the same Notary Public MRS. ANN EXELBY and Mrs. LAETITIA EXELBY furnished a joint affidavit to the effect that "we were present at the marriage of MISS NANCY M. LINN ... to MR. LEONADUS S. PALMER

of Ridgeway, Mich. on Oct. 10, 1866 and that we have been personally acquainted with MR. AND MRS. LEONADUS PALMER during their whole married life and know of their living together up to the time of MR. PALMER's death on March 11, 1909, and that we have no interest in the claim of MRS. NANCY M. PALMER whatever."

The final document in the NA file of LEONIDAS PALMER is a notice dated June 20, 1919 to the Commissioner of Pensions, from the Chief of the Finance Division, Certificate No. 20663 referring to the last payment of $25. (per month) which was made to NANCY M. PALMER for the period ending April 4, 1919"and further she has this day been dropped from the roll because of her death in May 1919."

The affiant, MRS. ANN EXELBY, who furnished the above mentioned Affidavit on behalf of NANCY PALMER was related to the widow in that ANN (PALMER)EXELBY was a sister of NANCY PALMER's late husband, LEONIDAS; and the other affiant, MRS. LETITIA (LATITIA) LINN EXELBY was a sister of the widow, NANCY (LINN) PALMER, who had married JOSEPH EXELBY, brother to GEORGE EXELBY, the husband of ANN PALMER.

The two youngest sons of LEONIDAS and NANCY PALMER, ARTHUR and CYRUS A.,did not remain in Michigan but removed to Southern California and settled in Orange County where it is understood both were eventually buried. The oldest son, ERVIN W. PALMER (born 15 Jan 1871) when he died 12 Mar 1943 was buried in a grave adjoining his mother, NANCY, and next to him his wife, ELIZABETH (McCARBERY) was buried when she died the following year on 11 Oct.

LEONIDAS and NANCY named their third son CYRUS A. with the middle initial "A" not indicative of a middle name; merely an initial. LEONIDAS' father, FENNER, had had ten brothers, the second one being named CYRUS A. and it would therefore seem probable LEONIDAS named his third son after his Uncle CYRUS A. PALMER who, however, had removed from the Ridgeway area the year following his marriage and in 1838 migrated westward to St. Joseph County where he settled in what became known as the village of Wasepi. This Uncle CYRUS A. PALMER had six sons and he named the fourth one CYRUS ALBERT after himself although providing a middle name this time; this CYRUS ALBERT PALMER was the paternal grandfather of the compiler.

LEONIDAS and NANCY PALMER's three sons were born in Ridgeway:

181. (1) ERVIN W. PALMER (also ERWIN and IRWIN) b 15 Jan 1871, m June 1901 ELIZABETH McCARBERY (b 9 Oct 1876/77, d 1 Oct 1944), dau of JAMES and ELIZABETH (McWILLIAMS) McCARBERY; resided Britton and had three children:

i LELAND STANFORD PALMER b 23 Nov 1901, m 12 Oct 1926 THELMA PEARL BOYD (b 13 Mar 1902); died 11 Feb 1975; one dau, SUE ELIZABETH PALMER b 1935.

ii LILLIAN MAY PALMER b 16 Jan 1907, m 1 Sept 1928 EDGAR CLARENCE BUTTOLPH (b 1 Sept 1899, d 17 Sept 1962); resides Tecumseh, Mich. One dau, BONNIE JEAN BUTTOLPH.

iii ELWOOD JAMES PALMER b 14 July 1909, m 1 March 1938 RUTH WAHL (b 13 Aug 1913); he died 27 May 1966 Ann Arbor, Mich. One son, RICHARD LEE PALMER b 9 Apr 1941.

182. (2) ARTHUR PALMER b 4 Jan 1876, m 24 Dec 1895 CARRIE M. SUTTON (b 29 Apr 1874, d 29 Oct 1911); dau of CHARLES and HARRIET (SUTTON) SUTTON; m (2nd) ANNA GOODLANDER; 1 son by first wife: RAYMOND PALMER b 9 Sept 1899. ARTHUR and son removed to Orange County, California.

183. (3) CYRUS A. PALMER b 6 Dec 1879, m (1st) 19 Aug 1905 MARY (MAE) E. WHEELER in Michigan; divorced; m (2nd) 6 Dec 1925 IDA MAE STRAIT; she died 16 Feb 1972; he died 6 Oct 1944; one son by second wife: CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. b 1927 Long Beach, CA.

Although the death certificate of LEONIDAS PALMER lists his mother's name as PHEBE BLOOMER and her birthplace as Wisconsin, research carried out on this family in the 1930's seems conclusive that although as a child PHEBE lived with a family surnamed BLOOMER, her father was SYLVANUS PALMER of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York.

Sources: "PALMER MSS." page 1070 (information furnished by Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT of Tecumseh in 1930's to Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City.)
"Bygone Days" pp. 97, 125, 127; pub 1975 by Britton,Mich. Camp Fire Girls & Leaders.
Family Records of Mrs. LILLIAN PALMER BUTTOLPH of Tecumseh, Michigan.
National Archives Military-Pension Files.

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ALBERT EDWARD PALMER (born 1847 Ridgeway, Michigan) married 10 Jan 1882 ISABELLE WILLIS (b 20 Jan 1859) whose parents had only reached Michigan in 1856 from Manchester, England. ALBERT and ISABELLE had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January of 1932. She died first, in 1933 and ALBERT died in 1935. (See page 442.)

122. ENOS PALMER[9] (Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Jan 1846 in Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the third child of FENNER and PHEBE L. (PALMER) PALMER, formerly of New York. He married 25 Mar 1865 MARY SMITH (b 1848, d 1915), dau of CHARLES and MARY (CLAYTON) SMITH. ENOS died 27 Sept 1907 in Britton, and was buried in the new Palmer Family Plot in Ridgeway Village Cemetery; his wife, MARY, was buried next to him when she died in 1915. Nearby are the graves of their oldest son, EDWARD G. (1867-1944) and his two wives: (first) ADDIE ETTINGER (1868-1895) and MARGARET S. HITCHCOCK (1877-1969). Immediately adjoining MARY PALMER's grave is that of their daughter-in-law, STELLA (PILBEAM), wife of their second son, ERNEST L. and next to STELLA are the graves of ERNEST L. PALMER (1874-1961) and his second wife, ALICE McPARLAND (1885-1965). The grave on the left-hand side of ENOS is that of PAUL W. PALMER, born 1910, only child of ERNEST L. PALMER and his first wife, STELLA PILBEAM PALMER; thus a grandson of ENOS and MARY. PAUL died in 1968 and was a veteran of World War II as evidenced by the Veteran's marker on his grave.

The "source" for information about the early families of Ridgeway-Britton "Bygone Days" (published 1975) which was a Bi-Centennial project of the Britton-Macon Area Camp Fire Girls and Leaders, devotes two pages to the SMITH FAMILY (pages 131-132), the emigrant subject being JAMES SMITH b 1802, m 1836 AMELIA WHALEY (b 1815, d 1889), d 1892; arrived 3 years after his brothers who settled south of Britton. ENOS PALMER's father-in-law was CHARLES H.SMITH (b 1806, d 1874) who arrived here ca 1840, and married MARY CLAYTON (b 1810, d 1876) who arrived ca 1842. Their three daughters (EMMA, DINA and MARY) and son, CHARLES C., all married into prominent families of Britton-Ridgeway: CORYELL, LINN, LOWE and PALMER.

ENOS' father, FENNER, was one of nine surviving sons born to the grandparents, JOHN C. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER; the grandfather had taken up hundreds of acres of land in the early 1830's and in due time much of it was distributed to his sons who remained in Ridgeway; some removed to other nearby counties, i.e. Hillsdale and St. Joseph County. In due time then some of the farm land would be passed down to the third generation and the usual custom was to bequeath the land equally to the sons in the family or give it by deed prior to death. ENOS' father doubtless distributed his land to his three sons, LEONIDAS, ENOS and ALBERT. In addition, some of the Palmer farm land exchanged hands over the years by one brother selling out to another brother. It should be remembered also that the grandfather's younger brother, also named FENNER (born 1799 Granville, New York) reached Michigan soon after JOHN C. inasmuch as the latter had taken up much land for FENNER at the same time he acquired four or five hundred acres for himself. The land so obtained for this latter FENNER PALMER was located in the area which eventually became Britton Village.

Another family tradition was to perpetuate first names by handing them down to subsequent generations; thus the ENOS PALMER born 1846, was so named for the ENOS PALMER born 1785 in Granville, an older brother to JOHN C. (born 1789) and the FENNER PALMER born 1799. The first ENOS PALMER never reached Michigan but lived out his life in Walworth, Wayne County, New York where he is buried in West Walworth Cemetery near to where his older brother, NATHAN and their father, NATHANIEL (Revolutionary War soldier) are buried.

ENOS PALMER resided his entire life in the area of Ridgeway-Britton where he was a farmer.

Children of ENOS and MARY PALMER, born Ridgeway:

184. (1) EDWARD G. PALMER b 11 Oct 1867, m ca 1890 (1st) ADDIE ETTINGER (b Feb 1868, d 5 Jan 1895, Ridgeway) dau of LEVI and HANNAH ETTINGER; they had two children:

i ORPHA MAE PALMER b 6 June 1891, m RALPH T. LEE (b 17 Aug 1890); resided Miami Beach, Florida; had 5 children.

ii RALPH PALMER b 5 Nov 1893, m MARY BYRNE; became a lawyer; resided Rochester, N.Y. they had 3 children.

EDWARD m (2nd) MARGARET HITCHCOCK 29 Nov 1904 (b 3 Feb 1877, d 1969) dau of MOSES and MINERVA (DANIELS) HITCHCOCK; they had three children; EDWARD died 1944; had resided Ridgeway area.

iii MILDRED ARLENE PALMER b 13 May 1906, m 1 Jan 1931 EDWARD GRIPTON (b 21 Jan 1906), son of GEORGE L. and EMMA M. (EXELBY) GRIPTON; (also ELLA MAE); 2 children.

iv BERTHA PALMER b 20 Sept 1907, m 1 Jan 1938 EDWARD TAYLOR (b 3 May 1907); resided Detroit.

v KENNETH PALMER b 16 Dec 1909, m 17 Apr 1937 VIRGINIA HOUGHTON (b 19 Sept 1912), dau of CHESTER and LEOLA (PIERCE) HOUGHTON; resided Detroit.

(2) ERNEST L. PALMER b 25 Feb 1874, m STELLA PILBEAM (b 28 Sept 1876, d 28 Oct 1926); she was the dau of CHARLES and MARGARET (VAN DYKE) PILBEAM. (The PILBEAM emigrant from England, WILLIAM, born there 1812, reached Michigan in 1832; he married 1842 HANNAH HAUSE by whom he had 16 children; he married (2nd) (after HANNAH's death in 1866) BETSY (HITCHINGS) DORIELL, a widow by whom he also had 4 children, making a total of twenty children; undoubtedly STELLA's father, CHARLES, was one of the children born to the emigrant and his first wife.) ERNEST and STELLA had at least four children, the first three having died when born or when less than one year of age according to the grave markers in Ridgeway Cemetery; near a very tall granite marker with the surname PALMER engraved thereon are three markers:

CARRIE M.PALMER	Infant Dau of	Infant Sons of
1874 - 1911	E.L. & S.M.PALMER	E.L. & S.M.PALMER
	1906 - 1906	1901-1901

The above CARRIE M.PALMER has been identified elsewhere in this volume; the three infant graves would appear to be the children of ERNEST L. and STELLA M. (PILBEAM) PALMER. This CARRIE M. PALMER born 1874, died 1911 was the first wife of ARTHUR J. PALMER (son of LEONIDAS and NANCY) and her maiden name was SUTTON; she was the dau of CHARLES and HARRIET SUTTON. ERNEST and STELLA's fourth child was:

PAUL W. PALMER b 10 July 1910, m 8 Aug 1935 MARGARET SCHULTZ (b 16 Sept 1912), dau of ARTHUR and LEILA (SCOFIELD) SCHULTZ. They resided in Hudson, Michigan. PAUL was a soldier in World War II and died 1968, age 58, and is buried in Ridgeway Cemetery next to his grandfather,

ENOS PALMER; the customary veteran's marker is also on his grave. Just above the graves of his parents is an I.O.O.F. marker. The graves of PAUL, his grandparents, parents and step-mother are side by side in one straight line in the large Palmer Plot in Ridgeway Cemetery.

ERNEST PALMER married (2nd) ALICE McPARLAND 14 Nov 1927 (b 10 Feb 1885) dau of BARNARD and MARY (GRAHAM) McPARLAND. ERNEST resided in Britton, Michigan; he died there 1961 at the age of 87 years; his widow died 1965 aged eighty.

In Ridgeway Township some years ago a large billboard was erected listing names of the men from the township who served in World War II; the name of PAUL PALMER and that of DOUGLAS PALMER are both included. (See page 84 "Bygone Days".)

Source:
"Palmer MSS." pp. 1071-1072, which has information furnished by Mrs. Phena PALMER Wright of Tecumseh, Michigan, to Attorney Horace Wilbur Palmer of New York City in the 1930's.
"Bygone Days" (supra).

The parents of ENOS PALMER's wife, MARY SMITH, had three daus and one son. The following information has been received from a member of the SMITH family residing in Ventura, California, after the preparation of the foregoing history:

CHARLES H. SMITH married MARY CLAYTON
B 1816 - d 1874 B 1810-d 1876

They were pioneer settlers in the Ridgeway-Tecumseh area also and their other three children also married into early Michigan families as well as the PALMER family:

EMMA SMITH married CONRAD LOWE
1839 - 1891 1838 - 1921

JAMES LINN married DINAH ANN SMITH
1842-1933 1843 - 1904

CHARLES C. SMITH married ALICE CORYELL
1846 - 1920 1852 - 1928

CONRAD (COONROD) LOWE was the oldest of eleven children born to JUSTUS LOWE (b 1815, d 1895) and his wife, MARY LAMBERSON (b 1820, d 1897). The emigrant in the LOWE family was one PETER LOWE who came from Holland to Michigan in 1829 at about the same time as COONROD LAMBERSON whose dau, MARY married the grandson of PETER LOWE.

The JAMES LINN who married DINAH SMITH was a brother to the NANCY LINN who married LEONIDAS PALMER, the latter being an older brother of ENOS PALMER, the subject herein, (See page 434).

Source: Charles C. Smith
Ventura, CA. 93003

123. ALBERT EDWARD PALMER[9] (Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 Dec 1847 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, son of FENNER and PHEBE L. (PALMER) PALMER. He married 10 Jan 1882 ISABELLE WILLIS (b 20 Jan 1859, d 28 Mar 1933), dau of NICHOLAS and HANNAH (TODD) WILLIS, who were married 1850 in Manchester, England, and migrated to Michigan in 1856, settling in Manchester. In 1868 they removed to the Britton area where some of their descendants remain over one hundred years later. The emigrant parents had seven children, and their children and descendants intermarried with many of the other early pioneer families to the Britton-Ridgeway area.

ALBERT and his wife were farmers, continuing the tradition of the family, living on part of the land which had originally been laid out by his grandfather, JOHN C. PALMER, SR., in 1827 when he migrated from Walworth, Wayne County, New York, in search of more land and more opportunities for his growing family; by 1831 when the family was moved from Walworth to Michigan, there were already eight sons and three more sons would be born in Ridgeway to JOHN C. and his wife, NANCY (LAMB), the fourth son having been named FENNER after a younger brother of JOHN C. and also after the family's Revolutionary War hero, Captain FENNER PALMER (1735-1794) who was the grandfather of JOHN C. (SR.).

ALBERT's father had been born in 1818, not too many years after the War of 1812 ended; and he lived to the age of eighty-six years and died in 1904 at which time ALBERT was about age fifty-seven. Today it is forty years since the end of World War II and those who lived through that experience still think and speak of it with vivid memories as though it happened only a few years ago. So it must have been with those who lived through the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; and ALBERT's grandfather, JOHN C. (SR.) having been born 1789 must have heard frequent references to both those early wars and the devastation and hardships the people had to endure. This grandfather lived to the year 1864 by which time ALBERT was seventeen years of age, and doubtless passed along to this grandson many tales he had heard in past years from his own father (NATHANIEL) and grandfather (Captain FENNER) about the earlier war with England in which both were soldiers.

An account of the history of his grandfather (JOHN C., SR.) was written by ALBERT in 1934 (a year before he died at the age of eighty-eight years). This has been included in the chapter pertaining to that grandfather, in the seventh generation of this volume. In addition, after ALBERT's death there was also found among his writings a brief history of the oldest of the nine surviving sons of JOHN C. PALMER (SR.), i.e. ALEXANDER PALMER, born 1812. It seemed ALBERT's intent had been to write an individual history for each of those nine sons, the fourth one (FENNER) being ALBERT's own father; however, having commenced this project when he was approximately eighty-seven years of age, there was not time left him to complete all the histories and only these two were found among his papers.

One other history was, however, completed by ALBERT which he entitled "The Beginning of Religious Worship in the Township of Ridgeway." Thus we can visualize that in addition to being a farmer, ALBERT also must have received a good education and been a student of history and a deeply religious

man who loved his country and his family. He and his wife were members of the local Methodist Church, and for many years he was a Sunday School teacher. In addition to being a farmer ALBERT also taught in the local school for many years in his younger days. He was a staunch Republican in politics and a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge No. 60 in Tecumseh, Michigan; in later years his son, WILLIS, was also a member of that Lodge.

ALBERT EDWARD died in Britton 27 Jan 1935 and was buried next to his wife (who had predeceased him by two years) in the Ridgeway Village Cemetery in the "new" Palmer Family Plot; eventually in 1963 their son, WILLIS A. PALMER was buried next to them and in 1968 WILLIS' wife, INABELLE, was buried next to her husband.

ALBERT and ISABELLE PALMER had five children born in Lenawee Co.:

(1) RHODA I. PALMER b 8 Dec 1882, m 2 Nov 1908 SCHUYLER EASLICK (b 31 Mar 1868, d_____); they were farmers and resided in Britton; RHODA d 12 Mar 1947, buried Ridgeway Village Cemetery; no children.

185. (2) PHENA MARIE PALMER b 28 July 1884, m at Detroit 19 July 1923 DONALD FRASER WRIGHT (b 27 Mar 1883, Tecumseh, Mich., d 6 Jan 1952); PHENA d 4 Oct 1973 Orange Co.,California.

(3) JOIE PALMER b 10 May 1887, d 8 Apr 1888, buried Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

186. (4) WILLIS A. PALMER b 30 Aug 1889, m 17 June 1916 INA BELL (also INABELLE) YOUNGS (b 26 Nov 1893, died 1968); he died 1963; both buried next to his parents, Ridgeway.

187. (5) CARRIE PALMER b 15 Jan 1892, m 12 June 1913 at Onsted, Mich., EARL T. MURPHY (b 7 Mar 1889 Tecumseh, d 22 Jan 1978); CARRIE died 9 Jan 1978; both buried in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan.

The "Adrian Daily Telegram" of 11 Jan 1932 carried an account of the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of ALBERT and ISABELLE in their "farm home southwest of Britton," with the attendance limited to their children and grandchildren "as borh Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were indisposed as the result of colds." This article explained further that they were married "by the Rev. Mr. SINK of the Christian Church; ... that the couple had lived on the same farm where they now (1932) live for 40 years. Ten years of their married life were spent in Adrian during which time ALBERT was employed as a railway mail clerk.... ALBERT has held many responsible positions of trust in the Township and for many years was a school teacher... in spite of his 84 years he takes much delight in teaching a Sunday School class at the Ridgeway Methodist Episcopal Church of which both have been members for many years."

Sources: "Palmer MSS." page 1073 (information furnished in 1930's by Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT to Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City).
Information furnished by PHYLLIS (PALMER) HAMILTON;
DOUGLAS and AUDREY PALMER;
DONALD and PAULINE MURPHY;
LILLIAN (PALMER) BUTTOLPH;
MARY (WRIGHT)(STEURER) OGREN.

124. EMMA MAE PALMER[9] (Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Feb 1854 in Ridgeway, the youngest child of FENNER (b1818) and PHEBE L. (PALMER) PALMER. She married 10 Dec 1879 FRANK E. SMITH (b 12 Apr 1859, d 4 Sept 1931 in Britton, Mich.), the son of WILLIAM and NEWBELIA (WHAPPLES) SMITH of Amboy, Ohio. EMMA died 6 June 1926 in Adrian, Mich. and was buried in Deerfield Cemetery, Deerfield, Mich. and her husband was buried there also when he died in 1931.

EMMA and FRANK SMITH resided in Lenawee County, Mich. their entire married lives and their five children were born there. They were members of the Free Methodist Church. Like most of their ancestors and siblings, they were farmers.

Their five children were:

188. (1) IDA MAY SMITH[10] b 26 Nov 1880 Ridgeway Township, Britton, Mich., m 23 Aug 1899 WILLIAM KINGSBURY (b 15 July 1880, d 1961) son of FRANCIS and MARY KINGSBURY. IDA died 22 Jan 1970, aged 89 years; they had three children.

189. (2) HERBERT F. SMITH b 5 July 1883, m 22 Mar 1905 GRACE HOAGLAND (b 4 Apr 1881, d 13 Mar 1960). HERBERT died 1977, aged 94 years; they had two children; one adopted.

190. (3) RAY SMITH b 26 Aug 1884, m 22 Nov 1907 FERN UNDERWOOD (b 18 Apr 1888), dau of WILLIAM and ADALAIDE (PILBEAM) UNDERWOOD; they had one daughter.

191. (4) GRACE SMITH b 1 Oct 1887, m 23 May 1906 WALTER E. BURNHAM (b 15 Oct 1882, d 1940); they had three children. GRACE died 1967; both buried Deerfield, Michigan.

192. (5) RALPH ENOS SMITH b 2 Oct 1896, m 16 Mar 1922 ANNA E. HOUCK (b 29 Mar 1899, d 17 Sept 1977), dau of HARVEY and ELLA (LANG) HOUCK. RALPH died 23 Aug 1977; both buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery, Ridgeway, Michigan. They had two children, born in Britton, Michigan.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." page 1074.
Mrs. Lillian PALMER Buttholph, Tecumseh, Michigan.
Mr. Douglas PALMER, Bradenton, Florida.
Mr. Linford Kingsbury, St. Petersburg, Florida.
Mr. Donald MURPHY, Tecumseh, Michigan.
(The original source of information was Mrs. Phena PALMER Wright who furnished same to Attorney Horace Wilbur Palmer in the 1930's; his office prepared the "Palmer MSS.")

125. HARRIET PALMER[9], (George Washington[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 March 1863 in Ransom, Hillsdale County, Michigan, the fifth child of GEORGE WASHINGTON and RACHEL (LUMIS) PALMER of Ransom and Ridgeway (Lenawee County) Michigan. She married 1 Jan 1882 LYMAN COVELL (COVILL) (born 2 Oct 1855, died 26 Sept 1910). They resided first in Ridgeway and later in the adjoining village of Britton. The first choir organized in Britton was in 1858 and the members included one DAN COVELL who may have been the father of HARRIET's husband, LYMAN. They had the following five children: ("Palmer MSS. page 1077.)

(1) FRANK COVELL b 7 Oct 1883, d 23 Feb 1910.
(2) CHARLES COVELL b 7 July 1885, m LUELLA BISHOP (b 30 July 1879, d 20 Aug 1920); they resided in Detroit and had two children:
  i ETHEL COVELL b 14 Oct 1914, d 24 Oct 1916.
  ii DONALD COVELL b 25 Dec 1915, m 7 Nov 1936 ROSE PENINGTON (b 6 Jan 1920) dau of WILLIAM and HELENA (DREYER)PENINGTON; they had one dau, BONNIE JEAN b 24 June 1937.
(3) EDITH COVELL b 14 Oct 1888, m (1st) JOSEPH SEIDEL in March 1909 (b 17 Mar 1883); they had two sons:
  i HENRY SEIDEL b 27 Jan 1910, m 28 May 1930 BERTHA YOUNG (b 11 Apr 1914), dau of ALVIN and ELSIE (THIELAN)YOUNG. They resided in Adrian, Mich. and had 2 children.
  ii LEO SEIDEL b 20 Nov 1911, m 17 Sept 1936 NORMA THIELAN (b 2 Jan 1918), dau of MERTON and BERNICE (EDWARDS) THIELAN; they had 1 dau, JUDY SANDRA SEIDEL b 21 Jan 1937.
EDITH m (2nd) March 1934, ROBERT C. BOHLKA (b 2 Mar 1887). They had no children. In the 1930's EDITH was residing in Blissfield.
(4) GEORGE COVELL b 3 Oct 1892, m EMMA GAZIE (b 1894, d May 1937), dau of DAVID and JULIA (HORVOT) GAZIE. They resided in Ann Arbor; they had one dau, VIOLET COVELL b Dec 1921.
(5) LEON COVELL b 20 Sept 1897, m 5 Jan 1929 IRENE PETSCH (b 3 Dec 1900), dau of JOHN and MARY EUNICE (NOMINEE) PETSCH; they resided in Deerfield, Michigan in the 1930's; no children.

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126. GEORGE ADELBERT PALMER[9], (George Washington[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 May 1872 in Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, youngest of six children of his parents. He married (1st) 8 Jan 1902 CARRIE E. MASTIN (b 26 Dec 1878, d 10 Jan 1907), dau of DARIUS and MARY (SLAYTON) MASTIN; they had one dau. He married (2nd) 1 Sept 1918 BELL WILLIAMS (b 13 Dec 1885), dau of JOHN and SUSAN PECK (SQUIRES) WILLIAMS; they had one daughter. GEORGE apparently removed to Toledo, Ohio, following his marriage where he remained permanently. No burial record for him or his wife has been found in Michigan.

Child by first wife:
(1)MARIE L. PALMER b 29 Dec 1906, m 12 May 1933 GLENN E. PEPPERS (b 21 Oct 1911), had 3 children; resided in Toledo, Ohio:
  i MAURINE MAE PEPPERS b 25 Sept 1934;
  ii ARLINE JOYCE PEPPERS b 22 Feb 1935, d 19 Aug 1936;
  iii LEE EDWIN PEPPERS b 11 Aug 1936;
Child by second wife:
(2)SUE ELIZABETH PALMER born 10 Feb 1919.

127. CAROLINE PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Jan 1856 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the second of nine children born to DECATUR and ELIZABETH BODKIN PALMER. She married 17 May 1874 JAMES DELL (b 17 Oct 1848, d 4 March 1924). She died 7 Jan 1937 at the age of eighty-one years.

After her marriage CAROLINE and her husband resided in Ashley, Gratiot County where their four children were born:

(1) GEORGE DELL[10] b 7 Nov 1876, m 27 Aug 1910 BONNIE HEINLEN (b 26 Dec 1892, d 4 June 1925), dau of FRANK and MAUDE (CAMPBELL) HEINLEN. After marriage GEORGE resided in Lansing, Michigan. No children.

(2) FLORA E. DELL b 19 Aug 1879, m 15 Feb 1893 HENRY BUSHREE (b 18 Jan 1868); they had one son, GUY BUSHREE b 16 Sept 1898, m 5 Feb 1920 MARIE VICTORIA BOUTEN (b 8 Feb 1900) dau of FRANCIS X. and JOSEPHINE (GAYNER) BOUTEN. GUY and his wife resided in Charleston, West Virginia; they had one dau, FLORINE MARIE, b 24 Sept 1920. FLORA died 3 Nov 1900

(3) IRA DELL b 9 Sept 1888, died unmarried in 1939.

(4) BEATRICE DELL b 2 Feb 1894, m 18 June 1914 LYN HEINLEN (b 26 June 1890); they had one adopted child, LESTER ALBERT HEINLEN b 4 July 1925, grandson of HARRIET PALMER DIBBLE.

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128. DELOS PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Sept 1858 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the third child of nine born to DECATUR and ELIZABETH BODKIN PALMER. In 1881 he married CARRIE SMITH (b 10 Mar 1867, d Dec 1926), the dau of JOHN and IDA SMITH. DELOS resided his entire life in the county in which he was born and where his three children were born; d 22 Jan 1921.

Children:

(1) IRMA PALMER[10] b 18 July 1883, m 9 Nov 1900 WILLIAM ROOF (b 13 Feb 1882); they resided in St. John's, Clinton County, Michigan where their seven children were born:

i LELAND ROOF[11] b 17 July 1901, m 29 Dec 1924 CECILE AUTEN (b 3 Feb 1907), dau of JEHILE and JESSIE (WILSON)AUTEN. They had four children:

(a) LOUISE ROOF[12] b 19 Sept 1926.
(b) MARTHA ROOF b 27 Apr 1929.
(c) LELAND ROOF, JR. b 27 Mar 1933.
(d) WANDA MARIE ROOF b 14 Sept 1935.

ii HELEN ROOF b 10 June 1903, m 23 Mar 1923 CLAIRE E. IRISH (b 9 May 1901); they had five children:

(a) WILLIAM SIDNEY IRISH b 15 May 1924.
(b) PATRICIA J. IRISH b 14 Dec 1927.
(c) CLAIRE E. IRISH, JR., b 14 May 1929.
(d) BARBARA L. IRISH b 18 June 1933.
(e) NANCY LEE IRISH b 19 July 1935.

iii WALDO ROOF b 21 July 1909, m 12 June 1934 PAULINE LEWIS (b 6 Aug 1915) dau of WARD and AGATHA (ANDERSON) LEWIS. They had one child, RONALD b 5 Feb 1935, died 28 Mar 1937.
iv OLIVER ROOF b 22 Mar 1915, m 11 July 1936 MILDRED KRAMER (b 3 Dec 1916), dau of ARCHIE and ETHEL (THERM) KRAMER. They had one son, ROBERT, b 2 Feb 1937.
v PAUL ROOF b 29 June 1919.
vi WILLIAM ROOF b 1 Nov 1921.
vii ROBERT VICTOR ROOF b 11 June 1924.

(2) IDA PALMER b 24 May 1885, died 24 May 1902.
(3) BERTHA PALMER b 24 Aug 1887, died 13 Sept 1899.

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129. GILBERT PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Nov 1861 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the fifth child born to DECATUR and ELIZABETH BODKIN PALMER. He married 8 Feb 1886 ALMA DOUGLAS (b 13 Jan 1865, d 26 July 1915), dau of STUART and FANNY (BENTLY) DOUGLAS. GILBERT continued to reside in the county where he was born his entire life, residing after marriage in either Alma or in Perrinton. He and ALMA had five children born to them in Gratiot County; he died 8 Feb 1936. Children were:

(1) GLENN D. PALMER b 3 May 1887, m 24 Nov 1910 BERTHA STURGES (b 7 May 1886), dau of DAVID and ELLA (ELLIS) STURGES. He resided St. Johns, Clinton County, Mich. and had one dau LEONA M. PALMER b 1 Nov 1915.
(2) ELIZABETH PALMER b 24 Jan 1889, d 24 Oct 1892.
(3) IVAN S. PALMER b 23 Dec 1894; in 1939 was residing, unmarried, in Gratiot County.
(4) MARION PALMER b 30 Apr 1898, m 14 Aug 1923 REVA WOOD (b 19 Aug 1904, d 28 Jan 1929), dau of CLAUDE and EDITH WOOD. Children:
i GILBERT C. PALMER ("Jimmy") b 20 May 1924. He resided with his mother's father in Ithaca, Michigan.
ii SHIRLEY JEAN PALMER b 9 June 1926. She was adopted by the Rev. and Mrs. FRED DUNBAR of Ionia, Mich., and her name was changed to SHIRLEY JEAN DUNBAR.
iii PATRICIA PALMER b 11 July 1927. She was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE DANIELS and her name was changed to PATRICIA DANIELS.

MARION PALMER's young wife was only age twenty-four years when she died in 1929 and left surviving her three young children. This doubtless resulted in the adoption of the two youngest children. No further information about MARION.

(5) DORIS H. PALMER b 30 May 1904, m 11 June 1927 FORREST DAUGHERTY (b 6 Aug 1901). They had four children:
i MARGARET DAUGHERTY b 7 May 1928.
ii MARY DAUGHERTY b 31 July 1929.
iii BEATRICE DAUGHERTY b 13 Jan 1936.
iv ELIZABETH DAUGHERTY b 16 Sept 1937.

130. HARRIET PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 22 April 1864 in Washington, county of Gratiot, Michigan, the sixth child of DECATUR and ELIZABETH (BODKIN) PALMER. She married 21 July 1880 CORNELIUS DIBBLE (b 1 Nov 1854, d 3 Oct 1931). They resided in Adrian, county seat of Lenawee in which county her father had been born and where her parents eventually returned to and where they both died in 1900 and 1912. HARRIET and her husband had three children all born in Adrian:

(1) LEON DIBBLE b 21 July 1884, m 27 Nov 1912 GUSTA GESS (b 21 Nov 1890), dau of GOTTFRIED and CARRIE (HINDERLICK) GESS. They resided in Graytown, Ohio and had three children:
  i CLYDE DIBBLE b 15 Sept 1913.
  ii EDWARD DIBBLE b 19 Jan 1918.
  iii MARCELLA DIBBLE b 4 Apr 1920.

(2) LENA DIBBLE b 6 Feb 1886, m ca 1907 ALBERT ARBOGAST (b 22 Feb 1885, d 12 June 1933); she d 28 Aug 1921 about three months after the birth of her last child; they had 5 children:
  i LOREE ARBOGAST b 21 June 1908, m 18 Feb 1937 GRACE MARTIN (b 18 Feb 1912), dau of ANDREW and SUSIE (TUTTLE) MARTIN; one child: LOREE MARTIN ARBOGAST, b 8 Nov 1937.
  ii MILDRED ARBOGAST b 16 Mar 1906, m 15 April 1926 JOLLIE CONNAT; they had one child: LESTER ALBERT CONNAT b 4 July 1927; MILDRED d 24 Dec 1928, aged twenty-two; her baby son was adopted by a Mrs. BEATRICE HEINLEN of Ashley, Michigan.
  iii LORETTA ARBOGAST b 12 Mar 1916.
  iv VERIL ARBOGAST b 29 May 1919.
  v ALFREIDA ARBOGAST b 2 June 1921.

(3) MINNIE DIBBLE b 6 Nov 1889, m 14 Nov 1927 MAYNARD CAREY (b 8 April 1911, d 9 Oct 1932); no children.

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131. ADELAIDE PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Jan 1867 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the seventh child of DECATUR and ELIZABETH (BODKIN) PALMER. ADELAIDE married (1st) 1 Jan 1884 LEWIS SCHLARF (b 15 Sept 1864) from whom she was apparently divorced as the records furnished the compiler in 1939 revealed that LEWIS SCHLARF was then still living. She had two sons by the first husband. She married (2nd) 13 Oct 1890 JOHN (or JAMES) M. FREEMAN (b 6 Mar 1863, d 6 Nov 1930). They also had two sons. ADELAIDE probably resided most of her life after marriage in Eureka, County of Clinton, Michigan, which county joined Gratiot County to the south.

Children by first husband:

(1) HOWARD S. SCHLARF[10] b 30 July 1886, m 1 Jan 1908 NELLIE WEAVER (b 2 Nov 1890), dau of GEORGE and LAURA (BURK) WEAVER. They resided Ashley, Gratiot County, Mich. and had three children:
  i GLENN SCHLARF b 13 Oct 1908, m 1 Jan 1933 MARY MATTHEWS (b 31 Aug 1910), dau of FLORIAN and BIVA (HAAS) MATTHEWS. They had two children: MARGARET ANN SCHLARF b 20 Nov 1913; JOHN CURTIS SCHLARF b 5 Feb 1935.

ii MABEL SCHLARF b 20 Nov 1913, m 2 May 1937 RAY WILLERT (b 18 Oct 1907); no children.
iii DOROTHY SCHLARF b 21 Feb 1919.

(2) ERNEST D. SCHLARF b 8 Dec 1889, m (1st) BERTHA MAY COX 8 Jan 1908, (b 8 May 1889, d 30 Jan 1917), dau of MILTON and EMMA (WINSER) COX. ERNEST and BERTHA resided in Ithaca, the county seat of Gratiot. They had two children:

i R_____ G_____ SCHLARF b 16 June 1908, m 3 Mar 1928 LOTTIE L. WALTER (b 17 Sept 1907), dau of CHARLES H. AND MAUDE H. (SHROYER) WALTER. They had four children:
(a) SHIRLEY JEAN SCHLARF b 14 Sept 1928.
(b) BARBARA LOUISE SCHLARF b 19 Nov 1929.
(c) THEODORE WALTER SCHLARF b 5 July 1933.
(d) LEONA MAE SCHLARF b 28 Jan 1937.

ii L_____ G_____ SCHLARF b 23 July 1915, m 10 Feb 1937 ALPHA SAUER (b 10 Feb 1915), dau of FRED and BERTHA (IRLAND)SAUER; 1 child: GARY LEROY SCHLARF b 28 Jan 1938.

ERNEST SCHLARF m (2nd) 31 Dec 1919 ERMA L. HULL (b 27 Mar 1890) dau of JAMES and MARY (THRUSH) HULL; no children.

ADELAIDE[9] PALMER's sons by second husband, JOHN FREEMAN:

(3) CLARENCE M. FREEMAN[10] b 19 Oct 1893, m 27 Aug 1914 FERN WAGGONER (b 17 Oct 1890), dau of HENRY and EVA (PHELPS) WAGGONER. They had three children: 11

i EDWARD FREEMAN b 2 Aug 1915, m 18 May 1935 FERN RAYMOND (b 10 Feb 1918), dau of ALFRED and MABEL (TYLOR)RAYMOND. They had two children: ELAINE FREEMAN b 14 Nov 1935; WAYNE FREEMAN b 25 June 1937.
ii DORIS FREEMAN b 17 May 1920, died 17 Sept 1921.
iii DONALD FREEMAN b 1 May 1923.

(4) ARTHUR RAYMOND FREEMAN b 17 Aug 1898, m 17 July 1918 OLIVE AUSTIN (b 27 July 1901), dau of SPENCER and FRANCES (HUGHES) AUSTIN. They had four children:

i LESTER FREEMAN[11] born 1 July 1919.
ii ROBERTA FREEMAN born 15 Dec 1923.
iii BEVERLY FREEMAN born 21 July 1929.
iv PHYLLIS FREEMAN born 4 Nov 1935.

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132. CHARLES PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Oct 1870 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the eighth child of DECATUR and ELIZABETH (BODKIN) PALMER. He married 10 Aug 1898 EDITH MAY McCOMBER (b 10 Aug 1879), dau of EDWIN and ROSELIA (WARD) McCOMBER. Following his marriage he resided in Coleman, Midland County, Michigan. They had three children:

(1) OPAL TREVIA PALMER b 8 Aug 1903.
(2) AUBREY CYRIL PALMER b 13 Jan 1906, m 16 July 1928 LELIA MAY MARSHALL (b 24 July 1019), dau of SANFORD and ANNABELLE (RAINVILLE) MARSHALL; 3 children: JOYCE JEAN PALMER b 2 July 1930; DORIS JOAN PALMER b 24 Mar 1933; and MILTON CHARLES PALMER b 1 Apr 1936.
(3) LEAR GARNET PALMER b 13 June 1913.

133. FLOYD PALMER[9], (Decatur[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 Oct 1873 in Washington, Gratiot County, Michigan, the ninth child of DECATUR and ELIZABETH (BODKIN) PALMER. He married in Feb 1900 MILLIE SEELEY (b 16 June 1878), dau of JOHN and MARY (SWATHOUT) SEELEY. After marriage FLOYD and his family resided in Ashley in the same county. They had four children:

(1) NEOMA PALMER[10] b 14 Aug 1902, m 1 Jan 1921 RAY W. SHATTUCK (b 15 Sept 1902); they resided in Grand Rapids, Mich. and had three children:[11]
  i BETTY MARIE SHATTUCK b 4 Aug 1923.
  ii VERNA AVIS SHATTUCK b 8 May 1927.
  iii JACQUELINE A. SHATTUCK b 23 Nov 1931.

(2) MARLEN PALMER b 22 Feb 1905.

(3) NORMA PALMER b 23 Jan 1907, m 4 Apr 1925 WALTER VENNEMA (b 15 Oct 1900); they resided in Grand Rapids, Mich. and had three children:
  i VERNITA VENNEMA b 2 Oct 1925.
  ii VIVIAN VENNEMA b 2 Jan 1927.
  iii GRACE VENNEMA b 2 June 1928.

(4) NORMAN PALMER b 23 Jan 1907.

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Source:

"Palmer MSS." (Information furnished to Mrs.Phena PALMER WRIGHT of Tecumseh, Michigan 1930's)

Page 1079 - CAROLINE PALMER DELL (p. 446 herein.)
Page 1080 - DELOS PALMER (p. 446 herein.)
Page 1081 - GILBERT PALMER (p. 447 herein.)
Page 1082 - HARRIET PALMER DIBBLE p. 448 herein.)
Page 1083 - ADELAIDE PALMER (SCHLARF) FREEMAN (p. 448 herein.)
Page 1084 - CHARLES PALMER and FLOYD PALMER. (pp.448-449 herein.)

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134. LEWIS CLARK PALMER[9], (Harvey[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 May 1858 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the oldest of ten children born to HARVEY and SARAH ALMIRA (BODKIN) PALMER. He married 25 Dec 1880 ANNA MARGARET BALLIET in Greenbush township, Clinton Co., Mich. (b 19 July 1862). She was the dau of AMONDUS REYNOLDS and ADELINE (BRUNSON) BALLIET of Sharpsville, Mercer Co., Pennsylvania.

When he was about fifteen years of age he accompanied his parents and siblings when they removed to Ransom Center in the adjoining county of Hillsdale where two of his uncles and their families had already settled: ALEXANDER and WILLIAM PALMER, older brothers of his father. However, within three years his father again moved his family settling in Eureka, Michigan. After his marriage LEWIS settled in Elba, Gratiot County; later in Duplain, Clinton County; and finally in St. Louis, Gratiot County, where he died 28 Sept 1922. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, LEWIS was a farmer his entire life.

Three children born to LEWIS and ANNA PALMER were:

(1) CALVIN LeROY PALMER[10] b 25 May 1882 in Elba, Gratiot Co.,Mich. He m 30 Sept 1908 OLIVE FARNSWORTH in Shepard, Isabella Co., Mich. (b 23 Sept 1887), dau of GEORGE PHILIP and MINNIE ANNA (COLBY) FARNSWORTH of Webberville, Mich. It is believed he was still living in the 1930's and furnished family history information to Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT of Tecumseh who was gathering the same at the request of Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City, a Palmer genealogist since 1910. In the 1930's he was apparently continuing as a farmer in in Midland, Midland Co., Michigan; they had eight children:
   - i HARVEY FARNSWORTH PALMER b 10 Aug 1909, m 24 Dec 1932 IDA MARGARET McWETTIY (b 6 Sept 1912), dau of REX and FRA (DELINE) McWETTIY; resided Midland, Mich. and had two children: RALPH LeROY PALMER b 23 Oct 1933 and MARILYN JOAN PALMER b 17 Apr 1935.
   - ii MYRL IRENE PALMER b 17 Sept 1911, m 16 Nov 1929 LESTER L. SLATER (b 7 May 1906); resided Midland, Mich. and had two children: BONNA BETH SLATER b 6 Mar 1931 and IVA RAE SLATER b 22 May 1932.
   - iii IVA MAY PALMER b 6 Oct 1912, d 3 May 1913.
   - iv GLENN DALE PALMER b 24 Dec 1915.
   - v GRANT LeROY PALMER b 5 Aug 1918.
   - vi LOUIS GEORGE PALMER b 27 July 1921.
   - vii CLARE ELTON PALMER b 5 Nov 1923.
   - viii RUTH ANN PALMER b 22 Sept 1925.

(2) JAMES ELTON PALMER b 31 Jan 1885 in Elba, m 7 Apr 1921 ZELMA SEELEY (b 16 Mar 1903), dau of JAMES and BESSIE (RANDEL) SEELEY; resided first in St. Louis, Mich. and later in Midland, Mich. One dau LUCILLE PALMER b 25 May 1922.

(3) DOROTHY IRENE PALMER b 21 Aug 1896 Duplain, Clinton Co.,Mich., m 21 Aug 1913 EARL RUSSELL HOYT (b 1 Oct 1888 in Carter, Midland,Co.,Mich.), son of CHARLES HARLOW and ELIZABETH (HATE)

HOYT of Plymouth, Wayne Co., Mich. They resided in St.-Louis, Mich. and had six children:

i LLOYD RUSSELL HOYT b 11 June 1914 in Jasper Twp.
ii DALE LAVERN HOYT b 29 June 1918, m 9 Oct 1937 CONSTANCE FIRMAN (b 20 Dec 1917), dau of WILLIAM and NORA (HILL) FIRMAN; resided St.Louis, Mich.
iii GORDON CLARK HOYT b 26 Oct 1922.
iv KEITH HARLOW HOYT b 1 June 1925.
v BEAULAH IRENE HOYT b 20 Feb 1927.
vi DORIS ARLENE HOYT b 3 Feb 1930.

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135. MARY ELVA PALMER[9], (Harvey[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 Dec 1859 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the second of ten children born to HARVEY and SARAH ALMIRA (BODKIN) PALMER. She married 24 Dec 1875 WARREN P. WATTS (b June 1, 1871, died 26 Apr 1928). After marriage they resided in Grand Rapids, Mich. and had one daughter; MARY ELVA died 19 Feb 1926 in Grand Rapids.

(1) LURA EDITH WATTS[10] b 23 Nov 1877, m (1st) 1895 EDMUND ROUSIN (b 1874, d 1921); they had one son, HAROLD R. ROUSIN born 1896 who subsequently took the surname of his step-father; m (2nd) FRANK COURTRIGHT 1901 (b 1856). Her only child was:
i HAROLD R. (ROUSIN) COURTRIGHT[11] b 1896, m 20 May 1916 VALADA BOWEN (b 29 Apr 1901), dau of WILLIAM and CARRA (SCHALLER) BOWEN. They had three children:
(a) ROBERT ROUSIN COURTRIGHT[12] b 20 Sept 1917. m 27 Oct 1936 FLORENCE C. SMITH (b 7 Sept 1918) dau of ALVAN and FLORENCE (HUISON) SMITH; they had two children: ROBERT R. COURTRIGHT, JR.,[13] b 18 Mar 1937 and SANDRA LEE COURTRIGHT born 5 Feb 1938.
(b) WILLIAM ROUSIN COURTRIGHT[12] b 16 June 1918.
(c) HAROLD ROUSIN COURTRIGHT, JR. b 3 Mar 1923.

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136. CLARENCE WELBY PALMER[9], (Harvey[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Sept 1865 in Ridgeway, Michigan, m 4 July 1892 EDNA LOOMIS in Ithaca, Gratiot Co., Mich. (b 6 May 1874), the dau of GEORGE and ELLEN (SMITH) LOOMIS of Carson City, Montcalm Co., Michigan. When CLARENCE was about eight years of age his family removed first to Ransom in the adjoining county of Hillsdale; and by 1876 they were settled in Eureka, Clinton County, Michigan. Some years after his marriage he settled in Belding, Ionia Co., Mich. and thereafter in Grand Rapids where he died 11 Apr 1937; he was employed as a gas fitter; 2 children:

(1) CARL J. PALMER b 13 June 1896, Eureka; m 12 Apr 1917 JANE M. FLETCHER (b 25 Nov 1894), dau of WILLIAM T. and JANE ANN(BROWN) FLETCHER; resided Grand Rapids; 2 children: MARJORIE BELLE PALMER b 17 Sept 1918 and ROBERT K.PALMER b 15 Jan 1922.
(2) CLARENCE H. PALMER b 9 Dec 1900, m 13 June 1932,ETHEL SMITH (b 6 Mar 1889), dau of MELVIN and MARTHA (GRIFFITH) SMITH. They resided Lansing, Michigan. No children.

137. SARAH MELINDA PALMER[9], (Harvey[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Nov 1867 in Ridgeway, county of Lenawee, Michigan, the sixth child of HARVEY and SARAH ALMIRA (BODKIN) PALMER. She married 15 Apr 1892 in Eureka, Mich., ARTHUR W. HILL of Old Mission, Michigan (b 3 Sept 1857 in Mazimane, Mich.). When she was about six years of age her parents removed to Ransom Center, in the adjoining county of Hillsdale and three years later were settled in Eureka, Clinton County, where her parents died in 1897 and 1912. Following her marriage in 1892 she and her husband removed to Missouri where they settled in Laclede County, in the town of Lebanon which was the county seat. Three children born in Missouri:

(1) EDITH PAULINE HILL born 3 April 1893.
(2) McKINLEY HILL born 15 Feb 1894.
(3) GUY RAYNOR HILL born 4 Dec 1903, m 3 Nov 1934 MARY LOUISE COLTRANE (b 15 Feb 1905), dau of VICTOR O. and SARAH (LICHLITER) COLTRANE; they resided Washington,D.C. No children.

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138. FLORENCE JENNETTE PALMER[9], (Harry[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 Mar 1873 in Ransom Center, Hillsdale County, Mich., the eighth child born to HARVEY and SARAH ALMIRA (BODKIN) PALMER of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Mich. who had removed to Ransom during the year preceding her birth. By 1876 her parents and siblings had removed again, to Eureka in Clinton County where her parents remained the rest of their days. FLORENCE m 19 Sept 1895 WILLIAM ERNEST BOTSFORD (b 18 July 1874) and they resided in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where one daughter was born:

(1) HELEN MARIE BOTSFORD b 20 Nov 1899, m 9 Nov 1918 GERARD H. BOER (b 5 Aug 1896); they had three children:
  i ROBERT E. BOER, born 16 May 1920.
  ii BRUCE G. BOER, born 28 Jul 1927.
  iii RONALD W. BOER, born 7 Dec 1932.

In the 1930's FLORENCE BOTSFORD and her sister, CLARA BELLE TURNER, furnished family history information to Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT of Tecumseh, Michigan.

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139. CLARA BELLE PALMER[9], (Harry[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 June 1876 in Eureka, Clinton County, Michigan, the ninth child born to HARVEY and SARAH ALMIRA (BODKIN) PALMER formerly of Ridgeway and Ransom, Michigan. CLARA married 6 Nov 1898 GLENN TURNER in Maple Rapids, Clinton Co., Mich. (b 18 Aug 1876, Eureka, Mich.). They resided in Grand Rapids, Mich., and had son LAWRENCE TURNER b 27 May 1902.

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Source: "Palmer MSS." Page 1086 - LEWIS CLARK PALMER
Page 1087 - CALVIN LeROY PALMER
Page 1088 - MARY ELVA (PALMER) WATTS
Page 1089 - CLARENCE WELBY PALMER
Page 1090 - SARAH MELINDA (PALMER) HILL
Page 1091 - FLORENCE JENNETTE (PALMER) BOTSFORD and CLARA BELLE (PALMER) TURNER.

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140. LILLIAN MAY SARGENT[9], (Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 Aug 1873 in N.Y., probably at Elmira, the oldest child of CORA LOVE (PALMER) and her husband, ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT. She m 8 May 1892 at Princeton, Kansas, JOHN PATRICK MURPHY at the home of her grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER. It was a double wedding that day as MAY's (as she was called) Aunt BELLE PALMER was married to FRANK M. PALMER of Wayne Co., N.Y. BELLE and CORA were sisters. She resided in the same area where she was born until the early 1880's when her parents and siblings moved to Kansas to be nearer the grandparents, NATHANIEL L. and MARY LOUISE PALMER; in the town of Ottawa where they settled her father went into the hardware business. However, her parents were not pleased with living in the West and they returned to N.Y. and MAY's father died at the young age of 40 years on 29 Aug 1889 leaving his wife with four minor children; in addition to MAY who was then aged 16, there was a sister, GERTRUDE, aged 15, and two brothers: PALMER DARLING aged 13 and ERNEST GRANT, aged 11 years. Apparently MAY's widowed mother and her four children eventually removed West again in the early 1890's to Kansas where the grandfather and his second wife were residing, where MAY married 1892. MAY and her husband settled in Ottawa,Franklin Co., where she died 7 Feb 1969 and was bur in Hope Cemetery, West 2nd Street. Her mother eventually followed grandfather NATHANIEL L. to Southern California where she lived out her life and at times resided in Yuma, Arizona, where MAY's younger brother, PALMER DARLING, had huge cotton, nut and fruit orchards. That brother, her mother, and her younger sister, GERTRUDE BALTWOOD resided the last years of their life in the sun-belt area and all three are buried in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, California; in the Fairhaven Mausoleum are also buried MAY's Aunt BELLE and Uncle FRANK PALMER who were married in a double wedding in 1892 with MAY and her husband JOHN MURPHY. MAY's other younger brother, GRANT (as he was called) SARGENT traveled extensively throughout the Western United States, Canada and Alaska and eventually settled in Seattle, Washington.

MAY and JOHN MURPHY had two sons born Franklin County, Kansas:

(1) GLENN TRUMAN MURPHY[10] b 1894.

(2) HOWARD SARGENT MURPHY b 27 Nov 1909, m 12 Sept 1938 at Brookfield, Missouri, EILEEN GRACE JOAN STRICKLER, dau of HOMER ALPHONSE STRICKLER and HELEN LORETTA (DUFFY) STRICKLER; they resided (1977) in Norfolk, Nebraska. They had one son:

i MICHAEL EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MURPHY[11] b 18 Mar 1940, m SANDRA K. KLAWOON; resided (1977) 404 North 27th St., Norfolk; they had two children:

(a) PATRICK SCOTT MURPHY b 21 Sept 1961.

(b) CAMILLE JOAN MURPHY b 21 Oct 1962.

Sources:

Mrs. ERNEST GRANT (ANNE) SARGENT, Seattle, WA.

HARRY PALMER BEAN of El Paso, Texas.

141. GERTRUDE SARGENT[9] (Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 30 Nov 1874 in N.Y., probably at Elmira, the second child of CORA LOVE (PALMER) and her husband, ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT. Very little information is known by the current members of the family about this dau of CORA's except that she married one LOUIS BALTWOOD; settled in Southern California at some period apparently to be nearer her mother and died there and was buried in Fairhaven Memorial Park, as was her mother and younger brother, PALMER DARLING SARGENT. Her mother died in 1929 in Santa Ana, Orange County, CA., and GERTRUDE died ten years later on 25 Jan 1939. There is no record of any children for her.

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142. PALMER DARLING SARGENT[9] (Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 11 Apr 1876 in N.Y., probably at Elmira, the third child of CORA LOVE (PALMER) and her husband, ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT. As far as is known he died unmarried and was buried in Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana, California, although he had resided in Yuma, Arizona, for many years.

By the year 1895 his grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, had settled in San Diego Co., CA. in Chula Vista, having purchased a twenty-acre fruit orchard and ranch. Family tradition has it that when "a very young man" PALMER "went West" to Yuma, Arizona, and was an early pioneer in that area where he became a farmer growing cotton and had 600 acres planted with this product as well as other acreage planted in citrus fruits and nuts. His father had died when he was only 13 years of age and by 1895 he was aged 19 years and very possibly followed his grandfather to the southwest. His efforts in raising and selling these products was very successful and he became financially very well off. For some years, at least at intervals, in the early 1900's, his mother would journey to Yuma and reside with him although her permanent home was near her younger sister, BELLE and the latter's husband, FRANK, in Orange, California. He would also receive visits in Yuma from his younger brother, GRANT SARGENT and the latter's wife, ANNE; they had traveled extensively up and down the West Coast as GRANT was interested in buying and selling real estate; ANNE (ROWLANDS) SARGENT has vivid recollections (1980) of the visits to see this brother in Yuma and also whenever in Southern California of a visit to the grave of the maternal grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, who was buried 1897 in Mt. Hope Cemetery (Masonic Section) in San Diego.

In the 1920's the moving picture industry was in its infancy in Hollywood (a part of the City of Los Angeles) and somehow or other which family members apparently never learned, PALMER was induced to invest most of his ready funds in some branch of this new industry; during that brief period he resided in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles but unfortunately his particular investment was unwise and he is believed to have lost "a few hundred thousand dollars" in that venture. He thereupon returned to simple farming in Arizona and thereafter retired to San Diego where he resided in a small family hotel.

Following in the path of his maternal grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, PALMER DARLING SARGENT was a self-educated man; he had served as a territorial judge in Arizona during the years he resided in Yuma; and his father's early death when he was only aged thirteen years doubtless forced PALMER into making his own way in life. His travels and experiences, success in his first venture in Arizona, and the loss of his fortune in the early movie industry (in his 40's) must have had a profound effect on his thinking and outlook on life in later years. In 1931 he wrote an article (28 pages) which he had copyrighted under the title of "The Machine Age and What It Signifies--Poverty or Luxury" and it was published and distributed although the pamphlet contains no explanation of what prompted PALMER in this action.

A perusal of the publication clearly shows the serious thinking and concern the author felt about not only his own country but the world at large; it was written not too many years following the first World War and at the very beginning of the "Great Depression" of the 1930's. By that time, PALMER had lost his fortune and was practically back to where he had started around the turn of the century, as a small farmer. Some paragraphs quoted below from his publication reveal the thought-provoking, world-wide problems which troubled him:

> "For fifteen or twenty years prior to the late war, an unprecedented expansion and use of labor saving machinery took place... Its sequence, leading up to the building of huge navies, and the organizing and equipping of even larger standing armies; that and the high tension among the leading powers of Europe, caused through a frenzied rivalry for foreign commerce and power, were, no doubt the prominent factors that made war almost certain. In the summer of 1914 in central Europe, a person was murdered and the reaction from that single tragedy ... precipitated the most horrible war of any time.
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> "Before entering the war, the United States had already advanced the Allies billions of dollars in the way of war equipment, food and supplies of all kinds, at the highest prices ever known; after declaring war ourselves, we advanced them still more billions of dollars.
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> "After four years of struggle, the carnage and slaughter ended, and just what was the net result. The boundary lines in Europe were changed a little here and there, some of the colonies changed hands, and Europe as a whole was exhausted and bankrupt... we (in the United States) were still well disposed to our allies... and advanced them a few billion dollars more, giving them another start in life. It will never be clear in my mind whether we were justified or not in entering the war (but) I am not criticizing our government for so doing.
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> "By 1922 the reconstruction period began in earnest in the United States... Labor commanded the highest pay ever known, and raw materials of all kinds were still at war prices or higher... If a person decided to build an office building or hotel, he must have it completed in the shortest time possible,regardless of cost.

"This boom and the shortage of labor caused another urgent demand--for more and more labor saving machinery. This abnormal demand for labor, raw materials and construction continued until about two years ago at which time we discovered quite suddenly there was a slackening up in the demand for new construction, machinery, etc. In many cases we had overbuilt, and business as a whole all over the world was slowing down somewhat, and Europe, too, had reached the same goal at about the same time. And just what does this signify, this wonderful machine age, where one man, in many cases, can accomplish what it took dozens to do a few years ago? ...

"During the past two years we have been kidded along and kidded ourselves with the old stock phrase that 'prosperity was just around the corner," and that a depression was the usual sequence to be looked forward to in the wake of all wars, and as in the past would soon blow over. The only bearing the war really had on this depression was to delay it. The period of overproduction was just beginning to dawn in 1914 and had the war not come then, it, no doubt, would have become acute before 1920. We destroyed during the war instead of building, and it required a number of years of building after the war to get even again, hence the delay....

"... we have no precedent to go by, ... we are up against something entirely new and entirely different in this modern machine age, and to meet these modern conditions and maintain civilization, we certainly must adopt new ideas and ways in the administration of our government.

"I wish to emphasize the fact that I think we have in the United States today the best form of government possible for the American people. We have grown up, prospered and developed under it into the greatest industrial nation on earth today. ... Our Government and our industrial system has grown to such immense proportions, and is so intricate and complicated in its various branches and channels, that any attempt to materially change or alter it would be the greatest calamity that could possibly befall us. ... We have an abundance of laws now covering nearly every emergency, even this panic.

"If they have not been properly administered, and to the equal benefit of all -- and it is a self-evident fact that they have not -- it is owing largely to the disgraceful neglect the American people take in politics and in selecting their various representatives, from the smallest precinct officer on up to senators. We have all been so busy trying to enlarge our own little nest egg, as a sort of insurance against want in our declining years, that we have unconsciously allowed the glad hand, hero worship stuff to dominate us to a great extent in voting, and haven't given enough thought and attention to the real merits of the candidates. (Underlining added by compiler.)

"There are a number of organizations in this country now fiercely opposing our form of government. They are known as Reds,

Bolsheviks, Communists, etc.; all radical, all sincere and all striving for a better form of government; that better form of government consisting of a more just and equitable distribution of the product of labor and industry.

"In particular they berate our entire judicial system, judges, sob juries, crook lawyers and all of their outlandish subterfuges and unethical practices which are slowly but surely undermining our whole moral and social structure....

"Their great weakness though is that they are too impetuous, too anxious to tear to pieces any existing system with nothing very clear or definite in view to be substituted or take its place. They ignore the fact that we already have a set of laws as good or better than any they could possibly devise, and only lacking in proper administration to make an unbounded success. ...

The last half of his article is devoted to what he entitled: "SARGENT'S PLAN" in which he advocated:

"A tax of five percent on the incomes of all Americans... old age pensions for the $7\frac{1}{2}$ million workers all of which would immediately come back into circulation, spent for every-day living expenses... and

"There would (then) be no incentive or desire to save a dime ... The horror of old age and of dying in poverty would be transformed into a glorious blessing.... No person would be entitled to a pension who already had a reasonable income, regardless of age....

"Wages adjusted based on the general cost of commodities and high enough so any one who made an effort could save enough in their younger life to own a home of their own later on. ... The protection the farmer in particular needs on some of his major crops is only in line with the protection enjoyed today by a great many trusts and combinations through protective tariffs and their own organizations.... I place the farm products first on the list because in any business flurry, the farmer is always hit first, hit the hardest and hit the longest.

"The farmers through the farm bureau and other existing farm organizations, in conjunction with the labor organizations and the leading industries of the country, should immediately get together, pull together and try and work out the details on a basis fair and equitable to all, then advise our congressmen and senators what legislation is necessary and demand action at once. Theoretically, they are put there to do the will of the people; let us see that they do it for once in their history. ... As far as the capitalistic system is concerned, it is as good as any system of government we know anything of...

He advocated three points: (1) the prohibition of importing all raw materials, farm products, and manufactured goods that can be produced or manufactured to advantage at home; (2) establishment of a set or minimum price on major farm crops, particularly cotton, wheat and wool; and (3) increase present income tax to a full five per cent.

Undoubtedly PALMER SARGENT's many years in farming in Arizona in cotton, citrus fruit and nuts, helped shape his feelings about justice to the farmers and the need for price controls. On page 15 he explains:

"A set price on wheat, cotton and wool alone today would solve a large percentage of our troubles. It can be done and should be done immediately, not after every farmer has been robbed of this year's crops and left stranded for another year. ... Congress should pass a law prohibiting the use of anything but high grade cotton ... During the year 1928-1929 we imported 290,000 long tons of jute, manila or baca, sisal and henequen, those materials being used for bagging, rope, binder twine and many other articles. If the importation of those materials were prohibited, over a million bales more of American cotton could be substituted... (and the importation of Egyptian cotton should be prohibited). ... Japan alone is using nearly two million bales a year of our cotton even though she is right next door to India. The reason is that our cotton is very superior to the Indian cotton.

"Since President Hoover's administration, a farm relief measure was passed. It is the first and only constructive measure ever passed for the benefit of the farmer. The wheat problem could be solved overnight almost, along lines as suggested in articles in the 'Los Angeles Times' early last summer....

"If a country ever needed help, it is China today, and if a country was ever well able to help another country, it is the United States today. American surplus capital could enter China in unlimited quantities with a view of actually helping her, and building her up rather than hogging her resources, and create a future market for our surpluses beyond calculation. China is not an ungrateful country, but just the contrary.

"India will gain her freedom eventually, and one point, Mahatma Gandhi, their spokesman, has offered for that freedom, is that the Indians will buy all of their cloth from England. That alone will be worth billions to England in the future.

"Why not concentrate on China, gain her good will, keep it by fair dealings, and both sides would profit immensely in the long run.

"An argument will arise that foreign countries will retaliate with prohibitive tariffs ruining our foreign trade. That is possibly true to some extent; the real truth, though, is that they have already done it to a large extent, in fact have beat us to it. Just try to export any article to Germany, France or Italy that they are producing at home, or that would displace their labor .... It cannot be done."

SARGENT also sets forth his views on a state sales tax; on the shorter work week and the shorter hours worked each day; our foreign commerce due to the fact "we are the greatest inventors in the world;" and "the leading countries of the world eliminate for five years expenditures for navy construction" thus saving billions, explaining his theory that in the future "Single airplanes carrying tons of bombs and poison gases will do the slaughtering in the future." Finally, he urged increased government receipts through the inheritance tax, elimination of huge fortunes to be accumulated "which are even now becoming a hindrance to healthy progress."

143. ERNEST GRANT SARGENT[9] (Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 July 1878 in Elmira, N.Y., the youngest of four children born to CORA LOVE (PALMER) and her husband, ALVARIOUS DARLING SARGENT. "GRANT" (as he was called) m (1st) EVA WHITE by whom he had two daus; he m (2nd) 5 Jan 1929 ANNE ROWLANDS (b 9 Dec 1903 Phoenix, B.C., Canada), dau of DAVID and KATHERINE (JONES) ROWLANDS of Anglesey, North Wales, United Kingdom.

In Aug 1889 when he was only aged eleven years his father died in N.Y. and his oldest sibling, MAY (as she was called) married three years later in 1892. By 1895 his maternal grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, had removed from Kansas to San Diego County, California; GRANT's mother first had moved her family to the Kansas farm and thereafter to Southern Calif., so she would be nearer her father although it was for a brief period as grandfather died in 1897 in Chula Vista, California, and was buried in the then Masonic Cemetery (now Mount Hope Cemetery), City of San Diego.

GRANT became interested in real estate and land development and his field encompassed the states on the Western Coast. His older brother, PALMER SARGENT, had purchased hundreds of acres of real estate in Yuma, Arizona, devoted to the raising of cotton, citrus fruit and nuts. His Uncle TRUMAN GARRETT PALMER had also invested in land developments in California and had become a national expert in the beet sugar industry. Following his grandfather PALMER's death in 1897, GRANT's Uncle FRANK PALMER had purchased the twenty-acre ranch in Chula Vista and continued to farm there for a few years; eventually that uncle and his wife, Aunt BELLE PALMER, settled about 1908 in Orange County, California, where they engaged in the business of raising oranges.

GRANT's first venture was probably his traveling to the Klondike in Alaska in 1898. In 1896 in that region of the Yukon Territory gold had been discovered which set off a gold rush that continued for several years; the peak gold-producing year was 1900. The population during the years 1897-1898 increased to 18,000! When GRANT eventually returned from the hunt for gold he settled in Seattle, Washington, which he called home for the remainder of his life although his travels continued, especially in his real estate field and included numerous visits over the years to California and Arizona, where members of his family were residing.

In 1927 GRANT and EVA were divorced; he remained in Seattle and his wife removed to Los Angeles, taking the two young daughters with her. A few years later he married (2nd) ANNE ROWLANDS who had been born in Canada. ANNE had been employed many years in the office of the President of the University of Washington during which time she performed much secretarial work for the Board of Regents of that University during their monthly meetings. She retired in 1970. She recalls the travels with GRANT and the many visits to Southern California to visit Palmer relatives including her only visit to GRANT's mother, CORA LOVE (PALMER) SARGENT in 1929, the year she died. There were also visits to Kansas to see his sister, MAY SARGENT MURPHY, and trips to Yuma, Arizona to visit with his brother, PALMER SARGENT and the other sister, GERTRUDE BALTWOOD, who had resided for a time in Yuma and also raised cotton there. ANNE SARGENT also recalls visiting in the 1950's with her husband's brother, PALMER SARGENT in San Diego.

ERNEST GRANT SARGENT died in Seattle 6 Oct 1965, aged 87 years. His widow continues to reside in that city (1985) and continues to do much traveling, visiting friends in Southern California and making trips to Arizona; in September 1979 ANNE SARGENT visited Britain with a tour group and was entertained by some of her Welch cousins in Anglesey, Wales, where her mother had been born. It was her first trip to visit her mother's homeland. (GRANT was bur Evergreen Cemetery, Seattle.)

Children of GRANT and EVA SARGENT, both born in Seattle:

(1) ISABEL SARGENT[10] b 11 Sept 1913, m RUSSELL WHITE, a captain in the United States Air Force; no children. She d Dec 1965 in Riverside, California.

(2) JANE SARGENT b 20 Sept 1918, m ADOLPH BALDERMANN from whom she was divorced; during the 1970's she resided in Menlo Park, California; no children. m (2nd) FRANCIS CAUHAPE.

Children of GRANT and ANNE (ROWLANDS) SARGENT, both born Seattle:

193. (3) GRANT PALMER SARGENT[10] b 25 May 1931, m (1st) 1965 BEVERLY SMITH; div. 1966; one dau; m (2nd) 1979 GLORIA RAMIREZ.

194. (4) DAVID BRUCE SARGENT b 7 Aug 1933, m 1953 ELLA MARIE TAYLOR (b 29 Mar 1934, d 3 Mar 1983).

Source:

Mrs. ERNEST GRANT SARGENT of Seattle (1977 and 1985).

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144. KATHERINE ("KITTY") RIA PALMER[9] (Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 18 Oct 1882 in Kansas City, Missouri, the only child of FRANKLIN (FRANK) DENISE and MARIA (DOTY) PALMER who settled in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y. "KITTY" m 17 Sept 1907 at Poughkeepsie EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY (b 20 Oct 1882, d 28 Nov 1949, both at Poughkeepsie), son of WILLIAM BRADLEY and MINNIE (McCORD) DUSENBURY of that city. "KITTY" died 17 Mar 1950 at Poughkeepsie; she and her husband are buried in Freedom Plains Cemetery, Freedom Plains, Dutchess County, New York.

"KITTY" and her husband had five children including three daughters, one of whom has referred to her as a devoted and loving wife and mother who always put her family first. She is remembered as an inspiration to all who knew and loved her, and she has left a legacy of many descendants.

"KITTY" and her husband both graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School in 1902. EDWIN then attended and graduated from the Eastman Business College in that city.

EDWIN DUSENBURY established himself in the real estate business in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in 1922, which he continued until his retirement in 1945. He took an active part in the civic matters in that city and held the following positions:

1943 was Commissioner of the Board of Public Welfare.
1943 was elected Alderman which he subsequently resigned so that in
1947 he could serve as a member of the Recreation Commission.
erved on the Rationing Board during World War 11.
Secretary of the Mid-Hudson Schoolboy Rowing Association.
Member of Poughkeepsie Exchange Club.
Member of Home Service Committee of local Red Cross Chapter.
Active in the Men's Guild of St. Francis Hospital and was a Trustee of that hospital in Poughkeepsie.

"KITTY" and EDWIN had the following children, all born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York:

195. (1) EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY[10] b 20 June 1908, m 8 Dec 1933 PHYLLIS BURDICK PALMER; he d 6 Dec 1984; two sons.
196. (2) DOROTHY ALIDA DUSENBURY b 22 July 1910, m 16 June 1930 RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE; reside Poughkeepsie, N.Y. two children.
197. (3) VIRGINIA MAY DUSENBURY b 21 May 1914, m 12 May 1935 LEWIS E. CHRISTIAN (b 28 Sept 1910, d 16 Jan 1971); three children; she died 10 Feb 1958.
(4) WILLIAM FRANKLIN DUSENBURY born and died at birth 1917.
198. (5) EVELYN KATHERINE DUSENBURY b 29 Jan 1919, m 29 June 1941 WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS; she died 2 Oct 1977.

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When "KITTY's" father, FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER, settled in Poughkeepsie after the birth of his only child in 1882, he doubtless had no idea that he was living within fifteen miles of the village of Dover where his ancestors in the 4th and 5th generations had been living since their arrival there in the early 1750's. The names of JOHN and MARY PALMER and their son, FENNER, and daughter-in-law, LYDIA PALMER, appear on the First Members' Register of the Dover First Baptist Church (now at Wingdale) for the years 1757 and 1761. Although FENNER and LYDIA and their children removed northward to the Hoosick District in (then) Albany County prior to the Revolutionary War, the parents lived out their lives in the Dover area and doubtless were buried in the cemetery across the street from that Baptist Church. It is probable also that their son, JOHN JR. and wife (HOPE), dau, ANN and her husband, ROBERT TOWNSEND, and some of the grandchildren are also buried there. Another son, GERSHOM (b 1740, died before 1771) and youngest dau, MARY (b 1743) have long since vanished and the compilers (including BYRON and HORACE PALMER) have found no trace of them.

145. MARGARET IRENE PALMER[9] (Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 31 July 1894 in Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y., the only child of her parents, ALLETTA (ALETTA) MaBELLE[8] (usually called BELLE) PALMER and her husband FRANK M. PALMER[9], of the same family. She usually used only her first name, MARGARET, and after her marriage she dropped completely the middle name of IRENE and was known as MARGARET PALMER BEAN, which was and often is the usual custom at least in the state of California to designate a married woman's name.

Inasmuch as her parents were of the same family, MARGARET was also in the 10th generation descent down from the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, through her father: Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]. In the seventh generation, NATHAN (1782-1845) and NATHANIEL L. (1828-1897) were half-brothers, both being the sons of NATHANIEL[6] but by two different wives: (1st) SARAH _____; and (2nd) ANNA (LEAVITT) TRUMBULL. NATHAN was the oldest of the eleven children and NATHANIEL L. was the youngest and NATHAN was 46 years older than this young half-brother! Thus NATHAN's grandson, FRANK (1849-1940) married as his second wife the youngest child of his grandfather's half-brother (1828-1897).

NATHANIEL L. PALMER[7] had only six grandchildren whereas NATHAN[7] had twenty-five grandchildren to be carried forward; hence, it seemed more practical to carry MARGARET PALMER forward in the line of her grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, rather than in the line of her great-grandfather, NATHAN and grandfather, VAN RENSSELAER PALMER.

MARGARET had two half-sisters, BERTHA CORNELIA born 1875 and FLORA born 1880; a half-brother, RAY, born 1889, had been killed 6 Aug 1890 at Lakeside, N.Y., in the same accident which took the life of FRANK (MARGARET's father) PALMER's first wife, HELEN NORTHRUP.

MARGARET m 10 June 1919 at Orange, Orange Co., CA., HOWARD STEWART+BEAN (b 23 Oct 1893 Santa Clara Co., CA., d 10 June 1975, Sedona, Arizona), son of HARRY PERCY BEAN and MARY ELIZABETH EDWARD STEWART. She died at Sedona 31 Dec 1974.

When MARGARET was aged two years her parents and half-sister, FLORA, removed from Lakeside to Chula Vista in San Diego County, California, where her maternal grandfather, NATHANIEL L. PALMER, had purchased an orange grove one year earlier. However, the following year the grandfather died unexpectedly and MARGARET's father purchased from the probate estate the twenty-acre ranch, house, furniture, and all livestock on the ranch. Here they continued to reside for about six years and then they moved in 1903 to Colorado where they first resided on a cattle ranch at LaJara; in 1906, however, they moved to Denver. MARGARET recalled that shortly after they had moved into the adobe ranch house they experienced a cloudburst and the new and not-yet-set roof leaked profusely.

In 1908 the family returned to Southern California where MARGARET's father purchased ten acres on Chapman Avenue in Orange, Orange County, where he planted orange and lemon trees and built a

house and barn. Her parents were active members of the Methodist Church in that community.

MARGARET attended the local public schools, graduating from the high school there and then attended the California School of Arts and Crafts at Berkeley in the San Francisco area. There she met her husband-to-be through his sister, GLADYS, who resided in the same boarding house as MARGARET although GLADYS was attending the University of California at Berkeley. MARGARET graduated in 1918 with an Art Teacher's Certificate.

MARGARET's mother was a rather frail person and during MARGARET's early years, her half-sister, FLORA (who was 14 years older than MARGARET), often took over the role as mother to MARGARET. FLORA's only other close relative, her older sister, BERTHA had married in 1897; thus FLORA continued to live out her life in Southern California near her father, step-mother and half-sister.

Following their marriage in 1919 MARGARET and her husband removed to Washington, D.C. where her husband's employment was located; here their first child, named HARRY PALMER BEAN, was born 27 July 1920. The following year they built a home and moved to Kensington, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C., where their second child, AUDREY ELIZABETH BEAN, was born 2 Dec 1922. Through the years following MARGARET was continually busy as a wife and mother, serving fifteen years as treasurer of her church, being Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in 1930 and active in local women's clubs; she and her husband were members of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church in Kensington. At the conclusion of World War II when her two children were grown, MARGARET was able to renew her interest in art and took watercolor lessons with ELIOT O'HARA; she also taught art in an adult education center and gave private lessons in Washington, D.C. She was a charter member of the Cherry Tree Textile Designers, screen printing designs on cloth which were sent to a New York agent.

HOWARD STEWART BEAN traced his ancestry directly back to JOHN +BEAN, born before 1634 at Strathdearn, Inverness-Shire, Scotland, died 1718 at Exeter, New Hampshire and buried in the Church Yard of the Congregational Church there ("The Bean Genealogy" by IDA MABLE WILLIAMS KING, 1935). HOWARD was in the 10th generation descended from that emigrant. His father, HARRY PERCY BEAN, had been born 1858 in Maine but following a severe illness in 1889, upon the advice of his physician, he removed to California arriving in San Jose on 31 Dec that year, at the age of thirty-one. Following his doctor's advice was perhaps the best thing HARRY ever did for he lived on in California for another forty-five years and died there in 1934. His first two children had been born in New England and another two were born in the 1890's in California; the dau, GLADYS, born 12 June 1892 is still living in Southern California, and will have her 93rd birthday in June 1985.

MARGARET's husband, HOWARD BEAN, earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1917. In that year he was appointed to the Gage Section of The National Bureau of Standards. The following year he was named to head the Bureau's New York office for gage calibration, and in 1920 he was appointed Chief of the Gas Measur-

ing Instruments Section in Washington, D.C. He was Chief of Capacity, Density and Fluid Meters Section of N.B.S. from 1948 until his retirement 1 July 1958. HOWARD was the author or co-author of over forty papers and publications dealings with fluid flow measurement and was one of the foremost authorities on the subject both nationally and internationally. He was a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, having served as a member or as chairman of numerous measurement committees. He also served on measurement committees of the American Gas Association and the American Society of Testing Materials. He was also a member of the American Delegation to the International Standards Organization Technical Committee 30 on Flow Measurement.

Formal recognition of the work of HOWARD BEAN includes the Worcester Reed Warner Gold Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for "... his valuable contributions to the art and science of fluid metering ..." in 1955; the American Gas Association Award of Merit in 1956 for "... continuous and extensive contributions to further the interests and promote the welfare of the industry and the public to which it is dedicated;" in 1958 the U. S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal for Exceptional Service. HOWARD was also a member of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity, the Washington Academy of Science, and he is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering."

On 16 Feb 1955 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, when HOWARD BEAN was honored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Associate Director of the National Bureau of Standards reviewed HOWARD's almost forty years of service to his government and his country. Some of his comments are worth repeating and recording for posterity here:

> "This recognition of Mr. BEAN means much to the Bureau's staff because it is recognition of work in the field of precision measurement which is one of the primary responsibilities of the Bureau. Little glamour is attached to precision measurements. Few universities give training in this field. Most young scientists and engineers pass by the field of precision measurement in favor of new fields in which more spectacular results can be obtained and in which advancement and recognition come more quickly and more easily.
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> "It is for this reason that I wish to present Mr. BEAN as a career scientist in the service of the Federal Government who has devoted much of his life to the unromantic, non-glamourous, but basically important work of providing standards for the Nation... His training in engineering was acquired at the University of California with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1917.
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> "With his appointment (as Engineer Inspector of Weights and Measures) in 1917 ... World War I was in progress. The appointment found Mr. BEAN in the U. S. Naval Reserves, in motor boat patrol duty on the California Coast. Engineers then were scarce.... The scarcity was clearly recognized since the then Secretary of Commerce, William C. Redfield, wrote to the Secretary of War requesting MR. BEAN's release to take the position at the Bureau. The Secretary of War endorsed the request over to the Secretary of the Navy, who replied as follows to the Secretary of Commerce:

"'Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 27, 1917, relative to the discharge of Howard S. Bean from the Naval Reserve Force, Twelfth Naval District, I beg to state that this department will be pleased to authorize Mr. Bean's discharge, on receipt of his official request for the same, submitted to his Commanding Officer, the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, 417 Sheldon Blvd.,San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPHUS DANIELS.'

"This letter left the question of a discharge up to Mr. BEAN. Had he stayed with the Navy he might have become an Admiral. The Bureau has cause to be very glad that Secretary of the Navy DANIELS gave Mr. BEAN the choice and that he chose to give up training for the Naval Service to accept a far less romantic job at the Bureau. ... Mr. BEAN's excellent training in engineering at the University of California, together with his innate ability, led to rapid advancement. ... Like other professional members of our staff he has continued study throughout his career at the Bureau. ... He is also responsible for several patents.

"... Mrs. BEAN is the charming lady who is(also) with us tonight. A daughter follows Mrs. BEAN in her accomplishments in art and a son, HARRY PALMER BEAN, is an engineer like his father."

In addition to his outstanding contribution spanning four decades in his profession, he was very active in his local church, holding the positions of Trustee, Elder and Treasurer of the church building fund in Kensington. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Masonic Charity Lodge No. 362 18 Oct 1915 at Campbell, California; on 26 Nov that year he received the Fellow Craft Degree; on 3 Jan 1916 he was raised to a Master Mason; on 9 Mar 1937 he demitted and became a member of Kensington Lodge No. 198 and on 11 Jan 1966 he was presented the Fifty-Year Masonic Service Emblem. HOWARD and MARGARET were members of Chapter 39 Order of Eastern Star at Kensington; HOWARD was a Past Master of his Lodge No. 198 and served as Treasurer of Maryland Royal Arch Chapter 38 for twenty-five years.

In November 1969 MARGARET and her husband retired to Sedona, Arizona, where she continued her painting activities and HOWARD continued his flow measurement consulting activities up to the time of his wife's death in December 1974. They both became active members of The Church of the Red Rocks (United Church of Christ) in Sedona, where in his usual quiet, capable way HOWARD started the choir seating project; the dedication service was held 25 Jan 1976, six months after HOWARD's passing on 10 June 1975 which was almost six months after MARGARET's passing.

MARGARET and HOWARD had two children born Washington, D.C.:

199. (1) HARRY PALMER BEAN b 27 July 1920, m 10 June 1944 RACHEL J. KRUPP; they have three sons.
200. (2) AUDREY ELIZABETH "BETTY" BEAN b 2 Dec 1922, m 18 Mar 1945 JOHN EVERETT NISSEN, reside St. Augustine, Florida.

Source:

HARRY PALMER BEAN, El Paso, Texas.

146. MARY ELLEN PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 30 Mar 1838 in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana, the first child of JOEL PALMER's by his second wife, SARAH ANN DERBYSHIRE, whom he had married in 1836, probably in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She married 16 Mar 1858 in Dayton, Oregon, CYRUS JACOBS who had been born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the son of JAMES and MARGARET (GROW) JACOBS. After marriage they resided in Boise, Idaho, where CYRUS died; later MARY ELLEN JACOBS also resided in Chicago, Illinois, where she died in 1907; she may have been just visiting some of her children in Chicago as the two youngest resided in Chicago.

Children of MARY ELLEN (PALMER) and CYRUS JACOBS, birthplaces unknown:

(1) EDITH JACOBS married _____ REDWAY and resided in California; in 1934 she was in Caldwell, Idaho; one dau:
i MARY EDITH JACOBS who married _____ FLYNN.
(2) FANNIE JACOBS married EDWARD GAYLORD, resided Pine Valley, in Oregon.
(3) CARRIE JACOBS married _____ GAYLORD, resided Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon.
(4) MARY ("MAMIE") JACOBS b 24 May 1871 Boise, m JOHN HARE SHANKLAND 12 Oct 1896 in Boise, resided Chicago; she died 19 June 1953.
(5) PALMER JACOBS resided Chicago.

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147. LORENZO PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 July 1840 in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana, oldest son of JOEL and SARAH ANN PALMER. He married ca 1859 at Dayton, Oregon SARAH LAVINA JACOBS (b 1840 near Lancaster, Pennsylvania), dau of JAMES B. and MARGARET (GROW) JACOBS formerly of Lancaster, who also settled in Dayton, Oregon. LORENZO's wife was a sister to the CYRUS JACOBS who had married MARY ELLEN PALMER, older sister of LORENZO. LORENZO was a farmer in St. John, Whitman County, Washington, where he moved after marriage settling on his own land.

LORENZO died 2 July 1902 at St. John and his wife died there 30 Nov 1921; both are buried in St. John Cemetery.

Doubtless in later years LORENZO would often recall his early childhood in Laurel, Indiana, and particularly when he was aged five years and his father in the spring of 1845 left the home and he was away for over a year, having joined a wagon train consisting of 41 wagons and departed from Independence, Missouri for the Oregon Territory; up to that time his father, like all their forebears, had been farmers. Then he would recall that eventually his father returned probably in time for his sixth birthday in July 1846 and by that time LORENZO's baby sister, JOELINE (named for his father) had been born and was over a year old! But there were no more recorded siblings in his family for over five years during which years the entire family went West! In the spring of 1847 LORENZO's parents removed permanently to the Oregon Territory and being almost seven

years old at the commencement of the long, difficult journey he must have retained countless memories of what happened along the way. In addition to his parents, his family then consisted of his two older half-sisters and his own three sisters.

LORENZO and his wife, SARAH LAVINIA had the following children born in either Oregon or Washington; the exact date of their moving to St. John, Washington, does not appear in the family records.

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201. (1) FRANCIS ("FRANK") M. PALMER b 23 April 1860, Dayton, Ore., m 4 July 1878 at Walla Walla, Washington, MARY JANE ("MOLLIE") RUARK.
(2) HARRY J. PALMER b 14 Aug 1863, m EFFIE GIBSON (b 2 Oct 1864, d 1 Nov 1951), died 9 Sept 1947; bur St. John Cemetery, Washington.

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148. MELISSA PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Feb 1842 in Laurel, Indiana, the sixth child of JOEL PALMER, but the third by his second wife. She was but five years of age in the spring of 1847 when her family removed from Indiana to the Oregon Territory, settling in a village or town founded by her father and named Dayton.

On 13 Oct 1861 in Dayton MELISSA married (1st) CHARLES E. BARROWS (b 1 May 1836, Bangor, Maine; died 14 Oct 1862 in Dayton); she married (2nd) 27 July 1864 in San Francisco WILLARD M. BARROWS (probably a brother to her first husband) by whom she had one son, CHARLES, born 27 Oct 1865. The family records do not indicate whether that marriage ended in death or divorce. MELISSA married (3rd) 8 June 1867 MELVIN E. RICHARDSON of Yamhill County, Oregon by whom she had a dau, STELLA M. RICHARDSON b 18 June 1868 in Dayton. That marriage ended in divorce and MELISSA married (4th) 25 May 1900 PETER CHARLES JOHNSON of Rock Creek, British Columbia, Canada, which marriage also ended in divorce.

MELISSA's two children were:

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(1) CHARLES BARROWS b 27 Oct 1865 in Dayton, Oregon; resided in San Jose, California; his surname had been changed to that of his step-father, RICHARDSON.
(2) STELLA M. RICHARDSON b 18 June 1868 Dayton; married _____ KERN; resided Wenatchee, Chelan Co.,Washington.

149. WILLIAM PENN PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Dec 1850 in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, the eighth child of JOEL PALMER and only his second son. He married 6 Nov 1870 in Dayton ALICE ANTOINETTE ROBINSON (b 14 Aug 1850 in Lakeside, Ottawa County, Ohio), dau of NOAH and ELIZABETH (KNAPP) ROBINSON of Dayton, Oregon. No information has surfaced in the family records giving the dates of death of either WILLIAM PENN or of his wife, though the last child was born in 1893, when both were aged 43 years.

WILLIAM was a farmer and resided in Dayton his entire life where his four daughters were born:

(1) MILDRED ELVA PALMER b 29 Aug 1871.
(2) LORA LINDA PALMER b 9 Nov 1872, d 28 Nov 1884.
(3) GERTRUDE SARAH PALMER b 1 Feb 1877.
(4) HAZEL ELIZABETH PALMER b 26 June 1893.

The information for this write-up will be found on page 1108 of the "Palmer MSS." and the contributor is listed as GERTRUDE S. PALMER. The compiler has a copy of a letter to "Miss GERTRUDE PALMER, Florence, Oregon," dated at Palmyra, New York, Jan. 26th 1922 from Dr. BYRON S. PALMER, one of the earliest Palmer genealogists which indicates that even at that very early date Dr. PALMER was pursuing his hobby (commenced about 1900) of gathering information about Palmers. The letter follows:

"Dear Miss Palmer:-

I am glad to receive your letter of the 17th., and to have the further data which you enclose.

I have written to Miss Cora Palmer, whose address you gave, and I may get more information from her, of her own family.

I shall be very anxious to learn what you find among the papers of EPHRAIM PALMER, after you have been over them, and there ought to be some valuable information there if there are a lot of old letters among them. I would suggest, if there are, that you go over them carefully and if there is any mention of relatives in any way, of which we do not now know, that you make note of it and send them to me. These are of great help sometimes, and they may be in this case.

I will always be glad to hear from you,

Yours truly,
(signed) BYRON S. PALMER"

It is of interest to note that he addresses her as MISS Gertrude Palmer indicating she is still unmarried though aged then 45 years. It is also of interest to note that the letter bears in the center at the top letterhead the Palmer Coat of Arms, the Palmer Motto (see Addendum article re Coat of Arms) and his name "DR. BYRON S.PALMER, PALMYRA, N.Y." just underneath the Motto.

The EPHRAIM PALMER mentioned in the above letter could refer to either WILLIAM PENN's Uncle EPHRAIM PALMER, JR. (younger brother to his father) or could have reference to EPHRAIM PALMER, SR., father of JOEL.

150. JOHN DERBYSHIRE PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Mar 1855 in Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon, the seventh child born to JOEL PALMER and his second wife, SARAH ANN DERBYSHIRE. JOHN married 24 Dec 1875 MARY FANNIE (FANNY) MARTIN (b 24 Oct 1855, died June 1935). Her name is sometimes listed as MARY FRANCES MARTIN. They were married in Yamhill County. MARY's brother, JAMES W. MARTIN, married the following year her husband's younger sister, ALICE LINDA PALMER. MARY and JAMES MARTIN were the children of WILLIAM and ANNA (BURNETT) MARTIN of Lafayette, Oregon.

JOHN was a farmer and also an engineer and resided in Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, where he died June 1934; his wife died a year later in June 1935.

JOHN and MARY had four children:

(1) EMMA PALMER[10] b 1876, resided Springfield, Lane Co.,Oregon.

(2) MINNIE PALMER b 1878.

(3) JOEL PALMER (11) was named for his paternal grandfather. He resided at Cottage Grove, Oregon.

(4) FRANK BURNETT PALMER[10] was b 12 Apr 1888 in Coburg, Lane Co., Oregon and died 29 Nov 1978 at Junction City that county. He apparently had but one child, the mother of whom was MARIE ROE about whom nothing is known:

i LAWRENCE ROE PALMER[11] b29 Sept 1912 Roseburg, Douglas, Oregon who m 7 July 1962 SHIRLEY JOAN McCORKHILL (b 14 July 1932 Bend, Oregon), dau of PAUL LOWERY McCORKHILL and HAZEL AGNES (STICKNEY) McCORKHILL; (divorced). LAWRENCE died 19 Sept 1973 Elmira, Lane Co., Oregon. LAWRENCE and SHIRLEY (also SHIRLIE) had one daughter:

(a) MALINDA JOANN PALMER[12] b 20 June 1963 at Springfield, Lane County, Oregon.

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151. ALICE LINDA PALMER[9] (Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Oct 1858 at Dayton and married JAMES MARTIN of Lafayette, Oregon. They had two children:

(1) ROY P. MARTIN b 1877, resided Portland, Oregon.
(2) LILITH MARTIN b ____, resided Lafayette,Oregon.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS." pp.1104-1108 (typescript), for all the children of JOEL PALMER.

152. ALLIE ALMIRA PALMER[9], (Noah[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 18 Apr 1844 in Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana, the oldest of five children born to NOAH and SUSAN (EVANS) PALMER. She married 12 Oct 1864 in Santa Clara, California, ROSCOE EDWIN HEWITT (b 18 July 1840, Athens County, Ohio, died 6 Aug 1916 in Los Angeles), son of JOSEPH HEWITT who had migrated from New York to the Vaca Valley, California in 1853.

During the years 1849-1852 she and her mother remained in Laurel while her father headed for California to prospect for gold near the area today known as Placerville. It was not until 1852 that her father returned for her and her mother to accompany him back to California to make a new life there as farmers. Her baby brother had lived only about five months and died in April 1847; thus she was the only child at that time of her parents, and in fact until 1854; when ALLIE was ten years of age she had a sister, EMMA ANNA, born 1854 in Santa Clara.

The chapter herein on NOAH PALMER explains in detail the long, arduous journey this family of three set upon by way of the Isthmus of Panama to reach their new home in California, when ALLIE was only eight years of age. ALLIE resided with her parents in Santa Clara, attending the public schools there, and in 1864 there she married ROSCOE EDWIN HEWITT and they continued to reside in Santa Clara until 1874.

ROSCOE HEWITT had settled with his parents in Suisun City and graduated from the nearby Methodist College in Santa Clara. Thereafter he taught school for several years in San Francisco until his health failed in 1874 whereupon they removed to Southern California where the climate was warmer and they would be near her parents who had removed to that area the previous year settling in Santa Ana, a hamlet of Los Angeles County. ROSCOE there divided his time between farming and teaching. In 1896 they moved to Los Angeles where they resided until their deaths. Both are buried in her family's Palmer Plot in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana.

ALLIE and ROSCOE had four children, the last two being born after they removed to Santa Ana:

(1) KATIE MAY HEWITT b 4 Apr 1866, Santa Clara, d 21 Nov 1878 in Santa Ana, aged twelve years.

(2) FRED PALMER HEWITT b 4 Dec 1868 in Dixon, Calif., m (1st) JESSIE BEARD 24 July 1893 in Santa Ana (b 1874 Ohio),dau of CHARLES W. and CHARITY (BAKER) BEARD; divorced 22 Sept 1894 in Los Angeles: FRED m (2nd) META LEWIS at sea, beyond the three-mile limit, off the coast of San Pedro, Calif.; divorced 22 July 1899 in Los Angeles. FRED m (3rd) GRACE C. (HAZARD) TUCKER; no further record of the marriage or a divorce. He m (4th) VIOLA SWEET 2 May 1903 in Los Angeles (b 16 July 1884 in Canada). They had 2 children:

i EUGENE SWEET HEWITT b 20 Feb 1904,

ii ALMIRA ALMANDA HEWITT b Aug 1907.

Divorced 3 June 1915 in Los Angeles. FRED m (5th) ELEANOR CREWSE of Oregon 13 Nov 1919 as her second husband. ELEANOR had twin daughters by her first marriage.

(3) WILLIAM LESTER HEWITT b 28 Dec 1874, m 24 Feb 1894 in Santa Ana,*LENA MAY GULICK (b 28 July 1875 near Altoona, Kansas), dau of JAMES HARVEY and LAURA JANE (PALMER) GULICK. They had one child:

i ROSCOE GULICK HEWITT b 5 Nov 1895, Santa Ana.

WILLIAM and LENA were divorced 27 Nov 1897, Los Angeles.

(4) SUSY BELLE HEWITT b 26 June 1880, m (1st) 12 Apr 1904 in Los Angeles MERRITT L. BAILEY (b 4 Mar 1882 in PA.), son of LLOYD and AGNES G. BAILEY. They had one child:

i LLEWELLYN HEWITT BAILEY b 19 Apr 1905, Los Angeles.

They were divorced 25 June 1914 in Santa Barbara, Calif. SUSY m (2nd) FOREST EDGAR DEUEL 26 July 1919, Riverside (b 19 Aug 1890 in San Francisco), son of DeVERE VINING and MILLICENT E. (BATES) DEUEL.

WILLIAM LESTER HEWITT (above) was a 10th generation descendant of WALTER PALMER's through his mother, ALLIE ALMIRA (PALMER) HEWITT who had married his father, ROSCOE HEWITT in Santa Clara, California 12 Oct 1864. WILLIAM's wife,*LENA MAY GULICK whom he married in Santa Ana, California, in 1894, was also a descendant of WALTER PALMER's (in the 9th generation) through her mother, LAURA JANE PALMER (b 1848) who had married 1868 JAMES HARVEY GULICK (b 1844, d 1924). "The Compendium of Amer. Genealogy" edited by Virkus (1933) furnishes the following (page 257) about LENA's father and provides the pedigree down from the emigrant to her:

WALTER PALMER[1], Dea.GERSHOM[2] and ANN DENISON; WILLIAM[3] (b 1678, m 1701/02 GRACE MINOR (b 1683), dau of EPHRAIM and HANNAH (AVERY) MINOR;

WILLIAM PALMER, JR.[4] (b 1705), m 1728 ABIGAIL WYATT;

WILLIAM PALMER (3rd)[5] b 1731 Stonington, Connecticut; m 1753 PHEBE DARROW, dau of GEORGE and PHEBE (PALMER) DARROW;

LEMUEL PALMER[6] b 1776 Stonington; removed ca 1796 to Brookfield, N.Y. with parents and family; m 1803 MARTHA BABCOCK;

WILLIAM PALMER[7] b 1820, m 1840 MARY ELLINGER;

LAURA JANE PALMER[8] b 1848, m 1868 JAMES HARVEY GULICK (b 1844, d 1924);

LENA MAY GULICK[9] b 1875 Altoona,Kansas (above); m 24 Feb 1894 WILLIAM LESTER HEWITT (son of ALLIE ALMIRA PALMER and ROSCOE EDWIN HEWITT.

ROSCOE GULICK HEWITT[10] b 5 Nov 1895 Santa Ana.

According to the Virkus Compendium the GULICK lineage is traced back to the emigrant, HENDRICK GULICK (died 1653 New Amsterdam) from The Netherlands. The veracity of the numerous pedigrees in this Compendium is unknown to this compiler; it is noted that when published (1933), the so-called Palmer Coat of Arms is included in the above lineage with a description ofthe Arms and the Crest.

Other Sources: "Palmer MSS" pp. 1113-1114 and Leavitt's "Palmer Groups" (pp. 15, 32-33, 55-56, 88-89, 148). Mrs. LENA MAY HEWITT furnished the information in the "Palmer MSS."

153. WILLIAM DAVID PALMER[9], (Henry[8], Cornelius[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 5 May 1857 in Port Gibson, Wayne County, New York, the fourth child of HENRY WESLEY PALMER and his wife,BETSEY ANN BROWN. His two oldest siblings had both died young. He married 1879 at Newark, Wayne County, FLORA A. NORTON, dau of LUTHER M. and SARAH A. (STILSON) NORTON of Newark.

WILLIAM resided in Wayne County his entire life and died at the young age of thirty-two years on 9 Aug 1889 in Newark. On 22 Dec 1890 his widow filed a petition reciting the death of her husband, her residence as Newark, and listing the names and ages of her two minor children. She petitioned for the appointment of her father-in-law, HENRY WESLEY PALMER, and herself as joint guardians of her minor children.

The two minor children of WILLIAM and FLORA, born Newark, were:

(1) JUDSON BRADLEY PALMER b 21 Mar 1882, married a Mrs._____ STONE in Sept. 1904 and had one dau, FAY PALMER.
(2) GRACE A. PALMER b 20 Feb 1887, d 9 Dec 1920 in Manhattan, Kansas, unmarried.

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154. EDWARD PARKER PALMER[9], (Henry[8], Cornelius[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Mar 1861 in Port Gibson, N.Y., the fifth child of HENRY WESLEY PALMER and BETSEY ANN BROWN. He married 16 Nov 1882 in Newark CAROLINE ADELIA BILLS (b 31 Aug 1862 in Palmyra, N. Y.), dau of JOHN DAVID and ELIZABETH (LOGAN) BILLS of Newark. EDWARD resided his entire life in Wayne County and following his marriage settled at Palmyra(where his children were all born) where he was a farmer.

EDWARD and CAROLINE had the following seven children:

(1) LOUIS EDWARD PALMER b 29 Oct 1883.
(2) FRED ARTHUR PALMER b 25 Aug 1885, m FLORENCE PIERCE; they resided in Palmyra; he was employed by the N.Y.Central R.R.
(3) HENRY WESLEY PALMER, II, b 5 June 1887.
(4) LUELLA ELIZABETH PALMER b 2 Aug 1889, m MILAN WOODWARD and resided at 326 Hatch Street, Syracuse, New York.
(5) JUDSON HIRAM PALMER b 12 Nov 1892.
(6) ELDRIDGE ALLEN PALMER b 14 Feb 1895, m HELEN MORGAN.
(7) FLETCHER GARLOCK PALMER b 28 June 1896, m GLADYS PARKER.

Source:

"Palmer MSS." pp. 1127-1128. Information furnished in 1920's to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. by EDWARD P.PALMER.

155. BENJAMIN JUDSON PALMER[9], (Henry[8], Cornelius[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 May 1863 in Port Gibson, Wayne County, N. Y., the youngest of six children born to HENRY WESLEY PALMER and BETSEY ANN BROWN. He married 11 Mar 1885 in Newark MARY ELIZABETH LANGDON (b 17 Jan 1867, d 3 July 1921 in Woodland, N. J.), dau of THOMAS K. and RUTH A. (WILBER) LANGDON of Newark, Wayne County, N.Y.

BENJAMIN resided his entire life in Wayne County, apparently settling in Newark following his marriage where he was employed in the motive power department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in 1924 in Newark where his four children had been born.

BENJAMIN and MARY ELIZABETH had the following four children:

(1) BENJAMIN LANGDON PALMER b 18 Sept 1886.
(2) ERLE (EARL) R. PALMER.
(3) CAROLYN RUTH married _____ GALE; resided Alpena in Alpena County, Michigan.
(4) CHARLES W. PALMER.

Source: Information furnished by BENJAMIN J.PALMER in early 1920's to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y., and appears on page 1129 of "Palmer MSS."

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156. MURRAY WATERMAN PALMER[9], (George[8], Cornelius[7], Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 Feb 1857 in Port Gibson, Wayne County, N.Y. the oldest of seven children born to GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER and his wife, LOUISE SCHUTT.

MURRAY married 9 May 1886 in Elizabeth, N.J. FLORENCE ADELL BEEBE (b 16 Dec 1861 in Morris, Grundy Co., Illinois), dau of EMERSON PRATT and CAROLINE ELIZABETH (UNDERWOOD) BEEBE who removed from Illinois to Elizabeth, N. J. in 1867. He died 25 May 1895 in Elizabeth, N. J.

MURRAY resided in Newark, Wayne County, N.Y. after his marriage where he was a druggist. In 1893 they removed to Elizabeth, N.J. where they continued to reside the remainder of their lives. His widow was residing there at 1191 East Grand Street in 1903.

MURRAY and FLORENCE had only one child, born in Elizabeth, N.J.:

(1) DONALD BEEBE PALMER b 22 Apr 1894.

Source: "UNDERWOOD Genealogy" (1913) p. 420.
"Descendants of THOMAS DURFEE of RHODE ISLAND" (1903), Vol. 2, p. 109.
"Palmer MSS." p. 1131, information furnished by FRANK A. PALMER (brother to above MURRAY WATERMAN PALMER) to Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y.

157. FRANK ALLISON PALMER[9], (George[8], Cornelius[7], Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Nov 1859 in Port Gibson, N.Y., the second of seven children born to GEORGE FREDERICK PALMER and his wife, LOUISE SCHUTT.

He married 15 Oct 1879 DELLA BIGELOW, dau of CHANCY and ROSA (_____) BIGELOW of Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois. They removed to Wisconsin settling first in Sharon, later in Beloit and eventually in Necedah, Juneau County, where FRANK was a butter maker. They continued to reside in Wisconsin the remainder of their lives.

FRANK and DELLA had two children:

(1) ARTHUR ROY PALMER b 16 Nov 1884, m 10 Oct 1904 HAZEL ENGERSON, resided Necedah and had one child:
    i FRANK ARTHUR PALMER b 23 May 1908, Necedah.
ARTHUR married (2nd) ALMEDA JOHNSON.
(2) BESSIE MAUD PALMER b 8 Dec 1890, m 17 Mar 1909 FRED BLODGETT of Beloit.

Source: "Palmer MSS." page 1131.

158. MARY ELIZABETH VALENTINE[9], (Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 31 Aug 1843 in Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y. the oldest of seven children born to DANIEL BRAYTON and SALLY ANN (GALLOWAY) VALENTINE. Her paternal grandmother was ANNA PALMER VALENTINE, wife of JOHN VALENTINE. She m 23 Jan 1867 at Chicago, Illinois, MILTON PARISH BARTLETT as his 2nd wife (b 1 Nov 1821 Bristol, Ontario Co., N.Y., d 17 Mar 1894 Chicago); he was the son of LUTHER and BETSEY (GREGG) BARTLETT. MILTON had five children by his first wife, RHODA FLANEY BENSON. MILTON and his ten brothers had resided where they were born in Bristol until their mother, ELIZABETH GREGG died in 1840; at that time he and some of his brothers removed to the area of Chicago, where he married first 1848.

In 1862 MARY had removed from New York to Chicago with her parents where she met her husband. MILTON's trade was that of a house mover; he and MARY moved into the oldest standing house (after the Chicago fire) in Cook County which was a stop on the underground railroad on the Vincense Trail. The house had been built 21 years before Chicago was chartered. A historic plaque is all that now remains.

MARY ELIZABETH had a natural talent for music and possessed an outstanding singing voice; she had the privilege of taking piano lessons and made good use of the grand piano in their home. During ABRAHAM LINCOLN's campaign for President, she had the opportunity of singing on the stage for him.

MARY's husband was twenty-two years older than she and died 1894; she was a widow for the next thirty-one years and died 2 Feb 1925. He was buried in Brooks Cemetery, Orland (southwest of Chicago); she was buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago.

MARY and MILTON had four children:

(1) FREDRICK VINCENT BARTLETT b 2 May 1868, d 2 Sept 1930.

(2) ERNEST ROY BARTLETT b 22 Jan 1873, d 1876 Orland Park,Ill.

202. (3) IVY JUNE BARTLETT b 9 June 1875, m 10 June 1893 Chicago MALCOLM McNEIL (b Aug 1847 Glasgow, Scotland, d 23 Sept 1929 Chicago), son of MALCOLM McNEIL of Campbeltown, Scotland; she d 16 July 1909. She was a Christian Scientist; they had five children.

203. (4) BESSIE VALENTINE BARTLETT b 16 Feb 1884 Chicago, m 24 June 1908 WILLIAM A. ERHART; they had three children:

i IVY VALENTINE ERHART b 20 Aug 1909 in Detroit, m Chicago 16 Nov 1927 CHARLES MOORE of Troy,Alabama.

ii EDWARD ERNEST ERHART b 29 Oct 1913, Chicago, m 6 July 1945 Chicago, LAVERNE SCHULTZ; resides Naples, Florida.

iii FLORENCE RUTH ERHART b 27 Sept 1919 Chicago, m 29 Oct 1938 in Chicago ROBERT OLSON.

Source:

HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL of Fort Worth, Texas (1985).

159. RICHARD LESLIE PALMER[9], (Charles[8], George[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 Dec 1855 in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., the oldest of three children born to CHARLES FENNER PALMER and his wife, MARY ANN SWEET (or SWEAT). He married 25 Oct 1876 in Barre, KATE N. WYMAN, dau of SAMUEL P. and LUANA WYMAN of Barre.

RICHARD resided his entire life in either Barre or Albion, N. Y., where he was a farmer. His four children were all born in Barre:

RICHARD and KATE had four children:

(1) INA G. PALMER b 23 Nov 1879, married ELMER ELLIOTT and resided in Barre.
(2) CHARLES WYMAN PALMER b 22 Sept 1889, resided R.D.#5, Albion, N. Y.
(3) OLIVE GLADYS PALMER b 20 Aug 1894, married LOUIS RANDALL.
(4) WARNER G. PALMER b 17 Mar 1900.

160. BRIGGS SAMUEL PALMER[9], (Lewis[8], Jonathan[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 Feb 1871 in Clyde, Wayne County, N.Y., the fourth of six children born to LEWIS HERRICK PALMER and his wife, LOUISA MARTHA BRIGGS. His mother's family had resided in Clyde for many years and his grandfather,SAMUEL S. BRIGGS, had started the first bank in the town, named the Briggs National Bank, of which his father, LEWIS HERRICK PALMER, was later the President.

BRIGGS was so named after his maternal grandfather but with the two names (SAMUEL BRIGGS) reversed. BRIGGS settled in Boston where he entered the optical business under the firm name of SANBORN OPTICAL COMPANY with an office at 3 Winter Street, Boston.

He married 29 Apr 1903 in Lynn MARIANNE GAILLARD ASHCROFT (b 27 July 1883 in Lynn), dau of FRANK ABBOTT ASHCROFT and ANNIE LAURA (BREED) ASHCROFT also of Lynn. His wife's maternal line (BREED) traced back to the settlement in 1630 of the emigrant ALLEN BREED.(born 1601 in Bedfordshire, England). The family name appears in parish registers around 1600 in Bedfordshire as BREAD and some years later was used interchangeably as BREED or BREAD. In America the name was spelled BREAD with few exceptions until after 1700; since that date BREED has been the general spelling. ("The Essex Antiquarian,"Salem, Mass., Oct. 1907, Vol. XI, No. 4).

ALLEN BREED died 17 Mar 1690/91, aged about 90 years and had served the town of Lynn as selectman and constable. His three children were: ALLEN, JR., ELIZABETH who married WILLIAM MERRIAM about 1653 and JOHN BREED who left hundreds of descendants down through the next twelve generations covering three hundred years, including the following:

#610 HIRAM NICHOLS BREED[7] b 2 Sept 1809, d 31 Mar 1893, m 4 July 1829, NANCY STONE, dau of CALEB and ANNA (WILLIAMS) STONE of Boston (b 16 Sept 1807, d 30 June 1887);he was Mayor of Lynn in 1861. The second of their nine children was:

#1008 ASA NESTOR BREED[8] b 22 Feb 1832, d 11 Sept 1884, m 25 Nov 1858 ELIZA W. PERRY, dau of JAMES I. and NANCY M. PERRY (born 1838), who had one child, born in Lynn:

#1354 ANNIE LAURA BREED[9] b 17 May 1860, d 1 Mar 1923, m 18 Nov 1878 FRANCIS ALBERT ASHCROFT, son of EDWARD H. and ESTHER P.(TUCK) ASHCROFT (b 25 Feb 1856, d 21 Feb 1893) who had three children born in Lynn: including MARIAN GAILLARD ASHCROFT PALMER.[10]

#1547 MARIAN GAILLARD[10] b 27 July 1883, m 29 Apr 1903 DR. BRIGGS SAMUEL PALMER (son of LEWIS H. and LOUISA M. PALMER), born 1871. Their dau ESTHER ASHCROFT PALMER b 18 Feb 1904 m 11 Apr 1931 CARROLL A. DWINELL, son of CARROLL A. and MAY ELIZA (PHILBROOK) DWINELL.

#1548 LINCOLN GAGE ASHCROFT b 2 Dec 1887, m 15 June 1910. MILDRED L. FOX, dau of CLARENCE W. and GERTRUDE L.(OLIVER) FOX (b 8 Mar 1886).

#1549 ESTHER PRISCILLA ASHCROFT b 21 Jan 1890, m 19 Oct 1910 WILLIAM HAMLEN CLINE, son of PRICE L. and GRACE (HAMLEN) CLINE, b 1883, New Jersey.

Over 200 years before the marriage of DR. BRIGGS SAMUEL PALMER to the daughter of ANNIE LAURA BREED ASHCROFT, another descendant of the emigrant, ALLEN BREED, married a descendant of the emigrant WALTER PALMER; that was MERCY, oldest daughter of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER who married in April (or June)of 1689/90 JOHN BREED[3] a grandson of the emigrant. (See Chapter on #14. MERCY PALMER (3rd Generation).)

BRIGGS and MARIAN (MARIANNE) PALMER had three children:

(1) ESTHER ASHCROFT PALMER b 18 Feb 1903.
(2) LEWIS HERRICK PALMER b 9 Aug 1905.
(3) RICHARD BRIGGS PALMER b 21 Feb 1910.

They named their second child LEWIS HERRICK PALMER (11) after his paternal grandfather.

Sources:

Information furnished by EDWIN B. PALMER and Mrs. LEWIS R. PALMER in 1920's to DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N.Y. as set forth on pp. 1137-1138 of "Palmer MSS."
The BREED GENEALOGY by Julia Beebe Coates (1900).
Records of The Breed Family Association.
"History of Stonington, Connecticut" by Richard A. Wheeler, (1900)

161. ROBERT MORGAN COOK[9] (George[8], Mary[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 May 1897 in Saybrook Twp, Ashtabula County, Ohio, the fifth and last child of GEORGE BINGHAM COOK and his wife, LOVINA JOSEPHINE (ROWLEY) COOK.

He married 1 Sept 1927 at Geneva, Ohio, MILDRED ELSIE HOLMES (b 10 Aug 1898) dau of HENRY ERNEST HOLMES and HARRIET ("HATTIE") MARTHA (JENKINS) HOLMES. MILDRED was born in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio but following her marriage resided in Ashtabula County where their three children were born in Ashtabula Township; she was a school teacher.

ROBERT attended the public schools in Saybrook Twp and at Ashtabula Harbor, graduating from Ashtabula Harbor High School in 1915. Following high school graduation, in 1916 he was employed by the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier in Ashtabula Harbor for five years; in 1921 he entered the Western Reserve University School of Dentistry, graduating with a degree Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1925. From that year until his retirement in 1963, for the next 38 years he practiced his profession in Ashtabula as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He died 3 Nov 1980, aged 83 years and was buried in a cemetery in Ashtabula, Ohio. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ which subsequently became the First Christian Church. He was also a member of the Northeastern Ohio Dental Society, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Lions Club.

ROBERT resided his entire life in Ashtabula County, Ohio, but in three separate locations in that state:

1897-1915 - in Saybrook Township.
1915-1927 - in Ashtabula Harbor.
1927-1980 - in Ashtabula.

ROBERT and MILDRED had three children:

204. (1) RAYMOND GEORGE COOK[10] b 21 Jan 1929, m 31 Jan 1953 MARGARET ANN UHRIG at Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio (b 18 Dec 1922, Dayton) dau of HOWARD EDWARD and MARTHA JANE (ARTZ) UHRIG; they have three children.
(2) RONALD FLOYD COOK b 14 Mar 1932, m 17 Dec 1954 BERTHA ELLEN HORST.
(3) CAROLYN ADELE COOK b 20 Sept 1935, m 3 Sept 1955 ROBERT DEAN LEONARD.

Source:

RAYMOND GEORGE COOK, Cincinnati, Ohio (1985).

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162. BYRON SMITH PALMER[10] (George[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 June 1858 on a farm at Big Grove near Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa. He m 24 Oct 1883 in Macedon Center, Wayne Co., N.Y. JEANETTE M. CARMAN (b 5 July 1857 West Walworth, Wayne Co., d 30 Aug 1937) dau of TRUMAN and EMELINE (MILLER) CARMAN of Macedon. Both are buried in Palmyra Village Cemetery, Wayne Co., N.Y. His parents were GEORGE LAMB and MARY MALVINA (SMITH) PALMER; as has been stated previously, BYRON's family moved around a great deal, his parents originally being from Wayne County, N.Y., then resided in Michigan and finally in Iowa where BYRON and his three brothers may have been born; family records give BYRON's birthplace as above and that of his brother, WILLIS as Garrison, Iowa; however, the birthplace of his parents' first child (a son who died at birth) and a fourth son born 1864 is uncertain. BYRON's only sister, the fifth child, born 1869 occurred while the family had settled at Girard, Michigan. It appears also that sometime during the date of their marriage and the birth of the last child in 1869 the family had also returned for a period to reside in Lakeside,(Ontario) in Wayne Co.,N.Y. During the school years of the 1870's the family was again in Michigan.

BYRON's father desired him to be an "educated farmer" and following BYRON's attendance at Valparaiso College in Indiana he was sent to Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State College) from which he was graduated in 1881, on 5 August at which time his family was living near Orangeville (now Hodunk). His younger brother, WILLIS, graduated from the same Agricultural College and both taught school at Eden, Michigan during part of the early 1880's.

The life of a farmer did not appeal to BYRON; he became interested in dentistry and entered the Dental College of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1883, with a degree which enabled him to enter the dental practice in Paw Paw, Michigan. Subsequently he moved his dental practice to Chicago where it flourished for many years. His brother, WILLIS, preferred to follow the life of a farmer and stock raiser which he did in Garrison, Iowa. The Palmer families' continual emphasis on education and work and strict parental discipline were well reflected in the lives of BYRON and his brother. In the same way, their love of country was evidenced through the service of so many PALMERS in the wars which enveloped this country. An Item from the 23 Aug 1881 "Courier" at Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, on the graduation of BYRON and WILLIS is of special interest in this regard:

> "We notice among the speakers at Commencement last week at the State Agricultural College, the names of BYRON S. and WILLIS W. PALMER, of Orangeville, in this county, sons of MR. GEORGE PALMER of that place. Judging from the abstracts of their orations in the Lansing Republican, our young friends did themselves much credit. If more of our young men would pursue their studies for a longer time and with a purpose for real intellectual discipline the outlook for them would be broader and more self-satisfying."

BYRON's family must have spent sufficient time back with the family in Wayne County, N.Y. over the years to enable him to meet and fall in love with one of the local girls there for on 24 Oct 1883 he married at Macedon Center JEANETTE M. CARMAN just six months after his graduation from the dental college. From that year into the mid-1890's BYRON continued with his dental practice in Chicago and there their two children were born: GEORGE TRUMAN in 1887 and IRENE CARMAN in 1890. During these years he also taught at the Dental School in Northwestern University, having achieved great success in his chosen profession.

Suddenly, however, his life and career underwent a great change due to a tragic accident which happened to him on 4 July 1895. On that day BYRON and another dental friend attended a baseball game in Chicago; an over-exuberant devotee of the game in the grandstand lighted a dynamite firecracker which the man had to throw away in a hurry. He hurled it down in front of the grandstand where it exploded with a bang and blew a chair to pieces. BYRON was sitting on that chair. His glasses were broken and a bit of glass hit the corner of one eye--his good eye. The result was that dental practice was thereafter barred to him! Years were spent in seeking restoration of vision in the good eye, but the scar and cataract that formed refused to yield to treatment. He was thereafter always greatly handicapped due to poor eyesight.

At age thirty-seven BYRON had to begin all over again. He started in a new field and finally entered into partnership with friends in Chicago in the manufacturing business. His work involving travel over the middlewest and the east necessitated his being away from his home and family for long periods of time. He therefore sought various diversions for the evenings and Saturdays. Having always had a curiosity about the ancestry of his PALMER family, he commenced searching for his forbears and by 1900 was deeply involved in this research. As he traveled from place to place he would spend evenings in the local libraries delving into books and records. A flame had been kindled; it grew and grew and never died down as long as he lived.

He started corresponding with members of his own family and from that small beginning his correspondence expanded to include many others bearing the name PALMER; often he would obtain those with the name from the city directories of the places he visited in connection with his work. Information and data on PALMERS poured in to him and he soon realized that there were numerous different, unrelated PALMER families in this country.

BYRON eventually retired from active business and after living for a time in Glens Falls, N.Y. he settled down on his wife's family homestead in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y. where he continued his genealogical work and extended his correspondence much further. Night after night in his later years at the homestead he was seated at his desk pouring over books and records. In these later years his work was delayed by several periods of serious illness for at least ten years of his life. However, his interest in the work never ceased, and as his health improved from time to time he continued to gather data and to enlarge the collection of records.

Inasmuch as BYRON SMITH PALMER traced his ancestry back to the emigrant, he learned he was a descendant of WALTER PALMER of Stonington, the only emigrant PALMER with that first name; there were numerous other emigrant PALMERS with the first name of WILLIAM and JOHN but the first name "WALTER"helped to distinguish this line down from all the other (about 32) PALMER emigrants. BYRON's travels in pursuit of this project included one back to the area of Michigan where he had once resided; four different PALMER lines down from WALTER had settled in Michigan. The pages of handwritten background data which he compiled on his own emigrant ancestor alone numbers about 1300 and fill three volumes.

However, he eventually branched out his project to include all the PALMER emigrants to this country inasmuch as he was receiving so many hundreds of replies from PALMER descendants who did not descend from his own--WALTER. His keen interest and imagination in this work led him from time to time to mail out thousands of circulars to PALMERS all over the United States. The replies just continued to expand his collection of PALMER emigrants and descendants until they eventually numbered almost 10,000 pages when they were subsequently (after his death) reduced to typescript by his Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER, of New York City.

Sometime around 1915 he met HORACE PALMER (who resided in New Jersey) who was enthusiastically tracing his own Palmer line back until he learned his emigrant ancestor was one WILLIAM PALMER "OF YARMOUTH, MASS." as he is identified. BYRON and HORACE became associated in this work and this continued until the former's untimely death in 1927; HORACE had no relationship to the"WALTER PALMER of STONINGTON"--BYRON's ancestor. Others who from time to time assisted these two in this work included:

WILLIAM LINCOLN PALMER of Boston, Mass.
ERASTUS DEVILLO PALMER of Binghampton, N.Y.
DR. WILLIAM B. PALMER of Furman, Alabama.

WILLIAM PALMER had done considerable searching for many years for his ancestor from England, determined to be the "WILLIAM PALMER OF HAMPTON, N.H." who arrived in this country by 1636. This emigrant's history and some of his descendants are being included in this volume inasmuch as the compiler's research has brought to light the interesting connection that descendants of that WILLIAM married a descendant of the WALTER PALMER family and thus WILLIAM+PALMER OF HAMPTON, N.H., is a collateral (or allied) family.

Some time during the years 1914-1924 copies of these printed circulars reached the compiler's family in Michigan and during one of BYRON's return visits to Michigan, he visited in Detroit with her grandfather, CYRUS ALBERT PALMER, and with two of the latter's sons who were also then working and living in Detroit. The compiler's Aunt, ZOE PALMER GRIGG, (who will be aged100 years June 26, 1986) had related her recollection of that visit, while visiting the compiler in 1973 in California.

ZOE PALMER's older cousin, MYRTLE (PALMER) LEACH, married in 1917 in Washington, D.C., Major FRANK LEACH of Salem, Massachusetts, and following the end of World War I they settled in Salem. She had been the family genealogist in her immediate family and their aunt, CECILIA (PALMER)

HOWE had commenced the Palmer Family History Book in the early 1870's which began with the arrival in the Michigan Territory from Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. of JOHN C. PALMER and his wife, NANCY (LAMB) and their eight sons and also a younger brother of JOHN's named FENNER, his wife and two small children. Remaining behind in the Walworth area were three other brothers, NATHAN, ENOS and BENJAMIN, and the father, NATHANIEL, and a younger half-brother, NATHANIEL L., who was a son of the father's second wife, ANNA LEAVITT. NATHANIEL's first wife, SARAH, had died in Walworth in 1826, a year after the parents joined the five sons in that village. NATHAN was the oldest child in that family and he had married DOLLY LAMB, a sister of the NANCY who later married his younger brother, JOHN C. (the only child to be given a middle initial in that group of children until the young half-brother who was named NATHANIEL, L.) who migrated to Michigan in 1831.

BYRON SMITH PALMER is a direct descendant of the above mentioned NATHAN and DOLLY+(LAMB) PALMER whereas the compiler's descent is directly down through his younger brother, JOHN C. and wife, NANCY (LAMB); and the compiler was fortunate enough to become the heir to the Palmer Family History Book in the late 1940's and in the early 1970's to receive from HORACE PALMER's widow (NELLIE) the three volumes of 1300 pages of hand-written manuscripts.

In the year 1946 while attempting to further the Palmer family history received after the death of CECILIA (PALMER) HOWE, her great-aunt, during extensive correspondence with members of her family in Salem and in Michigan, a letter from the previously mentioned MYRTLE (PALMER) LEACH in Salem explained her meeting with DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra in this way:

> "My husband and I spent one summer vacation in the Stonington area with DR. PALMER (a dentist) of Palmyra, N. Y. (now deceased) who had made it a business to write our family history from A to Z. We made trips to other nearby places where others of our family had lived and been buried, some (of whom) finally moved out to Michigan..."

From 1927 when BYRON died until the end of 1953 his Associate, HORACE PALMER, continued with the research project; although the manuscripts were never published, they were reduced to typescript and are thus available to the public (See the FOREWORD). On 10 Nov 1953 HORACE died very suddenly of coronary occlusion while he was still working on his records. In 1966 his widow succeeded in having published her husband's direct PALMER line and from the manuscripts BYRON and he had compiled, another PALMER line was eventually published in 1973 by RICHARD N. and EUNICE (WOOD) PALMER of Somersworth, N.H., using these research manuscripts as a base; that second publication traced the line down from the emigrant"WILLIAM PALMER OF PLYMOUTH" who was the first PALMER to reach New England (another one had previously reached Virginia).

During a three-months' genealogical trek in the summer of 1975 the compiler visited with the widow of HORACE PALMER in Hightstown, N.J., and she again expressed her great hope that some day the WALTER PALMER genealogy could be published; she explained his was the most extensive and covered more pages than any others prepared by BYRON and HORACE.

NELLIE PALMER (widow of HORACE) had carried on correspondence with this compiler over several years until her death in the fall of 1977 and had at times written urging the compiler to undertake the publication of the WALTER PALMER GENEALOGY based on the research of her husband and BYRON. The latter's handwritten volumes conclude with a few descendants in the 11th generation. The typescript volumes contain research accumulated by BYRON's successor-Associate, HORACE PALMER, into the late 1930's. However, there are now more than fifty years of descendants to trace, record and add to the approximately 2,000 pages of the WALTER PALMER line, being mainly the 12th and 13th generations. The compiler's intention has been to promote a greater knowledge and appreciation of the work of BYRON SMITH PALMER by publishing this volume which of necessity had to be restricted to his and her direct lines. In the future other lines may find a way to publish their roster of descendants using his research manuscripts as the basis for the first ten generations.

BYRON SMITH and JEANETTE (CARMAN) PALMER had two children, both born in Chicago:

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205. (1) GEORGE TRUMAN PALMER b 17 June 1887, m 16 Jan 1915 in Roslindale, Mass., LILLIAN GERTRUDE SMART (b 4 Dec 1889 South Boston, Mass., d ____). She was the dau of ALFRED and SARAH (WALTON) SMART.

206. (2) IRENE CARMAN PALMER b 17 June 1890, m 29 Nov 1917 in Philadelphia, Pa., ALOYSIUS V. McDONNELL (b 2 Oct 1892 New York City, d _____). He was the son of JAMES E. and DAISY (CONNOR) McDONNELL. IRENE died 26 June 1974 in Palmyra.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) pp. 11-12.
"Palmer MSS." pp. 1034-1036.
"Palmer Families in America" (1966), Vol. I, compiled and arranged by Hon. HORACE WILBUR PALMER, Ph.B., LL.B., edited by (his widow) NELLIE MORSE PALMER.

DR. BYRON PALMER's plan originally had been to publish a book to be entitled "JOHN PALMER OF KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT;" that JOHN was the only child of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and SARAH (FENNER) who had children "and it is of this family of which the author finds himself a member, that his book purposes to treat.... I am indebted to 'History of Stonington' by Judge RICHARD WHEELER and to 'Palmer Groups' compiled by NOYES F. PALMER and EMILY F. LEAVITT but in none of their published Palmer Records have I found anything pertaining to this family beyond that given on page 85 of 'Palmer Groups'. From that point all information pertaining to this family is the result of a number of years of personal research on the part of the author (BYRON SMITH PALMER), the examination of court records, county histories, war records, records from old family Bibles and much correspondence."

The foregoing quotation appears on page 75 of volume one of the 3-volume set of handwritten MSS. prepared by DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER during the years 1900-1927, although this particular paragraph is typewritten. The foregoing is an explanation of the research done by DR. BYRON PALMER from which following his death the typescript volumes were prepared.

163. WILLIS WALLACE PALMER[10] (George[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 11 Mar 1860 in Garrison, Benton Co., Iowa, third of five children born to GEORGE LAMB PALMER and his first wife, MARY MALVINA SMITH. WILLIS m 11 Nov 1886 in Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. EMMA LOUISE HUSTON (b 28 Dec 1859 Lakeside), dau of WILLIAM and MARY ELIZABETH (WHITE) HUSTON of Lakeside. He died 1 Mar 1938 in Vinton, Iowa. It is believed her father's name may have been WILLIAM THOMAS HUSTON as he was usually called "TOM."

In his early years he lived in different places as his parents were inclined to move more than usual. His parents were both born in Wayne Co., N.Y. but had removed from there before he was born, settling in Benton Co., Iowa by 1858 where WILLIS' older brother, BYRON, was born in Vinton; the family was living in that county in Garrison when WILLIS was born. By 1869 the family was residing in Girard, Michigan, where his younger sister, JESSIE, was born. At different periods his family resided in Lakeside, N. Y., Benton Co., Iowa and in Michigan and apparently were in Michigan during much of the time WILLIS was going to high school as was his brother, BYRON.

WILLIS' father apparently planned his sons would continue as farmers on the Iowa farm he had established and he wanted them to be "educated farmers" so both were sent to the Agricultural College in Michigan from which both graduated together 23 Aug 1881. This was apparently what WILLIS preferred to do and after graduation he returned to Iowa and lived out his life as a farmer and stock raiser. His brother, BYRON, chose to follow another path, entered dental college and earned a degree and practiced dentistry in Chicago for many years.

WILLIS and EMMA had two sons born in Garrison, Iowa:

(1) PAUL R. PALMER b 22 Nov 1893, d 11 Dec 1893.
(2) GERALD L. PALMER b 25 Nov 1895, m 8 Aug 1917 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, CLARA BESSIE COLE, dau of GEORGE GRANT and ANGELINE ELIZABETH (WILTSIE)COLE. They had one son:
    i WILLIS WENDELL PALMER b 27 March 1919.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra. p. 12.
"Palmer MSS." p. 1038, typescript.
"Handwritten Palmer MSS." p. 1300.

164. RENSSELAER WILBUR PALMER[10] (Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Apr 1883 at Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y., the oldest of three sons born to LORENZO NORTON ("REN") PALMER and his wife LAVINA (ALVINA) BURLING. He m 12 June 1907 at Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y. MARY G. CRAVEN (b 24 Aug 1881, Kellogg, Iowa, d 3 Dec 1958 Sodus, N.Y.), dau of DAVID and JULIA CRAVEN of Ontario. He died 26 June 1965 and both RENSSELAER and his wife, MARY GENEVIEVE are bur in Furnaceville Cemetery, Ontario; they also both had graduated from Ontario High School in the same class in 1900.

RENSSELAER received his education at the University of Syracuse and at Cornell University. He followed the pattern of most of his ancestors and was a farmer in Ontario most of his life. He was a charter member of the Farm Bureau and G.L.F. and a member of the Grange for over fifty years.

RENSSELAER served the town of Ontario from 1942 to 1951 as a Supervisor. He was a trustee of the Ontario Baptist Church and a Justice of the Peace of the town of Ontario for many years; he was formerly a member of the Masonic Order in Ontario.

MARY (CRAVEN) PALMER, wife of RENSSELAER graduated from the Ontario High School in 1900. She then attended the Teacher Training Class following which she taught school in Union Hill, N.Y. Her numerous affiliations included: Gold Sheaf member of South Shore Grange, Ontario; Baptist Church in Ontario; first Historian of the Town of Ontario; formerly a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On 3 June 1982 WILBUR PALMER (as he was usually called) was posthumously honored at the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical and Landmark Preservation Society, held at the North Ontario Methodist Church, as explained in the following item from the "Wayne County Mail" of that date:

> "A highlight of the meeting was the announcement that the Society's suggestion for a name for the old town hall was the prize winner. In the future that building will be known as PALMER HALL in honor of WILBUR PALMER who was instrumental in securing the building for the town and who served as Supervisor for the Town of Ontario for many terms.
> "On hand to acknowledge the honor were all of PALMER's children: LORENZO PALMER, BEATRICE PEER, LOIS CASS and JULIA MERHOFF who was visiting from Florida."

RENSSELAER and MARY had four children all born in Ontario:

207. (1) BEATRICE JUNE PALMER b 14 Sept 1908, m 14 Dec 1929 RAYMOND LESTER PEER (b 18 July 1909); two children.
208. (2) WILBUR LORENZO PALMER b 3 Nov 1910, m 30 May 1935 FERN HUXLEY (b 19 Mar 1912); three children.
209. (3) LOIS GENEVIEVE PALMER b 15 Feb 1912, m 2 Apr 1932 LEO SCOTT CASE (b 3 May 1911); one daughter.
210. (4) JULIA ELEANOR PALMER b 1 May 1921, m 26 June 1943 FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF (b 31 Oct 1920); one son.

165. WALTER RAY PALMER[10] (Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Oct 1887 at Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. the second of three sons born to LORENZO NORTON ("REN") PALMER and his wife, LAVINA (ALVINA) BURLING. He m in 1909 at Cleveland, Ohio, STELLA UPDIKE (b 5 June 1885, d 10 Sept 1966, Cleveland, Ohio). WALTER and STELLA were buried in Knollwood Cemetery, Mayfield Heights, Cleveland; he died 20 Aug 1962.

WALTER settled in Cleveland where his wife had been born and there they remained the rest of their lives. Following his death STELLA married (3rd) EDWARD WOODWARD on 28 June 1963 in Cleveland. She had been married prior to her marriage to WALTER and by the first husband had had a daughter born 1905, who was subsequently adopted by WALTER.

WALTER's adopted daughter was:

(1) EMMA PALMER born 1905, died 1923.

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166. OLIVER ARTHUR PALMER[10] (Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 Apr 1891 at Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. the youngest child of his parents. He m 23 Dec 1914 at Rochester,EVA MAE BEDFORD (b 26 Feb 1898 Williamson, N.Y., d 20 Aug 1963 Rochester); he died 20 Aug 1970 Rochester. Both are buried in Webster Union Cemetery, Webster, N.Y.

OLIVER was educated in Ontario, New York. He was employed by the New York Central Railroad for 27 years (1919-1946) but retired early because of his health.

They had one son, born Batavia, New York:

(1) MILTON GEORGE PALMER b 11 Dec 1925,m 20 Nov 1945,Batavia, BERNICE HICKS (b 13 June 1927 Orangeville, N.Y.), dau of FRED and VIOLA (FREDERICKS) HICKS of Orangeville. He was educated in Batavia and has been employed by Delco Products Division, General Motors Corp.,Rochester, many years; 2 daus:
    i CRYSTAL LEE PALMER b 26 Apr 1949 Rochester, m 12 Apr 1968 MALCOLM MORROW (b 1936 Peru, N.Y.) son of VICTOR and ARLINE MORROW. CRYSTAL attended Monroe Community College after graduating from Monroe High School, both in Rochester, N.Y. (Divorced 1975.) Their two children born at Rochester were:
        (a) MARK MORROW born 30 June 1969.
        (b) TIFFANY MORROW born 6 Dec 1971.
    ii MELODY ANN PALMER b 16 July 1964 Rochester.

Sources:

Milton George Palmer of Rochester, N.Y.
Mrs. Carolyn (Palmer) Beha, Clifton Springs, N.Y.
"Palmer Genealogy (1949) supra, pp. 15-16.
Family Records of Mrs. Beatrice (Palmer) Peer, Ontario, N.Y.
Family Records of Mrs. Fern (Huxley) Palmer, Williamson,N.Y.

167. BYRON WILBUR PALMER[10] (Oliver[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Mar 1874 in Wayne County, village of Lakeside, N.Y. the third child of OLIVER HAZARD and MARY HARRIET (BOYNTON) PALMER. BYRON m 22 Sept 1903 CAROLYN HUBBARD +WARFORD (b 12 Jan 1876, d 15 May 1967), dau of BENJAMIN and WESLEY ANNA (RUTAN) WARFORD of Tottenville, N.Y. He died 22 Mar 1957 and both he and his wife are buried in Lakeside Cemetery. BYRON's maternal grandmother, MARY HOPKINS+BOYNTON, was a direct descendant of STEPHEN HOPKINS of the Mayflower, according to the family tradition.

In addition to being a farmer most of his adult life, BYRON's father taught mathematics during the winter months at the Boston Road School and he also tutored young boys in preparation of their college entrance examinations. His zeal for higher education encompassed his first three children (the next two died young) and the first son, JOHN, became a physician with a practice in New York City; the second child, dau, ADELINE, became a teacher; and BYRON was educated first at the Geneseo State Normal School and then graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Denistry in 1898. Immediately following his graduation he joined the Pennsylvania Volunteer Light Battery "A" as the Spanish-American War commenced that year. His group was dispatched to the Island of Puerto Rico where it was involved in fighting against the Spanish. When that conflict was concluded BYRON remained in Puerto Rico as a member of the army of occupation.

Following his honorable discharge from the service he commenced his dental practice in Tottenville, Staten Island, N.Y. for a short time but then moved to Rochester and opened an office in the Professional Building where he remained. During those years he still owned a farm in Lakeside. BYRON at one time was President of the Rochester Dental Society around the year 1915; he was also a charter member of the City Club in that city.

In 1954 BYRON retired after some fifty years of dental practice and sold his farm; he and his wife settled at Lake Worth, Florida where he died three years later in a Miami Hospital after an illness of about six months. His wife, CAROLYN, died 15 May 1967 and both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery.

BYRON and CAROLYN had two children, both born Rochester, N.Y.:

211. (1) JOHN BOYNTON PALMER (named for his father's older brother) b 24 Apr 1905, m 18 Aug 1945 MILDRED ANNA BRUCKER (b 15 Sept 1904, Webster, N.Y.) dau of CHARLES FREDERICK and ANNA BELLE (KELLER) BRUCKER. They reside Webster,N.Y.

212. (2) MARGARET WARFORD PALMER b 3 June 1910, m 29 Aug 1953 ALFRED N. SCALCIONE (b 6 Apr 1917, Jersey City, N.J.), son of DOMENIC SCALCIONE. They reside San Diego,California.

Sources:
"Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra, pp.16-17.
Family Records; information furnished by
JOHN BOYNTON PALMER and MARGARET (PALMER) SCALCIONE.

168. MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER(SR.)[10] (Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Aug 1873 Union Hill, Wayne Co., N.Y., the first child of OSCAR CONKEY and his wife, AMELIA ANTOINETTE (BOTSFORD) PALMER of Union Hill. He m 14 June 1908 LUCY REMINGTON PRICE in Philadelphia, Pa. (b 14 Mar 1880 that city, d 14 July 1962 Palo Alto, Calif.), dau of Dr. MORDECAI and FANNY (REMINGTON) PRICE of Philadelphia. He d 24 July 1932 and both he and his wife were buried in Webster Rural Cemetery, Webster, Wayne Co., N.Y.

MYRON graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1899 receiving his medical degree following which he practiced medicine in Rochester, N.Y. During World War I he was commissioned a Captain in the Medical Corps and served in Washington, D.C. At Rochester he was a physician with the city's hospital and thereafter in private practice in that city.

MYRON and LUCY had one son:

213. (1) MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER[11], JR. b 3 Mar 1909, m 30 Jan 1941 LUELLA NELLIS (b 29 Apr 1912); two sons.

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169. HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER (SR.)[10] (Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 Dec 1879 Union Hill, N.Y., the second son of OSCAR CONKEY and AMELIA ANTOINETTE (BOTSFORD) PALMER. He m 27 June 1907 HELEN MOORE (b 15 Apr 1883, d 4 Feb 1974, Webster, N.Y.), dau of PETER EDWARD and CHARLOTTE (CHRISTIE) MOORE of Dumont, N.J. He d 19 Oct 1975 at his home 920 Salt Road, Webster, aged 95 years. The following obituary which appeared in the Webster newspaper following his death provides a comprehensive account of his life and accomplishments:

"HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, a former Webster Town Historian and planner, died Sunday (Oct 19, 1975), aged 95 years. He was Town Historian from 1949 to 1954 and a town planner for many years. He was also a charter member and a past vice president of the Webster Historical Society and was instrumental in developing a genealogical library for the society, according to Mrs. TESSA MARTIN, president of the historical society. The library was dedicated to MR.PALMER's late wife who died about 1972. MRS. MARTIN recalled, 'I would say MR. PALMER was one of the most dedicated members in our society. He was a descendant of the early settlers of Webster and he'd often call to give me bits of information about Webster. He was an admirer of Greek Revival architecture. His home was a perfect example of that architecture. It was authentic.'

"Before his death MR. PALMER had been considered the oldest living alumnus of Hobart College in Geneva. He attended Hobart College for two years with the class of 1903. He was a former Eastman Kodak Company Advertising Manager and General Motors Corp. executive here during World War II. He was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Sons of the American Revolution.

"HOWARD PALMER is survived by his daughter, CATHERINE FIELD, of Pittsford; two sons, HOWARD PALMER, JR., of Falmouth,Mass., and RICHARD V. of Searsport, Maine; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren."

HOWARD and HELEN (MOORE) PALMER had three children:

214. (1) CATHERINE CHRISTIE PALMER[11] b 6 June 1908, m 16 June 1934 JAMES GIBBS FIELD of Rochester; two daughters.

215. (2) HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR., b 8 Feb 1911, m 27 Sept 1941 MARY MYERS of Springfield, Ohio; four children.

216. (3) RICHARD VOORHIS PALMER b 15 Mar 1923, m ELIZABETH ("BETH") TRUNDY (b 15 Feb 1922 Presque Isle, Maine).

HOWARD PALMER, SR. and his wife, HELEN, are both buried in Webster Rural Cemetery, Webster, N.Y. as are his parents, OSCAR and AMELIA PALMER.

170. BERTHA CORNELIA PALMER[10] (Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Sept 1875 at Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y., the oldest of three children born to FRANK and HELEN CORNELIA (NORTHRUP) PALMER. She married 22 July 1907 at Denver, Colorado, CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD (b 6 Oct 1874, near Leitersberg and Chewsville, Washington Co., Maryland; d 3 Oct 1949 Hagerstown, same county, Maryland). He was the son of BENJAMIN F. and CATHERINE (HARTLE) SPESSARD of Hagerstown. BERTHA died 13 May 1959, aged 84 years, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Both are buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

BERTHA spent her childhood in Lakeside and there received her early education. When she was fifteen years of age she suffered the loss of her mother and baby brother in a tragic accident when the carriage in which they were being driven by a relative collided with a speeding train. At a still young age she attended the Normal School in New York State when she was much younger than the other students but surpassed them academically. She then attended the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.City where she studied art, and graduated with a degree in that subject.

Following her college graduation BERTHA taught art in the York, Pennsylvania, school system and eventually became the Art Supervisor of the schools there. It was during this time she met her future husband as CLAYTON SPESSARD was also a teacher in the York High School.

CLAYTON SPESSARD originally was named IVA but he changed it to IVAN, the name by which he was called. He attended the local public schools in his boyhood at Hagerstown, Md. and graduated from the high school there. He then attended and graduated from the Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. in 1898, receiving his B.A. degree. Most of CLAYTON's education was obtained at the college by his own efforts, working and supporting himself.

Two years after her mother's death, BERTHA's father had remarried on 8 May 1892 to ALLETTA MaBELLE PALMER (same family) and they had done much traveling including residing for a time in the states of California, Kansas and Colorado. While still at Lakeside, N.Y., a daughter had been born to her step-mother in 1894 named MARGARET IRENE who thus was a half-sister to BERTHA. It was at her father's home in Denver on South Broadway that BERTHA and CLAYTON were married in July 1907.

CLAYTON had had considerable experience in teaching prior to his employment in York; before attending college he had taught in the country schools near his home and also at the Massanuten Academy. After his marriage he accepted a teaching position in Idaho Springs, Colorado, where they resided; he was expected to teach many different subjects including Latin. BERTHA had many interests to occupy her time and attention after marriage since, as was customary for those times, wives rarely were employed. In Idaho Springs she was a member of the Shakespeare Club, consisting of many women who were interested in studying literature; she was also a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and an active member of the Presbyterian Church there in which her husband was an Elder and taught Sunday School.

BERTHA had a natural talent for art and music and with her education in the art field she became an accomplished artist, painting pictures, usually of flowers. Although she never took music lessons, she had a beautiful contralto singing voice and often sang in the choir or chorus.

CLAYTON left the teaching field to enter the banking business such an institution being organized in Idaho Springs; he also engaged in the insurance field. He continued in the banking business until his retirement in 1943. After the end of World War II when civilian travel was again possible, BERTHA and CLAYTON spent the winters in a milder climate, such as Banning, California; Tucson, Arizona; Las Cruces, N.M., and in 1947-48 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The altitude at Idaho Springs was too high for CLAYTON as he had suffered from asthma in later years; they sold their home in Idaho Springs but continued to spend the summers there. During the summer of 1949 CLAYTON made a trip East to visit a brother and his sisters, became ill and died in a hospital there in Hagerstown, Md. His Will was probated and his estate administered in Clear Creek, Colorado.

After her husband's death, BERTHA removed to San Diego County, California to be near her younger sister, FLORA MAY PALMER; thereafter she removed to Bartlesville to be near her older son, FRANK. An announcement of her last illness, death and burial was carried in the local paper including a recitation of her life and accomplishments; portions are reprinted below:

"MRS. BERTHA PALMER SPESSARD, mother of FRANK SPESSARD, 1457 South Oak, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, died at 10:22 a.m. Wednesday, (13 May 1959)in the Jane Phillips Hospital following an extended illness. She had been a patient in the geriatric ward at the local hospital for the past three months. ...

"In addition to her son of Bartlesville, survivors include another son, CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, JR., Pasadena, California; two sisters, Miss FLORA PALMER, San Diego; and Mrs. HOWARD BEAN of Kensington, Maryland; and four grandchildren: Misses PENELOPE ANN and PATRICIA JANE SPESSARD of Bartlesville; CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, III, and Miss MARGARET SPESSARD, both of Pasadena.

"Funeral services for MRS. SPESSARD will be held at 4:00 P.M. Friday in the Arnold Moore Funeral Chapel. DR. JAMES E. SPIVEY, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the officiant for her services. MRS. SPESSARD will be removed by rail to Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, where committal rites will be directed on Monday morning in the cemetery there by the Walter Grove Funeral Home. Her casket escorts will include Messrs. WILLIAM J.SIMPSON, A.P.WILL, B.F.MANDLEBAUM, M.D.GRIMES, W.J.HINES, DEAN J.VEAL, B.J. HEINRICH and DAN E.SMITH."

Children of BERTHA and CLAYTON SPESSARD, born Idaho Springs:

217. (1) FRANK PALMER SPESSARD b 30 June 1909, m 21 Aug 1948 MARY THOMPSON DAVIES; two daughters.

218. (2) CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, JR., b 4 Oct 1913, m 16 Oct 1937 HELEN AUPPERLE; d 23 Sept 1974; two children.

Source: FRANK PALMER SPESSARD

171. ANNA BETH MAINE[10] (Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 Apr 1882 in Philadelphia, N.Y., the oldest of two daughters born to Dr. FRANK ERASTUS MAINE and MARY ELLA (HOAG) PALMER. She m 9 Oct 1901 at Auburn, N.Y., the Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH (b 10 Jan 1873 England, d 9 July 1949 at Huntington, N.Y.), the son of JOSEPH COLCLOUGH of England. Her paternal grandmother was MARY ANNA PALMER MAINE.

Her father, a physician, resided at different periods in three different cities in New York: Philadelphia, Auburn (where her sister was born) and finally Albany; her mother had died in 1896 while the family resided at Auburn and ANNA BETH was just fourteen years of age. She attended schools in Auburn and then Virginia College at Roanoake,Virginia. Her employment thereafter was in New York; then Cincinnati, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; her church affiliation was Presbyterian of which her husband was a minister.

ANNA BETH's husband graduated from the University of Toronto, Canada and then the Presbyterian Seminary at Auburn, N.Y., following which his profession as a clergyman was followed; he was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. In 1980 ANNA BETH was residing in Hilton Head,S.C. with her dau BETH MOORE and she died in 1984, aged 102 years.

ANNA BETH and JOSEPH COLCLOUGH had three children:

219. (1) FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH b 17 Jan 1903, Albany, m March 1925 LOUISE PRICE at Pitcairn, PA.; he died 13 Oct 1977,Poughkeepsie,N.Y. Three children.

220. (2) BETH COLCLOUGH b 26 Nov 1916 Cincinnati, Ohio, m 13 July 1940 ROBERT STANLEY MOORE at Huntington; three sons.

221. (3) JEAN COLCLOUGH b 9 Mar 1920, Cincinnati, m CHARLES HITCHCOCK; one child.

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172. FRANK ELFLEDA "FLETA" MAINE[10] (Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Aug 1888 in Auburn, Cayuga Co., N.Y. second and last dau of Doctor FRANK ERASTUS MAINE and his wife, MARY ELLA HOAG. About 1900 her family removed to Albany where she attended St. Agnes Episcopal School for two years; then she attended the Albany Female Academy (the oldest private girls' school in this country) now named the "Albany Academy for Girls" (A.A.G.) for four years; thereafter she spent two years at a finishing school in Roanoke, Virginia, i.e. Virginia College, followed by a two-year course at Wellesley College's Department of Health and Physical Education.

"FLETA" taught physical education at Englewood, New Jersey, for five years which was then interrupted by World War I. She joined the Y.M.C.A. and went overseas with that group. On her return to the United States, she settled in Evanston, Illinois where she continued her teaching at the Evanston Township High School from 1919 to her re-

tirement in 1944. During her many years of teaching at Evanston, she would travel extensively during the summer vacation months, usually accompanied by her close friend, CORA SWIFT, also a teacher. In 1936 they and another friend took their car to Europe for an eleven-week vacation, driving over much of the European countries. In 1938 a similar extended driving trip was made into Mexico; three separate years during the Christmas holiday vacation they spent in Florida and many summers were spent in Southern California where the parents of her friend, CORA, had retired to. One trip of special interest was made by them through the Panama Canal.

"FLETA" and her long-time friend, CORA SWIFT, retired at the same time in 1944 and settled in South Pasadena, California, near where CORA's parents resided; then in 1974 they both removed to the nearby Episcopal Retirement Home in Alhambra, where CORA died the early part of 1980.

"FLETA" was active in the Home's publication "The Tatler" at first being a "roving reporter" and later the Associate Editor.

In April of 1980 the compiler visited "FLETA" at the residence in Alhambra, California, where she was residing, spending an afternoon visiting with her; the foregoing information was furnished by her and, in addition, she encouraged the compiler to correspond with her older sister, ANNA BETH COLCLOUGH, (then aged 98 years) who would, she assured me, have much more information about the family. ANNA BETH was residing with her dau BETH MOORE in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Correspondence with ANNA BETH and her dau was most gratifying and the family data they furnished is included in this volume. "FLETA" advised the compiler that she was then 92 years of age and could still drive her own car!

Sources:

Miss "Fleta" Maine, Alhambra, California.
Mrs. Anna Beth (Maine) Colclough, Hilton Head, S.C.

173. FRANK AUBREY PALMER[10], (George Washington[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 5 Nov 1864 in St. Joseph County, Michigan, in Mendon Township, the oldest of three children born to GEORGE WASHINGTON and HANNAH (GIBBONS) PALMER. When he was about two years of age his parents removed to Nottawa Township where they were farmers for the next sixteen years. The farm was located nearer FRANK's Palmer grandparents and his father's brothers, most of whom had farms in the area.

On 18 Nov 1885 FRANK married MINNIE BUELL (b 14 Dec 1860, died 22 Dec 1916), dau of WILLIAM MONROE and MARY ANN (McKERCHER) BUELL.

Following the death of FRANK's father, 10 Sept 1926, he was the executor of his father's estate. FRANK's wife, MINNIE (BUELL) had died 22 Dec 1916 leaving one only child, GEORGE MONROE, then aged twenty-three years. FRANK's only brother, VICTOR, had predeceased their father, dying in 1924 and the only sister, MYRTAL, was married and residing in Salem, Massachusetts since the end of World War I. His mother died in 1930 and he thereupon had the responsibility of settling her estate and disposing of the farm which his parents had owned. He apparently never married again. Following the father's death in 1926, his mother removed to Salem, Massachusetts, where she made her home the remainder of her life with her daughter, MYRTAL (PALMER) LEACH.

FRANK remained at Wasepi for a time but then they removed to the County of Jackson, and resided in Hanover, Michigan; later at Jackson, where he resided the remainder of his life. He died 20 Dec 1936 and was buried next to his parents in the Palmer family plot in Pioneer Cemetery in Wasepi.

FRANK and MINNIE PALMER had one child born in Hanover, Michigan:

(1) GEORGE MONROE PALMER[11] b 8 Sept 1893, m 27 Feb 1918 LUCILE ANDERSON (b 28 Aug 1897, dau of JAMES A. and LENA (AHRENS) ANDERSON). He was given the first name GEORGE after his paternal grandfather and the middle name of MONROE after his maternal grandfather. In 1914 GEORGE was in Tientsin, China with Co. A, 15th U.S.Infantry. He and his wife, LUCILE, were divorced and she thereafter married JAMES WALTON of Toledo, Ohio. (GEORGE's wife was also known as LUCY MAY ANDERSON; she was born 28 Aug 1897 at Hermsville, Michigan although they had been married at Charlotte, North Carolina.) At one time GEORGE resided in Lansing, Michigan, where he was in business for himself operating a gasoline filling station. He died in 1951. They had 3 children:

i MYRTAL EVALYN PALMER[12] b 26 Mar 1921, Flint, Mich., m 4 Jan 1942 EARL THOMAS SURBER at Brooklyn,Mich. (b 22 June 1918, Jackson, Mich.). They had three sons who survived to adulthood and one dau who died young:

(a) THOMAS J. SURBER[13] b 17 Feb 1943,Toledo,Ohio.
(b) RICHARD SURBER
(c) _____ SURBER, a dau, died young.
(d) _____ SURBER

ii GEORGE MONROE PALMER, JR.[12] (called "BUD") b 10 Aug 1922, Flint; m 14 Aug 1943 EUNICE K. CANTWELL at San Diego, California; resided Toledo, Ohio. EUNICE was born 13 Sept 1921 in Indiana. GEORGE was a Sergeant in the U.S.Marine Corps during World War II and EUNICE served in the WAACs during that war. He died at Toledo 9 Feb 1969, aged 47 years; EUNICE died 16 Mar 1969, aged 48 years; this information obtained from their bronze markers in Pioneer Cemetery, Wasepi, St. Joseph County, Michigan; both also have identical U.S.Veteran's markers; their two bronze markers are placed adjoining those of GEORGE's great-grandparents, GEORGE WASHINGTON and HANNAH PALMER above which is the marker for his grandfather, FRANK AUBREY PALMER (1864-1936). GEORGE and EUNICE had three daughters, names unknown.

iii LESTER MILTON PALMER[12] b 19 Dec 1925 Jackson, Mich. He served in the United States Navy as a radar specialist. He married but his wife's name is not known; they had four daughters, names unknown.

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The compiler regrets the lack of information to continue this line into the 11th, 12th and 13th generations. Her correspondence was commenced in the mid-1940's with MYRTAL PALMER LEACH (sister of the subject herein) of Salem, Massachusetts, and includes a letter dated 17 Jan 1946 from FRANK's only son, GEORGE MONROE PALMER then living in Lansing, Michigan, which included the following:

> "I have a letter from My Aunt Myrtal (MYRTAL PALMER LEACH) and she enclosed some forms that she said that you would like to have filled out as to the history of the PALMER family from myself on down. You see I have the old family Bible and it has quite a lot of family history in it. I came over to my daughter's last night so we are trying to fill out the forms that you sent as best as we can. ... Now as to 'GEORGE the third' (GEORGE MONROE PALMER,JR.) they have no children yet but if they ever do and you still want their history, it will be in the Bible. And also as to LESTER, my youngest son, he is still in the Navy. His last letter says that he expects to be home some time in February. GEORGE, JR. is in the Marines still over in Japan..." (this letter was written to Miss Doris Palmer just five months after the end of the campaign against the Japanese in World War Two.)

The "George the third" referred to above was the third GEORGE in the family, GEORGE WASHINGTON, FRANK AUBREY, GEORGE MONROE, SR. and GEORGE MONROE, JR.

The compiler's efforts in assembling her Palmer family history was probably inspired originally from letters received as a child in the 1920's from the family genealogist, CELIA PALMER, who commenced the search and recording of data in 1870; her valuable collection combined in a small book, upon her death in 1929,was turned over to her youngest brother, and upon his death in 1949 was given to this compiler which further stimulated her interest in the project.

During the mid-1950's a member of the family who was assisting this compiler received a letter dated at Toledo, Ohio 27 May 1956 from GEORGE M. PALMER, JR. by which time his father had been deceased several years. This inquiry of GEORGE, JR. was instigated at the request of this compiler who was then residing in London, England, and from there was attempting to search the homeland in England of our emigrant ancestor, WALTER PALMER, and learn whether or not the so-called Palmer Coat of Arms was authentic. The letter-writer wrote he was then (1956) the one in possession of the family Bible which had been commenced by his great-grandfather, GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER, explaining that Bible commenced only with that generation.

Finally in the early 1970's on taking an early retirement from the business world after forty years, the compiler returned to concentrate all her time, energy and efforts on the completion of the Palmer family history. Numerous visits were made over the years to the areas in Michigan where various members of the family had resided including the counties of Lenawee, Hillsdale, Branch and St. Joseph and a visit to the city of Jackson where descendants of GEORGE MONROE PALMER, SR., had settled. From addresses obtained there it appeared that several members of this branch of the family still resided in Jackson; this was followed up with correspondence and the sending of blank forms for completion so that all could be included in this genealogy; unfortunately, no response was ever received. From family letters and records the make-up of the three grandchildren of FRANK AUBREY PALMER appears to be that his two grandsons, GEORGE MONROE PALMER, JR. and LESTER MILTON PALMER, had a total of seven daughters; and the granddaughter, MYRTAL EVALYN PALMER SURBER had three sons! thus no male member of the family remains to continue the surname of PALMER in this line down from "Uncle GEORGE and Aunt HANNAH" as the compiler's father so often lovingly referred to his father's brother and sister-in-law. GEORGE and HANNAH had another son, VICTOR, who died without issue. The subject of this write-up, FRANK AUBREY, was a first cousin to the compiler's father.

Continued periodic correspondence was maintained throughout the years by the compiler with the one member of FRANK AUBREY's family who so willingly rendered assistance; this ended in 1957 with the death of MYRTAL PALMER LEACH in Salem, Massachusetts.

Sources:

Palmer Family History Book (commenced 1870 by CECILIA (PALMER) HOWE).
Palmer Family Records, Letters, etc. in possession of Compiler.

174. VICTOR LeROY PALMER[10] (Geo.Washington[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 Apr 1871 in Mendon or Nottawa, St. Joseph County, Michigan, the second child born to GEORGE WASHINGTON and HANNAH (GIBBONS) PALMER.

From 1862 to 1866 his parents had operated a farm in Mendon Twp., but removed to Nottawa in 1866 where they remained until 1882 by which time their three children had been born. In 1882 they removed to Wasepi where they remained on their own farm until the father's death in 1926, two years after Victor's untimely death, aged 52 years.

VICTOR married 4 Jan 1893 at Wasepi MARY E. BARNARD. He first attended the public schools in Nottawa and at the age of seventeen (1888) he entered the employment of D. Burrell & Son in Kalamazoo where he continued his education. Eventually he was employed by the Michigan Buggy Company also in Kalamazoo where he remained some twenty years. He and his wife, MARY, had no children. VICTOR died 9 Jan 1924 in Kalamazoo and was buried there in Mountain Home Cemetery. The following obituary appeared in the local newspaper on 12 Jan 1924:

> "VICTOR LeROY PALMER passed away at his home in this city Saturday night, following an illness of about six weeks. He had been in failing health for several years.
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> "For twenty years associated with the Michigan Buggy Company, it was Mr. PALMER who reorganized the company and shifted its operation from the manufacture of horse-drawn vehicles to automobiles until the collapse of the Michigan Buggy Company. He was prominently identified with the business interests of Kalamazoo serving several years as a director in banks and other enterprises. He was a member of both Park Club and the Country Club and also a member of Saint Luke's Church for over twenty years.
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> "MR. PALMER is survived by his widow, his parents, one sister, MRS. FRANK (MYRTAL) LEACH of Malden, Massachusetts, a brother, FRANK A. PALMER, and a nephew, GEORGE M. PALMER. The services will be at the home at 320 South Westnedge Avenue on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in charge of the Rev. JAMES H.BISHOP and the burial is at Mountain Home Cemetery."

Source:

> Palmer Family History Book (commenced 1870 by CECILIA (PALMER) HOWE).

175. MYRTAL CECILIA PALMER[10], (George Washington[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 Aug 1876 in the village of Wasepi, Nottawa Township, St. Joseph County,Michigan. She was the only daughter born to GEORGE WASHINGTON and HANNAH (GIBBONS) PALMER. MYRTAL received her early education and high school in the local schools of the township. She had a natural talent for music which her parents encouraged and she was enrolled in the Unitersity of Michigan at Ann Arbor from where she graduated some time around the turn of the century. The following recommendations explain at this late date (1984) the rewarding and enriching life she enjoyed in her chosen career; they were found among family papers in Detroit, Michigan in the 1980's and provide a more complete sketch of her life than anything heretofore known by the surviving members of her family:

MYRTAL's introduction to a musical program, on a program prepared for a recital at the Converse College of Music, Spartanburg, South Carolina, prior to 1917:

"MUSIC the most universal of the Fine Arts, is related to all the others, and cannot be restricted to one school nor nationality. To become acquainted with the lives and music of the best writers; to know about music, as an art, has been my continuous aim. INTERPRETATION must have as its basis a refined musical intuition; knowledge of the composer's life, inspiration and intent; liberal general education, and study and reading along broad, comprehensive lines. These, combined with experience, enable the performer to paint the tone-pictures so vividly that self is eliminated, and only the reflected idea of the composer remains. It has been my ideal to embody these qualities in my work as soloist and teacher, and while a student in the Department of Music at the University of Michigan, this ideal was ever upheld and strengthened.

MYRTAL C. PALMER."

"I take extreme pleasure in stating that we have looked upon Miss MYRTAL C. PALMER as one of the very best musicians we have ever graduated. It has been a distinct source of pride that her work since leaving us has been so preeminently successful. I am sure that any institution securing her services can be congratulated most decidedly.

ALBERT A. STANLEY, A.M.
Professor of Music, University of Michigan"

"I take pleasure in saying that Miss MYRTAL C. PALMER, who has been teaching music in Converse College for seven years, made a fine record here in the University of Michigan as a student of music, and has been very successful as a teacher of music since leaving here.

JAMES B. ANGELL,
President-Emeritus, University of Michigan"

"I take great pleasure in recommending Miss MYRTAL C. PALMER as a real musician. She is a graduate of the University School of Music at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in both the organ and piano departments. She is a very fine organist and pianist, and has also had several years' experience as a teacher with great success. She is capable of holding a position as head of a department or as director of a school. She is blessed with a great deal of executive ability and has a very pleasing personality.

LLEWELLYN L. RENWICK,
Head of Organ and Theory Department in Detroit Conservatory of Music, Detroit, Michigan
(Formerly Head of Organ Dept., in University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan)."

"Miss MYRTAL C. PALMER is now in the midst of her eighth successful year at Converse College as teacher of pipe organ and piano. With natural talent, developed by constant study and research, she is exhibiting the value of her matured gifts in thoroughness and brilliance, in the rapid progress of her students, and in the enthusiasm for study she arouses and keeps active in them.

EDMON MORRIS,
Dean of the School of Music, Converse College,
Spartanburg, South Carolina."

During the years of World War I MYRTAL apparently continued to reside in Spartanburg, South Carolina and during that period she met her future husband, Major FRANK L. LEACH of Malden, Massachusetts. They were married 22 Dec 1917 and following the end of the war they settled in Malden; later in Salem where MYRTAL continued to reside the remainder of her life. She made periodic visits back to Michigan to visit her family and in the early 1930's she was visited by her first cousin, CLAUDE H. PALMER and his wife, NELLIE. In September 1951 she was visited by CLAUDE's younger brother, WILLIAM and his wife, ALICE, who were making their second trip to Salem.

MYRTAL doubtless lived away from the village where she was born most of her adult life but she never lost touch with her parents and other members of her family. Her love and affection for all the members of her family were boundless and her interest in the genealogical history of her family increased. She became acquainted in the early 1920's with DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, New York who spent the years 1900 to 1927 searching the Palmer history throughout the United States. In a letter dated 15 Jan 1946 to the compiler she wrote of Dr. PALMER's visit to her area one summer and together they visited numerous historical spots associated with the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, and his descendants in Massachusetts.

Following her father's death in 1926, MYRTAL made a trip to Wasepi and her widowed mother accompanied her back to Malden, Massachusetts, where the mother lived out her life and died there in 1930. Major FRANK LEACH was in the U.S.Border Patrol prior to his service during World War I and following that war was in the Coast Guard Reserves during World War II. His wife always referred to him as "BUSTER" and he survived her death on 19 Aug 1957. They had no children.

MYRTAL C. PALMER

ORGANIST AND PIANIST

Graduate School of Music, University of Michigan
Ex-Supreme President Mu Phi Epsilon National Musical Sorority

EDWARD BANNON PALMER (SR.)
(b Mich. 5 April 1878,
(d Calif. April 1965.)
Married 17 March 1911 in
Chicago

LILLIAN MELVINA MAYBERRY
(b Illinois 28 March 1884,
(d Calif. 25 Dec 1969)

176. CLAUDE HARRIS PALMER[10], (Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Charles City, Iowa 5 July 1875, the oldest child of CYRUS ALBERT and his wife ELLEN+(BANNON) PALMER formerly of Three Rivers, Michigan. He married 15 May 1907 at Boulder, Colorado NELLIE M. SMITH (born 28 Jan 1876 Des Moines, Iowa, died 28 Jan 1945 Detroit); she was the daughter of ELISHA MAYHEW and MISSOURI A. (SNOW) SMITH of Adair, Iowa. CLAUDE died 10 Nov 1945 in Detroit and NELLIE predeceased him by less than a year, dying 28 Jan 1945. They were both buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Detroit.

CLAUDE's parents did not remain in Charles City, Iowa and had returned to Michigan at least by 1878 when their second son, EDWARD BANNON, was born 5 April that year, in Centreville. CLAUDE attended the local schools graduating from Three Rivers High School in the class of 1893; all his siblings also graduated from that high school. It is of interest now ninety years later to read in the "Three Rivers Herald" of 28 April 1893 the very lengthy article devoted to the graduation class of that year:

> "In keeping with the custom established in Three Rivers since 1871, the high school will turn out its usual quota of graduates at commencement time. The number this year will be thirteen; ten girls and three boys. The whole number of girl graduates exclusive of this year's class, is 131 against 55 boys, which makes nearly three to one in favor of the girls. The classes of '71, '76, '77, '80 and '86 were entirely feminine. The point of excellence is that this school has just been reported upon favorable for the university list thereby exempting any who contemplate going higher from an examination and allowing the girls an equal chance for a 'bachelor' degree.
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> "Most of the young ladies of the class belong to one or more christian societies. A.Y.W.C.A. has lately been organized, and most of them are active members in it.
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> "A large percentage of the class intend teaching and have already secured county certificates. One intends continuing her studies in the musical department at a college in Chicago and another has already engaged in business in Three Rivers. The balance of the class are undecided as to their futures.

Doubtless CLAUDE PALMER fell into the "balance of the graduating class" which was undecided as to their futures. According to the recollections of his only sister, ZOE, during the years after graduation CLAUDE joined the National Guard for his area and in 1895 his next older brother, EDWARD, also joined. During the years 1893 to 1898 CLAUDE must have obtained employment somewhere in his county and perhaps even helped his Uncle CHARLES in operating the large farm in Wasepi after the grandfather's death in 1896. However, 1898 brought about the Spanish American War and members of the various state National Guards were encouraged to "join up" and serve their country. CLAUDE then aged twenty-three immediately enlisted in the United States First Cavalry and served with Troop B which was sent to the Philippine Islands. He survived to return home explaining that he had had three horses shot from under him; however, he had contracted malaria. Beginning 2 Aug 1940 he received a $60. monthly pension, increased in 1945 to $100.

Before reaching the Philippines, his troop had been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, for additional training. His younger brother, EDWARD, however, decided against joining the armed forces explaining he disliked regimentation. Instead the same year he made his way to Denver, Colorado, feeling confident that he would be one of the lucky ones searching for gold in that state. He persuaded his older brother to stop off in Denver and stay with him before returning to Michigan feeling certain the climate of Colorado would be more beneficial to him in his fight against the malaria. CLAUDE remained in Colorado for several years and regained his health and became free of the malaria. While there he and his brother often went on hunting trips and on one such venture, CLAUDE was the most successful of the entire hunting party. The local newspaper carried a photograph of him with the prize deer he had captured and an article describing it as 275 pounds in weight and "from the tip of the nose to the gambol joint is eight feet and the antlers are six-pronged." The buck was shot at a place fifteen miles southwest of Yampa on the western slope of Dome Peak.

In order to be gainfully employed and have funds for hunting trips and treks into the gold mining areas at various intervals, CLAUDE and his brother would take employment in Denver at the Brown Palace Hotel as waiters which was very remunerative; usually this would be during the winter months when it was not possible to mine for gold. In this way CLAUDE met his wife, NELLIE SMITH, who was a cashier at the hotel, and they were married in the spring of 1907. Eventually they removed to San Francisco where CLAUDE was able to find employment as a waiter which sustained them during the years 1911-1912. His brother finally concluded in 1908 to return to Michigan to visit his family after a ten-year absence, having failed in all those years of prospecting in the areas of Colorado Springs, Leadville and Cripple Creek to find the gold he was seeking.

By 1911 the brother had married in Chicago and for a honeymoon in December that year took his bride on a trip to Southern California which he had already decided would be their future home--he was determined to escape the cold winter snows of Michigan, Chicago and Colorado. Eventually CLAUDE and NELLIE visited them in Southern California and CLAUDE worked there for a time. However, the automobile industry was just commencing in Detroit and he made the decision to return to Michigan and seek employment in this new field. He obtained a position with Chrysler Corporation in 1916 which he retained until his retirement in October 1943 which was forced upon him due to an attack of pneumonia at the age of sixty-eight years from which he never recovered. Although he was beyond the normal retirement age of sixty-five years, he felt he was making his contribution to the war effort and would postpone his retirement until the end of the war which he so longed to see. The end of World War II did come on August 14, 1945 and CLAUDE lived to see that and the return from the European Theatre of his nephew, Lt. WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER, JR.,who had been overseas three years.

CLAUDE and NELLIE had no children of their own; but they belonged to several groups such as his membership in the Ashlar Lodge No. 91, F. and A.M. and the Shriners (Detroit Temple) and Veterans of Foreign Wars and they traveled around the United States attending their national conventions. His great joy was a visit to Stonington, Connecticut in the early 1930's where he visited with his cousin, MYRTLE (PALMER) LEACH, a resident of Salem, Massa chusetts; together they viewed the historical spots associated with one of the four founders of Stonington--their own ancestor--WALTER PALMER (1585-1661).

CECILIA (CELIA) LORETTE
(PALMER) HOWE, CARTER
(b 1847, Michigan)
(d 1929, Indiana)
Taught music in Burr Oak and Mendon, St.Joseph Co., Michigan. Her nephew is in lower photo, CLAUDE HARRIS PALMER.

Photo taken 19 Nov 1898 at Fort Riley, Kansas: "B" Troop, 1st U.S. Cavalry before departing for Philippine Islands to fight in the Spanish American War. Standing: (L to R): FRED GRANT, CHARLIE GALLOP, CHARLES NAUDAIN; Seated: (L to R): Corp. DICK SHEAR and CLAUDE HARRIS PALMER.

Photo taken 1905 of CYRUS ALBERT PALMER's family, St.Joseph Co.,Mich.
(L to R) Standing: CLAUDE HARRIS, WILLIAM SICKLER and EDWARD BANNON.
(L to R) Seated: CYRUS PALMER, ZOE, LOUIS HENRY and ELLEN (BANNON) PALMER. ELLEN (the mother) BANNON's parents are in photo below.

Photo taken originally as a Daguerreotype in 1840's; copy made in 1970's from the Daguerreotype of HENRY BANNON (b 1810 in Pennsylvania, d 1884 Michigan) and wife, ELIZABETH (DIEHL) BANNON (b 1811, Pennsylvania, d 1865 Illinois), married 1832. ELLEN PALMER (mother in above photo) was their 10th and youngest child born 1850 in St. Joseph County, Michigan.

177. EDWARD BANNON PALMER[10], (Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in the village of Centreville, St. Joseph County, Michigan, 5 April 1878, second son of CYRUS ALBERT and ELLEN (BANNON) PALMER. He married 17 March 1911 at Chicago, Illinois, LILLIAN MELVINA MAYBERRY (born 28 March 1884 Sullivan, Illinois, daughter of INGRAM JONES+MAYBERRY and MARY LUCINDA (YOUNGER) MAYBERRY who were formerly from North Carolina). In December 1911 they arrived in Los Angeles, California, where they made their home the remainder of their lives, residing at different times in different areas of that county. EDWARD died 14 April 1965 at Alhambra, California,having just had his eighty-seventh birthday; LILLIAN died 25 Dec 1969 just three months before her eighty-sixth birthday; they had been married fifty-four years. They are buried on the highest peak in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California, in the Palmer-Zimmerman-Thiercof plot near their son-in-law, ROGER ZIMMERMAN, who died 28 Jan 1950, aged 46 years, first husband of their youngest daughter, DORIS.

EDWARD attended the public schools in Three Rivers, graduating from their high school soon after attaining his seventeenth birthday, in 1895. In 1945 he returned to Michigan to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his high school graduating class. He had been living continuously since 1911 in Los Angeles County, California. Those traveling to Three Rivers for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration numbered eight, three men and five women. During his high school years EDWARD was a member of the football team and in 1896 both he and his older brother, CLAUDE, were members of a semi-professional football club in St. Joseph County.

From his graduation in 1895 for about three years EDWARD was employed in his home county and had joined the National Guard along with the older brother. However, when the Spanish American War broke out in 1898 he decided against the regimentation (according to his younger sister in the 1970's) of the armed forces but feeling deeply the adventuresome spirit of his ancestors, made his way to Colorado to prospect for gold. He resided with a family in Denver and obtained employment as a waiter at the Brown Palace Hotel; this provided him with funds which he saved up during the winter months so that in the summer months he could carry out his plans to prospect for gold in Cripple Creek and Leadville. He continued this search for ten years--unsuccessfully! However, those years were memorable ones for him and in all his succeeding years he would recount his experiences in those areas and in Colorado Springs; the hunting and fishing trips were made often with friends; prospecting when the weather permitted with these same friends; and in the winter months, living comfortably indoors and working at the hotel. Following the end of the Spanish American War, his older brother, CLAUDE, who had contracted malaria, came to live in Denver at the suggestion of EDWARD; their feeling that the climate there would be conducive to a complete recovery proved accurate. CLAUDE and EDWARD lived together and worked together there for several years until the former in 1907 married NELLIE SMITH. By 1908 EDWARD decided ten years was sufficient to devote to the apparently hopeless task of finding gold and he returned to visit his family in Michigan. However he would never again be content to remain in the smaller communities where all his ancestors had lived out their lives; he settled in Chicago, obtaining employment at the Palmer House and in 1911 he met and married his wife, LILLIAN MAYBERRY, on St. Patrick's Day. By December that year he had completed his plans for their honeymoon trip to Southern California which he

had also decided would be their future home.

Undoubtedly he was influenced by several of his friends from Denver all of whom had already settled in Southern California and continually sent him colorful postal cards with attractive scenes of orange trees blooming, swimming in the beautiful blue ocean and flowers blooming all year long--without snow.

EDWARD and his bride settled in an apartment on top of Bunker Hill in the downtown city of Los Angeles where they resided the first year and he sought employment as a waiter; however, he found the local California natives did not welcome outsiders and it was almost one year before he obtained steady employment although he would be given temporary assignments from time to time, especially for large events or celebrations which required the assistance of extra waiters. In 1912 the city of Los Angeles was still a very small community and EDWARD and his wife lived to see it continually grow the next fifty-four years to become one of the four largest cities in the United States. The Hayward Hotel and Alexandria Hotel were perhaps the two leading establishments of that period and EDWARD eventually was employed permanently in one or the other of these. In later years he would recall his work there which included serving such celebrities as the Hollywood movie stars, MARY PICKFORD and her first husband and later her second husband, DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, and other Hollywood luminaries.

His release from this confining, in-door night work arrived with America's entry into World War I in the spring of 1917. By this time he and his wife had had two sons and two daughters born to them, the first son however, dying at birth in September 1915. By the early part of 1913 they had purchased a home in the suburbs of Los Angeles County but outside the city, in the village of Florence; here their last three children were born, at home. The oldest had been born in the Methodist Hospital in downtown Los Angeles.

EDWARD obtained employment at the San Pedro Harbor as a shipfitter's assistant, building ships for the war effort and continued in this through 1918 when that war ended. His craving for out-door employment and dislike of regimentation and in-door work caused him to enter the produce business in Los Angeles which he continued for many years; this enabled him to have his own vehicle, for the first time to learn to drive his one-ton Ford truck, and drive throughout Southern California picking up produce from the ranchers and farmers and fruit orchards which were abundant.

Before the event of Pearl Harbor in 1941 he had returned to employment at Terminal Island in San Pedro Harbor again to help in the war effort -- the same place and the same work he had done during World War I. He continued in this through the summer of 1945 with the end of hostilities in August that year and finally retired at the age of sixty-seven.

EDWARD had always been a strong member of the Democratic Party and sympathetic to the labor unions. In 1913 when he had finally obtained permanent employment as a waiter, he had had to join the Waiters' Union and by 1915 he was Secretary of that Union.

Children of EDWARD BANNON PALMER, SR. and his wife, LILLIAN MELVINA (MAYBERRY) PALMER were all born in Los Angeles County:

222. (1) OLGA MELVINA PALMER b 29 June 1912, Methodist Hospital, city of Los Angeles; m June 1932 HARLEY BROWN in Eagle Rock, County of Los Angeles (divorced 1940), no children. She m 17 June 1950 EMERY HAROLD GARTON (b 27 Jan 1907) as his third wife, in North Hollywood; no children. She died 9 Feb 1976 Westminster, Orange Co., and was buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles Co. California.

223. (2) DORIS LILLIAN PALMER b 6 Aug 1913 at home in the village of Florence, Los Angeles Co., m (1st) 24 Aug 1948 HARRY ROGER ZIMMERMAN (b 12 Oct 1903 Green Springs, Ohio; d 28 Jan 1950 Los Angeles) in Methodist Church, Inglewood, California; ROGER's first wife had died February 1945 in Chicago; he had no children by either marriage. DORIS m (2nd) in Congregational Church, South Pasadena, WILLIAM HYRUM BUYS on 5 Nov 1960 as his second wife. He was born 20 Aug 1907 Heber City, Utah, son of WILLIAM and SARAH JANE (McDONALD) BUYS of Heber City. They reside in Oceanside, San Diego Co., California, (1985).

(3) Baby PALMER (son) born and died 15 Sept 1915, at home in village of Florence; buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Whittier, California.

224. (4) EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR. b 7 Mar 1917 at home in village of Florence, m 11 Sept 1938 in Methodist Church, Inglewood, FERN ELIZABETH HENDRICKS (b 18 Nov 1915 Oklahoma), dau of ROY L. and ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE") (PEASLEY) HENDRICKS of Lakeport, Northern California; div.1954; three children, all born in California:

i CLAUDE EDWARD PALMER b 24 Sept 1940, Inglewood, resides Torrance, California.

ii PATRICIA JEANNE PALMER b 6 May 1943, Inglewood, resides Torrance, California.

iii DENNIS CRAIG PALMER b 28 Nov 1949, Fort Bragg in Mendocino County; resides Torrance.

EDWARD, JR. retired June 1985 after thirty-five years with the same company; resides Long Beach, California.

178. WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER[10], (Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in the village of Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan 1 April 1883, the third son of CYRUS ALBERT and ELLEN (BANNON) PALMER. He married 25 Dec 1912 ALICE EDYTHE CAMP at Indianapolis, Indiana (b 8 Oct 1883, Seymour, Indiana, the dau of JOHN H. and KATHRYN (REDMAN) CAMP). They resided first in Indianapolis and later in Detroit, Michigan, where he died 1 March 1953; ALICE died 20 Sept 1954; both are buried in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Detroit.

WILLIAM attended the public schools in Three Rivers, graduating from the local high school about 1901. He obtained employment first in his home area with Fairbanks Morse Company, headquartered in Indianapolis; later he was transferred to the headquarters office where he remained until about 1928 and during which time he married and had one son born to his wife in November 1913. WILLIAM possessed a natural engineering talent and this, combined also with his artistic ability, resulted in his eventually becoming a first-class design engineer. He traveled around the United States for the Fairbanks Morse Company and about 1925 made one trip to Southern California.

The automobile industry in the 1920's had made rapid strides and the future was obviously unlimited. WILLIAM and his family removed to Detroit where he obtained a position with the Hudson Motor Company as a design engineer and soon became one of their foremost designers of their automobiles, as well as a mechanical engineer.

The unusual middle name given WILLIAM was the surname of one WILLIAM SICKLER who had married JEMIMA BANNON (b 15 July 1836, Pennsylvania; died 1900 at Three Rivers, Michigan). JEMIMA was an older sister to ELLEN (BANNON) PALMER and she and her husband, WILLIAM SICKLER, never had any children of their own. ELLEN was the youngest of eleven children born to HENRY BANNON and his wife, ELIZABETH DIEHL. Although ELLEN's parents died prior to her marriage in 1874, her siblings remained living near her, all in St. Joseph County and she had a great feeling of affection and responsibility for them. Undoubtedly this was one way of displaying her feelings when she named her third son after her brother-in-law. In later years when another older sister was a Civil War widow, she made her home much of the time with ELLEN and her own family and it was in their home that this sister, MARTHA JANE (BANNON) BAIRD died in 1917.

WILLIAM PALMER (SR.) retired from the Hudson Motor Company about 1952, at age sixty-nine. In October 1950, having a month's vacation, he and his wife made the journey to California, visiting San Francisco and spending two weeks in Los Angeles with his older brother and the latter's family. His wife, ALICE, was an accomplished artist, having a natural talent for painting; especially painting ceramics and porcelain.

WILLIAM and ALICE had one son born Indianapolis:

225. (1) WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER, JR. b 19 Nov 1913, m 8 Dec 1945 in Savannah, Georgia PAULINE+HEYWARD+COMER (b 21 Jan 1917 Savannah, dau of ARTHUR FINCH COMER and PAULINE FRANCES +(OVERTON) COMER of Savannah); he died 19 Nov 1979 in Detroit where his widow still resides; no children.

179. ZOE PALMER[10], (Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan, 26 June 1886, the only surviving daughter of CYRUS ALBERT and ELLEN (BANNON) PALMER. She attended the same public schools her three older brothers had been enrolled in, graduating from Three Rivers High School about 1904. As was customary in small towns in that period of time she remained at home assisting her mother in many ways. They were both devoted members of the local Baptist Church, ZOE having attended the Sunday School during her childhood, and activities of the church were part of their regular schedule, although ZOE's father and brothers never affiliated with any church during those years. In 1910 ZOE's parents decided employment for the father and younger brother (who had graduated from high school in 1908) would be better in the thriving city of Detroit and they removed to that city where both the father and young brother obtained employment.

ZOE wanted to further her education; she had a natural talent for drawing and art work and her two older brothers suggested she attend an art school in Chicago to perfect this talent; they offered to stand the expense of her schooling in Chicago. However, ZOE chose instead to attend the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for three years (1916-1918) furthering her knowledge in matters of religion in her chosen denomination--the Baptist. She found this deeper study of the Bible more rewarding, a decision she always maintained she never regretted and this prepared her for the many years she thereafter devoted to church work. The spiritual knowledge and convictions she acquired through her religious experience remained with her throughout her life and undoubtedly contributed to her health and happiness even into her 99th year which she celebrated 26 June 1985.

Following her father's sudden passing in September 1920, ZOE continued at home looking after her mother while the younger brother, LOUIS, was employed in the city. For many years prior to her death in 1917 ZOE's Aunt JANE (BANNON) BAIRD would make the trip from Centreville, Michigan, to spend months during the winter with her youngest sister, ELLEN, and the latter's daughter, ZOE. The home owned by JANE BAIRD (a Civil War widow) in Centreville eventually was owned by ZOE's mother, which she sold about 1919. About the same time, following the sale in 1916 of the large farm and house in Wasepi previously owned by ZOE's Palmer grandparents, the proceeds had been distributed equally to ZOE's father and his siblings. Following the death of ZOE's mother in 1925, she removed to Port Huron, Michigan, where she continued her activities in the local Baptist Church where she also met her future husband, Dr. WILLIAM SEYMOUR GRIGG, a widower, with a ten-year old son, WILLIAM, JR., to raise and an elderly mother to care for. Her years of living under the guidance of her mother and her five years devoted to the work of a home missionary in Detroit (with the Christian Women's Missionary Organization) had prepared her well for her new life to take over the home of a widowed chiropractor with a young son and an elderly mother dependent upon them. Dr. GRIGG had been born 27 Aug 1878 at Carsonville, Michigan and died in Port Huron 26 June 1942; they were married 7 Aug 1930.

Before the commencement of World War II, ZOE's step-son had married BETTY SASU and they resided in nearby Marysville. However, following

the attack on Pearl Harbor, he had to relinquish his position in the local plant of Chrysler Automotive Company and enlist in the armed forces. He served for three years in the South Pacific with the 1766th Engineer F-FP-Teg. 4 P.P.H. and returned home safely in 1945. In 1946 a daughter was born to WILLIAM, JR. and his wife, BETTY, they named SHERRY GRIGG. On 27 Aug 1954 another dau was born named DIANE GRIGG. SHERRY married EDMUND HENSCHEL and they had the following children:

i GREGORY HENSCHEL b Aug 1972 in Michigan.
ii MARK EDWARD HENSCHEL b 1 Nov 1974 in Michigan.
iii VICTORIA LYNN HENSCHEL b 6 April 1982 in Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

At the Christmas holidays in 1973 ZOE GRIGG made the roundtrip flight from Detroit to Los Angeles, then aged 87 years, to spend a month visiting with her late brother's children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She continues to reside (April 1986) in Port Huron, Michigan; her second granddaughter, DIANE, married MICHAEL PETERSON and has a dau, RACHEL PETERSON. They reside in Bad Axe, Michigan. ZOE's 100th birthday is 26 June 1986!

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180. LOUIS HENRY PALMER[10], (Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Three Rivers, Michigan, the youngest child of CYRUS ALBERT and ELLEN (BANNON)PALMER. He attended the local public schools in that town, graduating from Centreville High School in 1909. In 1910 he removed to Detroit with his parents and sister, seeking employment in the automotive industry there which was then in its infancy. He was employed at different periods by both the Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation until his retirement in Detroit in 1946, brought about primarily due to overwork and his resulting illness.

LOUIS removed to Southern California in 1947 where he made his home with his older brother, EDWARD, in Lomita. By 1949 he had so regained his health that he found employment again, with the Pacific Optical Company in Inglewood, where he also took up his residence to be near his work. He was employed as a supervisor in the manufacture of precision lenses for the United States Government aircraft and equipment. He retired a second time in 1957. He joined Lodge No.177 at River Rouge, Knights of Pythias in 1919.

On 18 June 1927 LOUIS had married the widow of his best friend, JULIA (CURTIS) STAMBAUGH (b 9 May 1872 in Ohio, d 20 Jan 1941 in Detroit); she was the dau of JAMES CURTIS and ELIZABETH (COMER) CURTIS; her husband, MANLY STAMBAUGH and LOUIS had been active members of the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Detroit for almost twenty years, which LOUIS had joined in 1919. Neither LOUIS or JULIA ever had any children. Shortly before his death in 1969 he was awarded the Fifty Year Membership Pin from his Lodge.

LOUIS died 25 Oct 1969 in a hospital in Torrance, Los Angeles County, California. He was buried beside his late wife and her first husband in Fairview Cemetery at DuPont, Ohio; the services were conducted by the Knights of Pythias Lodge .

(Source: Palmer Family History Book written by CELIA (PALMER) HOWE CARTER and other Family Records.)

181. ERVIN W. PALMER[10] (Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Jan 1871 in Ridgeway Township, the oldest child of his parents (who survived), LEONIDAS and NANCY M. (LINN) PALMER. Inasmuch as his parents were married in Oct 1866 and ERVIN was not born until more than five years had elapsed, it is probable there were other children born before ERVIN who did not survive. ERVIN married in June 1901 ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE") JANE McCARBERY (b 9 Oct 1877 Macon Township, Mich., died 11 Oct 1944), dau of JAMES and ELIZABETH (McWILLIAMS) McCARBERRY. ERVIN died 12 Mar 1943 and his wife, ELIZABETH died the following year on 1 October. They are buried side by side in the new Palmer Family Plot of the Ridgeway Village Cemetery next to the graves of his parents. When submitting a statement for the disability pension due to his Civil War service, ERVIN's father, LEONIDAS gave the date of birth of this oldest son as 1872.

ELIZABETH McCARBERY PALMER was named for her grandmother, ELIZABETH (COUPLES) McCARBERY who must have been a very remarkable woman, and also for her mother, ELIZABETH McWILLIAMS. When the grandfather CHARLES McCARBERY died in 1848 in Ireland leaving his wife with five children, she decided the next year to bring her family to America. The family commenced the long journey accompanied also by two nephews and a niece of CHARLES McCARBERY. Their sailboat became ship-wrecked and they were forced to return to port. This did not deter them and again they took leave by sailboat, reaching New York after a three months' voyage where they remained until 1855; that year they migrated to Michigan. ELIZABETH McCARBERY and the smaller children lived in Tecumseh while the sons proceeded to locate in nearby Macon Township. The names of only three of her five children have been found: HENRY, JAMES (born 1826) and ELIZABETH who died in her teens.

JAMES McCARBERY was aged about 29 years when he reached Michigan with his mother, settling in the Ridgeway area where he purchased 40 acres of land and thereafter added to it until he owned one hundred acres on Milwaukee Road. He married (1st) ELIZABETH TOLAN about whom nothing more is known; he married (2nd) in 1875 at age 49 years ELIZABETH McWILLIAMS by whom he had three children: ELIZABETH (born 1877) who married ERVIN PALMER; ROBERT who married MARGARET BALL; and CHARLES McCARBERY II named for the grandfather who died in County Antrim, Ireland.

ERVIN attended the local public schools in Ridgeway and was a member of the Britton Christian Church. His entire life was devoted to farming. He was a member of the Republican Party.

ERVIN and ELIZABETH had three children born in Ridgeway Township:

226. (1) LELAND STANFORD PALMER b 23 Nov 1901, d 11 Feb 1975, m 12 Oct 1926 THELMA PEARL BOYD (b 13 Mar 1902); 1 daughter.

227. (2) LILLIAN MAY PALMER b 16 Jan 1907, m 1 Sept 1928 EDGAR CLARENCE BUTTOLPH (b 1 Sept 1899, d 17 Sept 1962); 1 daughter.

228. (3) ELWOOD JAMES PALMER b 14 July 1909, d 27 May 1966, m 1 March 1938 RUTH WAHL (b 13 Aug 1913); 1 son.

Source:

"Bygone Days" (1975) pp. 97, 172, by Britton Campfire Firls.
Family Records of Mrs. LILLIAN PALMER BUTTOLPH furnished 1979.

182. ARTHUR J. PALMER[10] (Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1])was born 4 Jan 1876 in Ridgeway Township, the second of three sons born to LEONIDAS and NANCY M. (LINN) PALMER. He married (1st) CARRIE M. SUTTON 24 Dec 1895 in Ridgeway Twp (b 29 Apr 1874 Ridgeway, d 29 Oct 1911), the dau of CHARLES and HARRIET(SUTTON) SUTTON. CARRIE was buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery near other Palmer family burials.

There were two different, unrelated SUTTON families who migrated to the Ridgeway area and intermarried and CARRIE (SUTTON) PALMER descended from both of them. By 1835 CORNELIUS B. SUTTON (born 1812) and his wife, CHARLOTTE (born 1809) had purchased property on PALMER Highway in Ridgeway; little is known of this couple except that they had two daughters: DEVILLA born 1837, married 1868 and died 1875 when her second child was born; and HARRIET born 1850, married 1866 CHARLES SUTTON and died 1909. HATTIE (as she was called) and CHARLES had three children: ALBERT, LOTTIE and CARRIE SUTTON.

ARTHUR and CARRIE were married sixteen years when she died in 1911 but had one child, RAYMOND, born 9 Sept 1899. ARTHUR married (2nd) 15 Apr 1913 ANNA GOODLANDER; whether the marriage took place in Michigan or following his removal to Southern California is unknown. The exact date of his leaving Michigan is also unknown; it is known to be some time between 1912 and 1915. His young son, RAYMOND, accompanied ARTHUR to his new home in Southern California where the father obtained employment as a superintendent of the Water Works at Victorville; they resided there on Palmdale Road. At a later date ARTHUR and his son removed to Huntington Beach in the coastal area in Orange County where they operated a motel. Here ARTHUR died 12 April 1946; he was buried in Westminster Cemetery, Westminster, Orange County, California.

ARTHUR and CARRIE PALMER had one child:

(1) RAYMOND PALMER b 9 Sept 1899, m CLARA JOHNSON; they had one daughter, HELEN LOUISE PALMER born Sept 1920.

Sources:

Family Records of CYRUS PALMER, JR.
and CYRUS PALMER, III
Family Bible of LEONIDAS and NANCY PALMER
(in possession of CYRUS PALMER, III)
"History of Britton, Mich. 1830-1971."
"Bygone Days" (1975) published by Britton-Macon Area Camp Fire Girls,(pp. 97, 172.)

183. CYRUS A. PALMER[10] (Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Dec 1879, in Ridgeway Township, Michigan, the third and last son of LEONIDAS and NANCY (LINN) PALMER. He married (1st) 19 Aug 1905 MARY (MAE) E. WHEELER of Jackson, Michigan; they were divorced. He married (2nd) IDA MAE STRAIT on 6 Dec 1925 in California. CYRUS died 6 Oct 1944 and his widow died 16 Feb 1972; they are buried in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

CYRUS received his teaching credential at the Michigan State Normal College (now the Eastern University of Michigan). The exact date of his removal to Southern California is unknown but by 1914 records reveal he had purchased land in what is today Orange County, city of Orange. He had planned to follow his profession of a teacher in California but his Teaching Certificate was not accepted and he turned to other pursuits and became an orange grower.

He purchased land in Orange County, constructed his house thereon and developed the adjoining acreage into orange groves as early as 1914. By 1920's he had also become a school teacher in the Villa Park area. CYRUS was extremely civic-minded and active in his community in numerous organizations including the following and usually attained the highest office in each:

President of the Orange Growers' Association of California;
President of the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation Company;
Secretary-Treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association, 1932;
Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. Lodge for the State of California, 1927.

CYRUS had one child by his second wife:

229. (1) CYRUS A. PALMER, JR.[11] born 6 June 1927 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California,
m (1st) EVELYN MAY FRIEND 30 Dec 1947; divorced; m (2nd) BILLIE WILDA KRAXLER (b 3 Sept 1919 Green Town, Ohio), dau of BRUCE and ANN (WEAVER) CREIGHTON; 3 children by first wife:

i JANET MAY PALMER[12] b 15 March 1949.
ii CYRUS A. PALMER, III b 1 Dec 1950.
iii LeROY ARTHUR PALMER b 18 Dec 1951.

In an interview about 1980, CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. and his son (same name) advised the compiler that their middle initial "A" did not indicate a middle name; only the initial had been given them, they were told. In the tradition of continuing first names in a family, the compiler could explain to them that LEONIDAS PALMER (b 1843), son of FENNER PALMER (b 1818), had an Uncle named CYRUS A. PALMER (middle initial only). That CYRUS A. PALMER (b 1815) was an older brother of FENNER. However, CYRUS had six sons and named the 4th son after himself but gave him a name instead of just an initial: CYRUS ALBERT PALMER, compiler's grandfather.

Sources: Family Records of CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. and CYRUS A.PALMER (3rd) and LEONIDAS PALMER Family Bible also in their possession. The son resided (1980) in Yorba Linda, California.
"Palmer MSS." page 170.

184. EDWARD G. PALMER[10] (Enos[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 11 Oct 1867 in the village of Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the oldest of two sons born to ENOS and MARY (SMITH) PALMER. He married (1st) ca 1890 ADDIE ETTINGER (b Feb 1868, d 5 Jan 1895, Ridgeway), dau of LEVI and HANNAH (_____) ETTINGER. They had two children and a few years after MARY's death EDWARD married (2nd) 29 Nov 1904 MARGARET HITCHCOCK (b 3 Feb 1877, d 1969), dau of MOSES and MINERVA (DANIELS) HITCHCOCK; they had three children. EDWARD died 1944 aged 77 years; his widow died 1969 aged 92 years. Markers on their graves in the Palmer Plot in Ridgeway Cemetery, reveal they are buried next to each other in the 2nd row:

MARGARET S. PALMER	EDWARD G. PALMER	ADDIE ETTINGER
1877 - 1969	1867 - 1944	Wife of E. G. PALMER 1868 - 1895

EDWARD lived his entire life in Ridgeway and Britton, presumably as a farmer. His first wife was only 27 years of age when she died just fourteen months after the birth of their son, RALPH.

Children by first wife:

(1) ORPHA MAE PALMER b 6 June 1891, m RALPH T. LEE (b 17 Aug 1890); they resided in Miami Beach, Florida, but RALPH at one time was owner of two hotels IN Detroit. They had five children:
  i PATRICIA M. LEE b 17 Mar 1917, m 10 Sept 1938 LESLIE C. SMITH, JR. (b 25 Mar 1916), resided Detroit.
  ii MARY A. LEE b 20 Feb 1919.
  iii PRISCILLA M. LEE b 6 Mar 1921.
  iv GLORIA ANN LEE b 26 Oct 1924.
  v RALPH T. LEE, JR.

(2) RALPH PALMER b 5 Nov 1893, m MARY BYRNE. RALPH became a lawyer in New York State and resided in Rochester. They had three children:
  i BARBARA JEAN PALMER b 14 Feb 1922.
  ii ROBERT BYRNE PALMER b 16 Apr 1924.
  iii JOHN EDWARD PALMER b 5 Oct 1925.

Children by second wife:

(3) MILDRED ARLENE PALMER b 13 May 1906, m 1 Jan 1931 EDWARD+GRIPTON (b 21 Jan 1906), son of GEORGE L. and EMMA M.+(EXELBY) GRIPTON; (also ELLA MAE EXELBY in "Bygone Days", p.104 which text also lists the husband of MILDRED PALMER as CHARLES EDWARD.) MILDRED and EDWARD were both teachers in Detroit. They had two children:
  i CHARLES EDWARD GRIPTON,JR.
  ii MARY KAY GRIPTON of Dearborn, Michigan.

(4) BERTHA PALMER b 20 Sept 1907, m 1 Jan 1938 EDWARD TAYLOR (b 3 May 1907); resided Detroit.

(5) KENNETH PALMER b 16 Dec 1909, m 17 Apr 1937 VIRGINIA HOUGHTON (b 19 Sept 1912),dau of CHESTER and LEOLA(PIERCE)HOUGHTON. Resided Detroit.

Source: "Palmer MSS" page 1071-1072; "Bygone Days" supra page 104.

185. PHENA MARIE PALMER[10], (Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 July 1884 in Britton-Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the second child of ALBERT EDWARD and ISABELLE (WILLIS) PALMER. She married 19 July 1923 at Detroit DONALD FRASER WRIGHT (b 27 Mar 1883, Tecumseh, d 6 Jan 1952, bur. Tecumseh), the son of CHARLES AGUSTINE and MARY (FRASER) WRIGHT of that town. PHENA resided the last years of her life near her only child in Orange County, California, at Leisure World Retirement Community; she died 4 Oct 1973 and was bur in Fairview Cemetery, Orange, California.

The biography of PHENA PALMER WRIGHT prepared when she was Regent of the ABI EVANS CHAPTER, D.A.R. (1947-1948), Lenawee County, Michigan, contained the following:

> "At the age of ten years the family removed to Adrian, the county seat of Lenawee County, where PHENA attended the public schools and after graduation from high school she taught four years in the Old North Branch (now the Washington) School, and then for 2½ years she taught in the rural schools in that county.
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> "Later PHENA graduated from the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, following which she taught at Highland Park (near Detroit) for ten years. She continued her studies at the University of Michigan for one year and a summer school session at the University of Colorado at Boulder. PHENA spent the summer of 1922 traveling in Europe. In 1923 she married DONALD FRASER WRIGHT, a Tecumseh druggist, who had one son by a former marriage: WILLIAM A. WRIGHT."

PHENA was a member of the National Sorority, Alpha Sigma Tau, the Order of the Eastern Star and the D.A.R.

In the 1930's PHENA took an active genealogical interest in her PALMER family's history and for many years she corresponded with as many of the descendants of JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and his wife, NANCY LAMB, as she could locate, seeking from them a complete resume of their own individual histories and the vital statistics of each one and their own descendants; she was doing this primarily to assist Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City (who resided in Hightstown, N.J.) who was compiling a book or several volumes for publication to be entitlted "PALMER FAMILIES IN AMERICA." This project had been commenced about 1900 by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, N. Y. who became associated with the attorney about 1910 but on the sudden passing of BYRON in 1927 was completely taken over by the associate and continued until his death in 1954; at that point in time the project ceased as far as research was concerned. PHENA made a great contribution to this research project, particularly with regard to the descendants of her own emigrant ancestor, WALTER PALMER OF STONINGTON, of which BYRON PALMER was also one. His associate, HORACE PALMER, however, descended from another PALMER emigrant: LIEUT. WILLIAM PALMER "of Yarmouth, Mass. and Newton, N.Y." first of record in this country in 1638/39 whereas the emigrant WALTER PALMER had reached Salem, Massachusetts, in 1628/29, (see Vol.1, 1966 of that Palmer series).

PHENA (PALMER) WRIGHT and her husband, DONALD WRIGHT, had but one child:

230. (1) MARY ISABEL WRIGHT b 4 Sept 1925 in Ann Arbor, Mich., m (1st) WARREN H. STEURER 4 Aug 1947 at Tecumseh,Mich. (b 30 Oct 1925, Tarrytown, N.Y.), the son of DR. WILLIAM H. and LYDE (HOWARD) STEURER of Tarrytown; divorced 3 Feb 1981 Orange Co., Calif.; two children; MARY married (2nd) 1984 DAVID MARCUS OGREN (b 8 May 1920 Jamestown, N. Y.), the son of DAVID PAUL and M. GLADYS (AHLSTROM) OGREN of Jamestown. MARY and DAVID OGREN reside Bellingham, Washington.

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186. WILLIS A. PALMER[10] (Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 30 Aug 1889, the fourth child of ALBERT EDWARD and ISABELLE (WILLIS) PALMER; another child, JOIE, had been born to his mother 10 May 1887 who died 8 Apr 1888. WILLIS was so named after his maternal grandfather, NICHOLAS WILLIS, who had been b 1819 in Manchester, England, married there in 1850 HANNAH TODD (b 1825), settled in Michigan in 1856, and died there in 1896; HANNAH WILLIS died there 1904. In 1868 WILLIS PALMER's grandparents, NICHOLAS and HANNAH, reached the Britton area of Michigan, purchased there a farm on the east side of S. Monroe-Lenawee County Line Road on the prairie and were the parents of seven children:

SARAH WILLIS who married JOHN HOUSEMAN and had three children;
HENRY WILLIS;
ISABELLE WILLIS who married ALBERT EDWARD PALMER;four children;
JAMES WILLIS who married MAE POCKLINGTON and had seven children;
JOHN WILLIS (b 1865, m 1887 JENNIE TUNNISON, d 1916) also had seven children;
MARY WILLIS who married _____ SUTTON; and
JOSEPH WILLIS.

WILLIS married 17 June 1916 INA BELL (also INABELLE) YOUNGS (b 26 Nov 1893, died 1968) who taught school before their marriage. She was the dau of FRED and HATTIE (LARKIN) YOUNGS. WILLIS and INABELLE were both active in the Masons and Eastern Star, he being a member of Masonic Lodge No. 60 at Tecumseh and both were members there of the Eastern Star. WILLIS, like his father, was a staunch Republican in politics; he was also a member of the "Zal Gaz Grotto" at Ann Arbor, a Masonic social group. WILLIS died in 1963; he and his wife are buried next to his parents in the huge Palmer Family Plot in Ridgeway Village Cemetery; theirs is a joint tombstone with the insignia of the Square and Compass (Masonic Lodge) on his side and the Star on her side. They had two children:

231. (1) PHYLLIS JANE PALMER b 29 July 1917, m 12 June 1938 ROBERT HAMILTON (b 28 Nov 1914, d 14 Feb 1981), son of JOHN and ELIZABETH (PENNY) HAMILTON; they have four sons.

232. (2) DOUGLAS A. PALMER b 29 Aug 1919, m 26 Oct 1941 at Irwinton, Georgia, AUDREY L. DOWNING (b 13 Feb 1922, Milan, Mich.)dau of JOSEPH and IVA (SPENCER) DOWNING; they have three children.

187. CARRIE PALMER[10], (Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Jan 1892 in Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan, the fifth and last child of ALBERT EDWARD and ISABELLE (WILLIS) PALMER. She married 12 June 1913 at Onsted, Michigan EARL T. MURPHY (b 7 Mar 1889, Tecumseh, Mich.), son of THOMAS and JANE (ANDERSON) MURPHY of Tecumseh.

THOMAS MURPHY emigrated in 1868 from Antrim County, Ireland and settled in the Tecumseh area where he worked for a time. In 1878 he married JANE ANDERSON who had arrived there from Ireland in 1866. They settled on the farm THOMAS had previously purchased on Ridge Road. In 1898 the MURPHY family purchased a farm north of Tecumseh and lived there until 1918 when they moved into the town of Tecumseh. JANE MURPHY lived to be 82 years of age; THOMAS died in 1937 at the home of his son, EARL, and daughter-in-law, CARRIE, in Britton, where he had lived for the last few of his 90 years, ("Bygone Days" p.98). They had five children: LIZZIE (MURPHY) FELDMAN, FLORENCE (MURPHY) GIBSON, ELLA (MURPHY) BOYD, JAMES MURPHY and EARL who married CARRIE PALMER.

CARRIE and EARL resided in Britton, Macon Township, Mich., where they were farmers and were members of the Christian Congregational Church.

CARRIE died 9 Jan 1978 in Tecumseh and her husband died the same month on the 22nd. They are buried in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh.

They had two sons:

(1) ALFRED MURPHY born April 1914, died April 1914.

233. (2) DONALD PALMER MURPHY born 30 April 1924, m 11 June 1949 FRIEDA PAULINE MERRITT (b 27 July 1927), dau of CHARLES H. and FANNIE L. MERRITT of Milan, Michigan. They have two daus:

i DONNA LEE MURPHY b 1 Feb 1952 at Ann Arbor, Mich.

ii PATRICIA DIANE MURPHY b 7 July 1955, Tecumseh.

188. IDA MAY SMITH[10] (Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Nov 1880 in Britton, Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, m 23 Aug 1899 WILLIAM KINGSBURY (b 15 July 1880, d 1961) son of FRANCIS and MARY KINGSBURY. IDA was the oldest child of EMMA MAE (PALMER) and FRANK E. SMITH.

Following her marriage, IDA and her husband settled down in Deerfield, a distance south of Britton, where they were farmers and lived out their lives. IDA died 22 Jan 1970, aged 89 years; both are buried in the Deerfield Cemetery.

IDA and WILLIAM had three children:

(1) HAROLD W. KINGSBURY[11] b 3 Jan 1903, m (1st) 21 Nov 1936 MARGUERITE SCHURER (b 2 Feb 1902, d 1968), dau of JOHN and STELLA (DAY) SCHURER; m (2nd) 1970 MILDRED HOLBERT (b 1905, d 30 Aug 1980 in Florida, aged 75). HAROLD was the first in his family line who did not follow the tradition of farming; he resided in Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed as Traffic Manager for the I.B. DuPont Company. There were no children; he d July 1979.

234. (2) HOWARD FRANCIS KINGSBURY b 7 Aug 1904, m 1942 MATTIE KIPP (b 1912), dau of JASPER and EFFIE MELVINA KIPP. They had four children.[11]

235. (3) LINFORD GEORGE KINGSBURY b 3 Feb 1913, m 9 June 1937 JUNE CROTS (b 8 June 1917) dau of EDWARD and NELLIS M. (GERBER) CROTS. They had four children.

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189. HERBERT F. SMITH[10] (Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 5 July 1883, the second child born to EMMA MAE (PALMER) and FRANK E. SMITH. HERBERT m 22 Mar 1905 GRACE HOAGLAND (b 4 Apr 1881, d 13 Mar 1960); he died 1977, aged 94 years; both are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery, Ridgeway. HERBERT continued the family tradition of being a farmer, residing in Britton, Mich. Although most of the information about HERBERT and GRACE (including the names of their two children) was furnished the compiler by members of the family, it has been noted that "Bygone Days" (pub in the 1970's) contains a brief history of the HOAGLAND family. HENRY HOAGLAND born 1800, m 1824 MARY VANTYLE (b 1802, d 1839) reached Ridgeway Twp in 1832; they had seven children; MARY died in 1838 and HENRY married (2nd) AMANDA GODDARD in 1840 by whom he also had seven children, a total of fourteen, the last one being born in 1849. Unfortunately the sketch is very brief and does not follow down all fourteen children; it seems likely that GRACE HOAGLAND SMITH was descended from this family. Page 109 of this publication includes a photograph of five individuals, all members of the HOAGLAND family; one is identified as "GRACE SMITH (see PALMER)" and apparently three of her sisters and one brother, all being identified as "Children of CHARLES and SARAH JANE (SCOTT) HOAGLAND.

CHARLES H. HOAGLAND is further identified as the youngest son of the pioneer HENRY HOAGLAND by his second wife, AMANDA; they resided on

Monroe Road. From this short but very pertinent sketch of the HOAGLAND family, we have learned much about the wife of HERBERT SMITH, GRACE and on page 98 of the same book a photograph of HERBERT and GRACE appears taken "on Palmer Highway." This photo appears in the section of the book describing the history of the PALMER family which was that of HERBERT SMITH's mother, EMMA MAE PALMER.

HERBERT and GRACE SMITH had two children:

236. (1) FORD SMITH[11] b 9 Dec 1906, m 5 July 1930 BEATRICE GORHAM (b 28 Jan 1909), dau of CHARLES and MARTHA (ACKLEY) GORHAM. They resided in Grass Lake, Michigan and had one child.

(2) ESTHER SMITH b 22 Apr 1922 (adopted) m (1st) ORVILLE FRAKER (b 2 June 1921), son of EARL and EMMA (YADER) FRAKER of Wauson, Ohio; they had one son; after ORVILLE's death (bur Wauson) ESTHER m (2nd) ROBERT BAKER 18 Apr 1971 (b 19 Nov 1920), son of CHARLES JAMESON and OLIVE (WOOD) JAMESON. (ROBERT took the surname of his step-father, JAMES H. BAKER, a lawyer, following his father's death and OLIVE's marriage to that lawyer.) ROBERT BAKER is also a lawyer. ESTHER and ORVILLE FRAKER had one son:

i GERALD FRAKER b 3 June 1943, m Oct 1961 COLLEEN BERGER; reside Calif.; they had two children:

(a) TINA MARIE FRAKER b 3 Sept 1965.

(b) BRANDI ANN FRAKER b 23 July 1972.

ESTHER and ROBERT have adopted dau BARBARA ANN BAKER born 25 Mar 1953.

190. RAY SMITH[10] (Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 26 Aug 1884, m 22 Nov 1907 FERN UNDERWOOD (b 18 Apr 1888), dau of WILLIAM and ADELAIDE (PILBEAM) UNDERWOOD. RAY and FERN resided in Detroit where RAY was a hotel owner and apartment manager. He is buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

RAY's father-in-law, WILLIAM UNDERWOOD (b 1842, d 1919) was one of ten children born to another Britton-Ridgeway pioneer family; JOHN and ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD settled in the woods southwest of Britton with their two children and eight more children were born in the new home. In due time the children married into other pioneer families, the names of which are so familiar: EXELBY, GETTY, PILBEAM, POCKLINGTON and the RAY SMITH who married FERN UNDERWOOD was a son of EMMA MAE PALMER.

RAY and FERN had one daughter b Britton, Michigan:

(1) MILDRED KATHRYN SMITH[12] b 10 Nov 1909, m 24 Jan 1936 (1st) at Angola, Indiana, HERMAN MALCOLM JACKSON (b 24 Mar 1904); divorced; he was the son of BOGLE JACKSON. MILDRED m (2nd) 24 May 1950 LLEWLYN PILBEAM (b 10 Nov 1909), same family as that of her grandmother, ADELAIDE PILBEAM UNDERWOOD; this marriage too ended in divorce. In 1979 MILDRED was residing in Clinton, Mich. with her dau and son-in-law; she died in 1980. MILDRED's only child was:

i ROXANNA PILBEAM[13] b 29 Mar 1947, m 17 Sept 1969 THOMAS C. KOTTS; they have two adopted daughters:
(a) JERRI DENISE KOTTS born 1970.
(b) DAWN MARIE KOTTS born 1971.

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191. GRACE SMITH[10] (Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 1 Oct 1887, the fourth child born to EMMA MAE (PALMER) and her husband FRANK SMITH. She m 23 May 1906 WALTER E. BURNHAM (b 15 Oct 1882, d 1940); they resided in Toledo, Ohio. GRACE died in 1967 and both are buried in Deerfield Cemetery, Deerfield, Michigan. WALTER and his son, HAZEN, were both railroad conductors with the New York Central, in Toledo.

GRACE and WALTER BURNHAM had three children:

(1) HAZEN L. BURNHAM[11] b 17 Aug 1908, m 5 Sept 1936 HELEN EDITH SCHUMANN (b 5 Sept 1909), dau of GEORGE and LOUISE (SCHULTZ) SCHUMANN; he died 1967 and HELEN died 1981. Both are buried in Toledo, Ohio. They had two children:
i WALTER L. BURNHAM b 1939, m 1961 RUTH ROTHLISBERGER, dau of JOHN and IRENE (PHILLIPS) ROTHLISBERGER. They have two children:
(a) ROBIN LYNN BURNHAM born 1962.
(b) STEVEN WALTER BURNHAM born 1964.
ii SHEILA ANN BURNHAM b 1943, m 1963 JAMES WAREJKO; they have two children:
(a) TAMARA LYNN WAREJKO b 1964; m 1983.
(b) JEFFERY WAREJKO b 1966.

(2) ORPHA MARIE BURNHAM[11] b 9 July 1915, m 1 May 1937 GRAYSON E. GRATOP (b 28 Feb 1911) son of FREDERICK and JENNIE (STENSON) GRATOP; resided Toledo, Ohio. Four sons:
i FREDERICK ROLLIN GRATOP b 1941, m KAREN WILLIS 1960; div. 1976. They have two children:
(a) KIMBERLY SUE GRATOP b 1961, m 1981 SIDNEY WILES; two children:
KRISTINA LYNN WILES b 1982
SIDNEY WILES, JR. b 1984, d 1984.
(b) RANDAL ALLEN GRATOP b 1964.
ii GARY HAROLD GRATOP b 1944, m 1969 JANE PALKO; div 1980; they have two children:
(a) KIMBERLY MARIE (MULIGAN) GRATOP, b 1965 (adopted);
(b) RONALD AARON GRATOP b 1972.
iii DONALD HAZEN GRATOP b 1948, m 1973 MARY ELIZABETH JUNKINS (b 1952) dau of CARL and JOANNE (HAAS) JUNKINS. They have two children:
(a) GAYLE JENNIFER GRATOP b 1976.
(b) JEFFERY ALAN GRATOP b 1978.
iv DALE WALTER GRATOP b 1951; not married (1985).

(3) HAROLD BURNHAM b 14 Nov 1917, m 1944 NORMA JEAN HEMSOTH (b 1923) dau of OTT and EDITH (OSTRANDER) HEMSOTH; he d 1967. He was a bowling lane proprietor in Toledo; two daughters:

i SUSAN KAY BURNHAM b 1949, m 1972 ROBERT A. FESENMYER (b 1949) son of ROBERT C. FESENMYER and PATRICIA (ZUILKOWSKI) FESENMYER. They have two children:

(a) KURT ANDREW FESENMYER b 1977.
(b) COREY NICOLE FESENMYER b 1981.

ii NANCY JEAN BURNHAM b 1952, m 1974 DONALD A. KIRK, son of DONALD F. and DOROTHY (BRENNAN) KIRK. They have three children:

(a) KELLY ANN KIRK b 1981.
(b) JOHN MICHAEL KIRK) Twins, born
(c) SCOTT ANDREW KIRK) 1983.

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192. RALPH ENOS SMITH[10] (Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 2 Oct 1896, the 5th and last child born to EMMA MAE PALMER and her husband, FRANK E. SMITH; he m 16 Mar 1922 ANNA ELLEN HOUCK (b 29 Mar 1899) dau of HARVEY and ELLA (LANG) HOUCK. RALPH and ANNA resided their entire married lives on their farm near Britton, Ridgeway Twp, Lenawee County, Mich., where he was a farmer; he also worked for Tecumseh Products, Tecumseh being a larger city near the Britton-Ridgeway towns. RALPH died 23 Aug 1977 and within the month ANNA died also on 17 Sept 1977; both are buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery. ANNA had graduated from Lenawee County Normal School and then from Adrian College and had taught in the elementary school for twenty years.

RALPH and ANNA had two children, both born in Britton:

237. (1) MAE GENE SMITH[11] b 17 Aug 1923, m 19 Mar 1945 MELVIN DALE KIBLER at Ridgeway (b 20 Oct 1920 at Whiteford Center, Ottawa Lake, Mich.) son of GEORGE and SADIE BLANCHE (HOPKINS) KIBLER of Whiteford Center. They have three children.

(2) LOWELL R. SMITH[11] b 27 Dec 1926 in Ridgeway Twp., m 21 June 1964 at Riga, Mich., MELBA JEAN (JACOBS) KNOBLAUCH (b 6 Jan 1927 at Ottawa Lake, Mich.) dau of FRED and JOSEPHINE (DRESSLER) JACOBS. LOWELL attended the schools in Britton, graduating from the Britton High School. They reside in Clearwater,Florida where LOWELL is self-employed in lawn service and they are members of the Lutheran Church. They have no children although MELBA JEAN has three children from her previous marriage: LINDA JEAN HICKMAN, DAVID LeROY KNOBLAUCH and VENDA KAY BROWN.

Sources:

Mrs. LILLIAN PALMER BUTTOLPH of Tecumseh (1980)
Mrs. MAE SMITH KIBLER of Tecumseh.
Mr. LINFORD GEORGE KINGSBURY of St.Petersburg, Florida (1985)
"Palmer MSS" (page 1074) information furnished 1930's by Mrs. PHENA PALMER WRIGHT of Tecumseh to the compiler, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER of New York City.

193. GRANT PALMER SARGENT[10] (Ernest[9], Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 May 1931 at Seattle, Washington, the older of two sons born to ERNEST GRANT SARGENT and his second wife, ANNE ROWLANDS. His paternal grandmother was CORA LOVE (PALMER) SARGENT, the oldest of four children born to NATHANIEL L. PALMER and his first wife, MARGARET LEVINIA DENISE PALMER of Walworth, Wayne County, New York.

GRANT attended Lincoln High School at Seattle and after graduation there he attended the University of Washington, receiving his B.A. degree in Accounting in 1958 on graduation. He had served in the U. S. Army from 1951 to 1953. In 1961 he obtained employment with the Internal Revenue Service in Seattle where he eventually became Group Manager and where he continues to be employed (1985).

In March 1964 GRANT married at Seattle BEVERLY ANN SMITH, dau of CHARLES SMITH of Bothell, Washington; they had one daughter and were divorced 22 Aug 1967. GRANT's home office continues to be in Seattle although his position entails trips to New York and Washington, D.C. During his service with the U. S. Army in the Signal Corps, he spent one year in Tokyo, Japan. He is a conservative Republican and enjoys outdoor sports, particularly skiing.

On 17 Mar 1979 GRANT married (2nd) GLORIA RAMIREZ at Las Vegas, Nevada (b 21 Jan 1936 at Phoenix, Arizona) the dau of DONALD F. and MARIA J. (YBARRA) RAMIREZ of that city. GLORIA, a high school graduate, is employed in the Trust Department (Accounting) of the Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle. They reside (1985) at Edmonds, Washington.

GRANT's only child, by his first wife, is:

(1) JANINE LYNN SARGENT b 6 Feb 1965 Seattle; graduated from Inglemoore High School, Bothell, Washington; married June 1983 GREGORY THOMPSON, son of JOHN and LYNDA THOMPSON, who graduated from Cascade High School, Everett, Washington; they reside in Everett while JANINE is continuing her education at Edmonds Junior College in Edmonds.

Source:

Mrs. Ernest Grant (Anne) Sargent (1977,1985).

194. DAVID BRUCE SARGENT[10] (Ernest[9], Cora[8], Nathaniel L.[7],Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 Aug 1933 at Seattle, Washington, the second and last child born to ERNEST GRANT SARGENT and his second wife, ANNE ROWLANDS. His mother had been born in Canada in British Columbia and his maternal grandparents were from North Wales.

DAVID attended the local public schools and following graduation from high school attended the Seattle University and also the University of Washington. He served three years in the United States Armed Forces in the 1950's serving in Alaska with the Communications Branch of the service. Like his brother, he is a conservative Republican. He married (1st) in Sept 1953 at Seattle ELLA MARIE TAYLOR (b 29 Mar 1934 at Springfield, Missouri), dau of MARION and RUBY (THOMPSON) TAYLOR of Springfield. They were divorced in 1971 and then he married (2nd) June 1975 at Seattle GAIL COTE (b 10 June 1934 Bremerton, WA.) He is employed as an independent insurance broker in Seattle. He had no children.

Source:
Mrs. Ernest Grant (Anne) Sargent (1977,1985).

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195. EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY[10] (Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 20 June 1908 at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the oldest child of KATHERINE RIA PALMER and EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY. He m 8 Dec 1933 at Carmel, N.Y. PHYLLIS PALMER (different family) dau of ADDISON E. and ELLA (BURDICK) PALMER of Carmel (b 7 Mar 1911 Carmel). He d 6 Dec 1984 in Venice, Florida, and was buried in Carmel, Putnam County, New York.

EDWIN attended the local public schools and graduated from Poughkeepsie High School and thereafter graduated from R.P.I. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. During World War 2nd he served as a Lieutenant J.G. in the Merchant Marine and participated in the Murmansk runs.

He was a member of the Masonic Order, the Kiwanis Club, the Putnam County Insurance Agents Association and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and was President of Palmer Agency, Inc. He was a sports car and auto enthusiast.

PHYLLIS, his wife, graduated from the seminary in Carmel, and then attended and graduated from Russell Sage College. While her two children were young she was active as a "Brownie mother" and served on numerous school committees; she also served on the Putnam County Republican Committee. PHYLLIS was also the Treasurer of the Palmer Agency, Inc.

EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY and his wife, PHYLLIS, had two children, both born in Mt. Kisco, New York:

238. (1) GAIL BRADLEY DUSENBURY b 5 May 1940, m 27 Dec 1975 in Carmel, N.Y., WILLIAM McDONALD.

239. (2) JAMES PALMER DUSENBURY b 25 Jan 1945, m 24 Apr 1971 in Carmel, JOAN COLLIER; they have one daughter, born 1976 and one son, born 1981.

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196. DOROTHY ALIDA DUSENBURY[10] (Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 11 July 1910 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y., the second child born to KATHERINE RIA (PALMER) and EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY. She married 16 June 1930 at Poughkeepsie RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE (b 2 Jan 1910, also Poughkeepsie), son of JOHN HERBERT and RUBY MAY (LOUCKS) JOYCE of the same city. In June 1985 they were able to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary and still reside in Poughkeepsie.

DOROTHY attended the local schools in the city where she was born and graduated from Arlington High School. She then attended New Paltz Normal College, New Paltz, N.Y. in Ulster County for one year and returned to her "home town" and graduated there from the Wood-Purington Business College in 1930. She has resided in the same city all of her life.

RAYMOND JOYCE was employed for forty years by the Hudson River Psychiatric Center, taking special courses in Hospital Administration while an employee there; these were given by the N. Y. State Civil Service Education Division in Albany, N.Y. He is a Life Member of Mental Health Administrators. At the time of his retirement in 1968 RAYMOND was Assistant Senior Business Administrator.

DOROTHY and RAYMOND JOYCE had two children, born Poughkeepsie:

240. (1) RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR., b 12 Dec 1930, m (1st) 24 July 1955 at Poughkeepsie DORIS BEATTY (b 30 July 1934 same city), dau of HAROLD and HAZEL (BANKER) BEATTY; divorced. They had five children. RAYMOND, JR. m (2nd) 17 Aug 1974 at Hyde Park, N.Y. SALLY JANUKAJTIS; divorced. He m (3rd) 16 Aug 1981 BARBARA JEAN(HODGES) JOHNSON (b 12 Jan 1944)the dau of O.BYRON and ALICE (JONES) HODGES; BARBARA was born in Troy, N.Y.

241. (2) JOAN ALICE JOYCE b 21 Jan 1933, m 6 May 1951 at Poughkeepsie AUGUST ("BUD") ALBERT OETJEN, JR. (b 6 Nov 1931 that city), son of AUGUST ALBERT OETJEN, SR. and his wife, ELEANOR DEVINE; since the death of AUGUST, SR., his widow has remarried and is now ELEANOR DEVINE DECKER. They have three children.

197. VIRGINIA MAY DUSENBURY[10] (Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 May 1914 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y., the third child of KATHERINE (PALMER) and EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY. She m 12 May 1935 in New York City LEWIS ELBERT CHRISTIAN (b 28 Sept 1910) son of THEODORO WINFIELD and ESTELLE (SCOFIELD) CHRISTIAN of Poughkeepsie.

VIRGINIA d 18 Feb 1958 in Poughkeepsie and was buried in New Hackensack Cemetery,Wappingers Falls,N.Y. Her husband died 16 Jan 1971 in Poughkeepsie and was buried in the Rural Cemetery of that city.

They had two sons, both born Poughkeepsie, N.Y.:

242. (1) LEWIS BRADLEY CHRISTIAN[11] b 16 Jan 1941, m 9 Sept 1962 JOANNE HELEN KISH (b 13 July 1941 at Poughkeepsie), dau of STEPHEN and HELEN KISH of that city; two sons.
(2) RICHARD WAYNE CHRISTIAN b 18 Jan 1948, d 19 Jan 1948.

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198. EVELYN KATHERINE DUSENBURY[10] (Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Jan 1919, the fifth and last child born to KATHERINE (PALMER) and EDWIN KEYES DUSENBURY. Her parents' fourth child, WILLIAM FRANKLIN DUSENBURY, died at birth in 1917. She and all her siblings had been born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She m 29 June 1941 in the same city WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS (b 19 Dec 1919 at New Hamburg, N.Y.) son of HORACE CLARK and JOSEPHINE KATHRINE (KLIEN) (or KLEINE) ADAMS of Wappingers Falls, N. Y.

EVELYN attended Syracuse University 1938-1939 and was a life member of the Roosevelt Fire Auxiliary.

WILLIAM ADAMS served as a Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, Engineers Division, during the second World War. He too is a life member of the Roosevelt Fire Department.

EVELYN died 2 Oct 1977 in Poughkeepsie and was buried in the Freedom Plains Cemetery, New York. They had two children, both born in Poughkeepsie:

243. (1) WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, JR. b 17 Aug 1942, m 17 Oct 1964 BONNIE YOST (b 23 May 1944 Poughkeepsie), dau of HARMAN E. and EVELYN MAE (NORTH) YOST of that city. They had two sons born in Connecticut, the first one born and died in 1969; they were divorced. WILLIAM m (2nd) 2 Feb 1979 at Lake Hiawatha, N.J. MARY LOU REUTER, dau of NICHOLAS JOHN and LUCILLE VIRGINIA (LeROY) REUTER of that city; one dau.
244. (2) LINDA JOAN ADAMS b 19 June 1947, m (1st) MILTON ARTHUR ERNISSE, JR. 26 Nov 1966, Hyde Park, N.Y.; two children; divorced; m (2nd) 19 Sept 1982 GEORGE FREDERICK BRENNER,JR.

199. HARRY PALMER BEAN[10] (Margaret[9], Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 27 July 1920 in Washington, D.C., the only son of HOWARD STEWART and MARGARET(PALMER)BEAN. He m 10 June 1944 at Kensington, Maryland, RACHEL JOSEPHINE KRUPP (b 15 June 1917 at Pittsburgh,Pennsylvania) dau of STANLEY ARTHUR KRUPP and RACHEL JOSEPHINE (LANTZ) KRUPP. HARRY and RACHEL have resided in El Paso, Texas for many years.

HARRY grew up in the suburban Washington, D.C. town of Kensington in Montgomery Co., except for 1½ years in the late 1920's when he lived in Orange, California,where his maternal grandparents, FRANK and BELLE PALMER had resided since 1908. During his high school and college years HARRY worked during the summers doing test work as a student assistant on the Special Research Committee on Fluid Meters of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This research dealt with coefficient studies on flow nozzles and orifice meters and was conducted principally at the Hydraulic Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C.

After graduating from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Maryland, HARRY attended the University of Oklahoma School of Engineering 1938-1941; in September of the latter year he moved to Pittsburgh where he was employed by The Gulf Research and Development Company, first as draftsman, then as test engineer in the Automotive Engineering Section and later as Assistant Section Head, Aviation Section. During this time he attended night school at the University of Pittsburgh and resided at Oakmont. In his positions with Gulf Research for twelve years he was responsible for fuel and lube oil evaluation tests in automotive, aircraft and outboard marine engines and participated in an extensive heat balance study of large aircooled fighter aircraft engines.

On 10 June 1944 HARRY and RACHEL were married at the home of his parents in Kensington, that date being the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of his parents. RACHEL had been reared in the Homewood District of Pittsburgh and graduated from the Westinghouse High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was awarded a scholarship to Frick Teachers College (University of Pittsburgh). She attended Duff's Iron City Business College and at the time of her marriage was secretary at Gulf Research. Several years later, after her three sons were all in school and they had removed to El Paso, Texas, RACHEL accepted a position as Clerk and Secretary for the El Paso Schools System which she continued until her retirement in 1982.

In May 1953 HARRY accepted a position with the El Paso Natural Gas Company in that city as a measurement engineer. During the next thirty years he served in various capacities for that company until his retirement in May 1983 from the position of Coordinator-Measurement Technical Services.

Since his retirement HARRY has continued to be active in flow measurement as a Consultant and serving variously as a member, chairman or technical advisor on various measurement committees and steering groups of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Gas Associa-

tion, the American Petroleum Institute and the Gas Research Institute, working on new flow metering standards. He has authored numerous practical and technical papers for various gas measurement short course schools and trade journals. He was for several years one of the technical instructors for the School of Gas Measurement sponsored by The Southern Gas Association through the Petroleum Extension Service of the University of Texas for which he was presented the SGA's Service Award in 1979. Other awards include the American Gas Association Service Award in 1969, the AGA Award of Merit in 1970 and the Silver Award of Merit in 1984. Other activities included:

Member American Gas Association, Transmission Measurement Committee, and Chairman 1968-1969; Chairman of The Orifice Meter Task Group of The A.G.A. Transmission Measurement Committee, 1969-1983.

Member American Society Mechanical Engineers, and a member of both the Research Committee on Fluid Meters and the Standards Committee on Measurement of Fluid Flow in Closed Conduits.

Member American Petroleum Institute, Committee on Natural Gas Fluids Measurement, serving on the Steering Committee of the A.P.I. Orifice Coefficient Project, and Chairman, Data Handling Committee of that project.

Technical Advisor on the Steering Committee of the Basic Gas Metering Research Project at N.B.S., Boulder, Colorado, sponsored by The Gas Research Institute.

Director of Nu-Tech Industries Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1981-1984.

HARRY has continued his lifelong interest in railroads and steam locomotives and is actively engaged in the hobby of restoring antique automobiles. He is a member of and active participant in several automobile clubs including the Horseless Carriage Club of America, having served as president of the El Paso Chapter of that organization. He is also an avid amateur photographer and is an elder of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church in El Paso. His Masonic affiliations include membership in El Paso Lodge No. 130, Free and Accepted Masons, El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies and the El Maida Temple AAONMS.

HARRY and RACHEL had three sons born in Pittsburgh:

245. (1) EARL HOWARD BEAN b 6 Apr 1945, m 12 Nov 1972 ANNETTE LOUISE SCHELL, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (born 6 Oct 1951 Grove City, Pa.) dau of WILLIAM E. and CHARLOTTE (KRUPP) SCHELL of Sharon, Pa. They have two sons.

246. (2) STEWART PALMER BEAN b 22 Nov 1947.

247. (3) NORMAN CRAIG BEAN b 27 Apr 1950.

Source:

HARRY PALMER BEAN, El Paso, Texas.

200. AUDREY ELIZABETH ("BETTY") BEAN[10] (Margaret[9], Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 2 Dec 1922 in Washington, D.C., the second and last child born to HOWARD STEWART and MARGARET (PALMER) BEAN. She m 18 Mar 1945 at San Diego, California, JOHN EVERETT NISSEN (b 13 Oct 1920, Westbrook, Minnesota), son of GEORGE and BESSIE (JOHNSON) NISSEN of Walnut Grove, Minnesota, formerly of Denmark.

As a child, BETTY lived in Kensington, Maryland, with the exception of her first year of school when the family resided in Orange, California. She graduated from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1940 and then attended for one year George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She then removed to Oakland, California, where she attended the California College of Arts and Crafts through 1942. The following year and a half she attended the University of California at Berkeley, still majoring in art. In the fall of 1942 BETTY met her future husband, JOHN NISSEN, shortly before he joined the Merchant Marine, whereupon he shipped out of San Francisco and was so occupied until the close of the second World War except for several months spent in a hospital and at home recovering from a leg wound. At that time, before returning to sea, he and BETTY were married. Their marriage in San Diego was attended by the bride's aunt, FLORA PALMER.

JOHN NISSEN had lived in Walnut Grove, Minnesota until the age of eleven years when his family moved to Vallejo, California. He attended the California Concordia College two years and graduated from the Vallejo High School. Eventually he also attended the University of California at Berkeley for one year after the War.

Following the end of the War BETTY and JOHN resided in Oakland for about six years and he worked as a pile driver and BETTY established a small greeting card business with another young woman, designing silk-screen printing and marketing their cards. In 1951 they removed to the San Diego area and lived aboard the 46' ketch, "Norwind," apparently preferring the warmer climate there to that in the San Francisco Bay area. They spent the next ten years living in different anchorages of San Diego Bay, JOHN working on construction, and BETTY painting and exhibiting her work in San Diego and nearby in LaJolla. They became charter members of the Silver Gate Yacht Club and part of an enthusiastic group of sailing folk living on their five respective sail boats who established the Seven Seas Cruising Association which today is an international organization.

During their residence in the San Diego Bay area, BETTY and her husband made short trips to the Channel Islands and cruised to LaPaz, Mexico; they also fished commercially for two seasons for Albacore. Thereafter BETTY wrote a story for children based on her fishing experience entitled "Sam On The Jolly Blue" which was published by Random House; she had previously produced a book which she illustrated herself entitled "The Christ Child And The Stable Cat."

In 1961 BETTY and JOHN left San Diego for an eleven month cruise along the coast of Mexico, Central America, through the Panama Canal and from there to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Using their own boat they chartered two seasons throughout the latter spot. Eventually they departed, cruising through the Bahamas to Florida. After 15 years aboard they sold the "Norwind" and settled in Sedona, Arizona where they eventually designed and built their own home. Here they were members of the Congregational Church of the Red Rocks and sang in the choir for nearly ten years. BETTY was able to exhibit her art work in the Phoenix Gallery and had her own "one-man" show in Sedona before they decided to leave the area at the close of 1980. JOHN had remained in construction, became a licensed building contractor in addition to running a car wash and becoming involved in solar energy.

BETTY and JOHN removed to St. Augustine, Florida and are now living there in the house they designed and built utilizing solar heating and cooling. Painting has always been her major focus, but she also enjoys writing and traveling and considers music an essential part of her life. They have no children.

Source:
Mrs. Betty (Bean) Nissen (1985).

201. FRANCIS (FRANK) M. PALMER[10] (Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 April 1860 at Dayton, Oregon, son of LORENZO and LAVINA (JACOBS) PALMER. His father had been a farmer in Dayton but after the birth of FRANCIS' younger brother, HARRY J., their father purchased land in St. John's area in the state of Washington although it was not yet a state.

Oregon had become the 33rd state in the Union the year before FRANK was born, in 1859; in 1853 the area which eventually became the 42nd state in the Union and known as Washington was still just a Territory after having been part of the Oregon Territory since 1848. In 1889 when the Washington Territory had been reduced to its present dimensions it became a state.

FRANK and his brother were both farmers in Whitman County, Washington. He married 4 July 1878 at Walla Walla, Washington, MARY JANE ("MOLLIE") RUARK (b 1860 Poss, Iowa, d 1 Apr 1958 Pomeroy, Washington), dau of THOMAS JEFFERSON RUARK and MARY ADELIA (MESSENGER) RUARK who had come from Iowa to Oregon in 1863 in ox-drawn wagon.

FRANK and his wife had the following children:

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(1) JAMES CLYDE PALMER b 16 Apr 1879, m 1902 GRACE KRIEGER.
(2) HARRY W. ("HAL") PALMER b St. John, WA., May 1881, died 1941/1942.
(3) LENNA MAY PALMER b St. John, WA., Oct 1883, m THOMAS MORRIS, died 3 Dec 1907, St. John.
(4) LORENZO SCOTT PALMER b Apr 1889, St. John, m NETTIE PEARSON; they had 18 children; he died at Bakersfield, California; he was always called "SCOTT".
(5) MARGARET PALMER b and died 11 May 1888.

FRANK died 23 Sept 1901 at the young age of 41 years and his youngest son was still a minor, aged twelve years. However, his three oldest children were all adults by that time. FRANK's widow, MARY JANE, survived him over fifty years and died 1 Apr 1958, aged 98 years. They are both buried in St. John's Cemetery, in the city of that name.

His only (surviving) daughter, LENNA MAY died a few years after her father, in 1907 at the young age of 24 years, in St. John. However, his three sons were somewhat scattered from the home place when they died, JAMES CLYDE in Portland, Oregon; HARRY ("HAL") in Spokane, Washington, and LORENZO ("SCOTT") in Bakersfield, California.

Source:
Alice PALMER Bumbera, Crosswicks, New Jersey (1984-1985).

202. IVY JUNE BARTLETT[10], (Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 June 1875 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the oldest dau of MILTON PARISH BARTLETT and his second wife, MARY ELIZABETH VALENTINE whose paternal grandmother was ANNA PALMER VALENTINE, wife of JOHN VALENTINE. IVY married 10 June 1893 in Chicago MALCOLM McNEIL (b Aug 1847 in Glasgow, Scotland, d 23 Sept 1929 in Chicago) son of MALCOLM McNEIL of Campbeltown, Scotland; and it is believed MALCOLM had had children by three previous wives before his marriage to IVY. At the time of their marriage he was aged 46 years while IVY was only 26 years of age and the tradition had been that he had had a wife and children born in Scotland before he emigrated to this country.

IVY JUNE was a great-granddaughter of ANNA PALMER who, in turn, was a granddaughter of the Revolutionary War soldier, Captain FENNER PALMER SR., through his youngest son, FENNER, JR. She was a very talented young woman, played the piano and was also an artist; she was also a graduate of one of the early business schools. Her husband, MALCOLM, a Baptist, was Head Chaplain for the Great Lakes Seamen's Union and as was typical of most emigrants reaching this country in the first three centuries he worked hard all his life although when he died he had little to show for his efforts except his children and grandchildren; he died at age 82 years. He was buried at Forest Home Cemetery, 863 Des Plaines Avenue, Chicago. IVY predeceased her husband by some twenty years and died 16 July 1909; buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery; she was a Christian Scientist.
IVY JUNE and MALCOLM McNEIL had five children born in Chicago:

(1) ESTHER IVY McNEIL born 1894, died 1895.
(2) MARGARET McNEIL born 1895, died 1895.
249. (3) MALCOLM GILBERT McNEIL b 19 Dec 1896, m 23 July 1918 in Chicago FRANCES OLGA GRANT.
(4) IVY JUNE McNEIL born 29 July 1899, m ca 1935 WILLIAM RYDER.
(5) HECTOR THOMAS McNEIL b 25 Aug 1901,married three times, 3rd wife being MARTHA SOMMERVILLE of Los Angeles, California. They were married in 1939; he had no children and died 30 March 1940 in Los Angeles.

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203. BESSIE VALENTINE BARTLETT[10] (Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner, Jr.[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Feb 1884 in Chicago, a younger sister of the above IVY JUNE (BARTLETT) McNEIL. BESSIE was the fourth and last child of MARY ELIZABETH (VALENTINE) BARTLETT and her husband, MILTON. She married 24 June 1908 WILLIAM A. ERHART (b 4 Nov 1881, Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan, d May 1973), the son of JULIUS and MARY (GOTHE) ERHART. BESSIE died 4 Nov 1948; she and her husband were buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery in Chicago. WILLIAM ERHART had been employed as an electrician; they were members of the Bethany Union Church.

BESSIE and WILLIAM had three children, the first one born in Detroit and the last two born in Chicago:

(Children of BESSIE VALENTINE (BARTLETT) and WILLIAM ERHART):

(1) IVY VALENTINE ERHART b Detroit 20 Aug 1909, m Chicago 16 Nov 1927 CHARLES MOORE of Troy, Alabama.
(2) EDWARD ERNEST ERHART b Chicago 29 Oct 1913, m Chicago 6 July 1945 LAVERNE SCHULZ; resides Naples, Florida (1985).
(3) FLORENCE RUTH ERHART b Chicago 27 Sept 1919,m Chicago 29 Oct 1938 ROBERT OLSON.

204. RAYMOND GEORGE COOK[10] (Robert[9], George[8], Mary[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Jan 1929 in Ashtabula, county of the same name, Ohio, the oldest of three children born to ROBERT MORGAN and MILDRED ELSIE (HOLMES) COOK. He married 31 Jan 1953 at Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, MARGARET ANN UHRIG (b 18 Dec 1922, Dayton), dau of HOWARD EDWARD and MARTHA JANE (ARTZ) UHRIG.

RAYMOND ("RAY" as he is called) resided in Ashtabula continually until 1951, attending the public schools there; in 1951 he joined the United States Air Force in which he continued until 1956, stationed at the following USAF Bases:

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio - 2/Lt. Research and Development Officer.
Bartow Air Base, Florida and Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas - 1/Lt. Pilot Training.
Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, 1/Lt. Instructor Pilot.

From 1956 to 1974 - United States Air Force Reserve.

30 June 1974 - Placed on Retired List as Lt. Colonel.

RAY's employment has included the following:

1951 - Research and Development Engineer, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton.
- New Products Engineer, Buckeye Tool Corporation, Dayton.
1956 - Present - Mechanical Engineer, General Electric Company, Cincinnati, Ohio
Clubs-Organizations - American Welding Society.
Church Affiliation - Church of Christ which later became First Christian Church.

RAY and his wife reside in Cincinnati and have three children:

250. (1) SANDRA KAY COOK[11] b 16 May 1954 at Lubbock, Lubbock Co.,Texas, m (1st) 2 Dec 1978 GERALD ANTHONY GALVIN; m (2nd) 28 June 1980 MARK JOHN SCHNEIDER.
251. (2) DEBRA ANN COOK b 12 Aug 1955 at Lubbock; m 1 July 1978 at Cincinnati, RICHARD JOHN HONEBRINK.
252. (3) GEORGE EDWARD COOK b 20 Apr 1959, Cincinnati, Ohio.

RAY COOK has devoted several years to researching his COOK family and plans to publish "THE COOK BOOK," following his retirement in 1990. The Cook Genealogy will be about the "Ancestors and Descendants of ERASTUS COOK, A Pioneer Settler of Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1813."

Source:
RAYMOND GEORGE COOK of Cincinnati, Ohio (1985).

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205. GEORGE TRUMAN PALMER[11] (Byron[10], George[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 June 1887 in Chicago, Illinois, the first child of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER and his wife, JEANETTE (CARMAN) PALMER. He m 16 Jan 1915 in Roslindale, Mass. LILLIAN GERTRUDE SMART (b 4 Dec 1889 South Boston, Mass.,d 5 July 1956), dau of ALFRED and SARAH (WALTON) SMART of Roslindale.

Although GEORGE must have started his education while the family was residing in Chicago, he completed his high school in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y. in 1903 where his father had retired to the grandparents' (CARMAN) home. GEORGE then attended the University of Rochester, N.Y., graduating in 1907 with his B.S. degree. At that university he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity; he was track team manager of football; President of his Junior Class and Dramatic Club. In 1909 GEORGE graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a S.B. degree in Biology and Public Health. At that institution he was a member of the Dramatic Club; President of the Biological Society; Research Assistant in Sanitary Research Laboratory and Sewage Experiment Station of M.I.T.

GEORGE received the degree of M.S. in 1911 and from then for the next two years he was Sanitary Inspector of the New Jersey State Board of Health, Division of Medical and Sanitary Inspection and Assistant Chief, Division of Sewage and Water Supplies. From 1913 to 1917 he was Chief of the Investigating Staff of the New York State Commission on Ventilation in N.Y.City; then the entry of America into World War I in 1917 altered his career somewhat, although his contribution to the war effort in his chosen field actually served to further his career.

In 1917 he was commissioned a First Lieutenant, Sanitary Corps, U. S. Army; September that year he was stationed M.O.T.C. at Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he remained until February 1918; then he was transferred to Washington, D.C. assigned to the Epidemiological Division of the Surgeon General's Office; in April 1918 he was commissioned a Captain and continued his service several months after the end of the war until he received his discharge in 1919, from the Medical Corps.

In 1919 GEORGE received the appointment as Epidemiologist for the Department of Health in Detroit, Michigan and the following year he received the Degree of Doctor of Public Health (D.P.H.) from the University of Michigan. He was the author of numerous articles on bacteriology, water purification and sewage disposal. He was a joint author with Col. VICTOR C. VAUGHAN of articles on disease in U. S. Army camps during World War I. He associated with Dr. HENRY F. VAUGHAN as assistant authors with Dr. VICTOR VAUGHAN of three volumes on "Epidemiology and Public Health". He was the author of "What Fifty Years Have Done for Ventilation in a Jubilee Volume of American Public Health Association; Editor of the Weekly Health Review of the Detroit Department of Health; a member of the American Public Health Association; American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers; American Meterological Society; Army and Navy Club of Detroit and member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Club of Detroit.

From Detroit GEORGE TRUMAN PALMER accepted employment with the Child Welfare Bureau of the Rockefeller Foundation in the city of New York where he remained until 1934 when he became a Deputy Health Commissioner of that city; he continued in that position for three terms of four years each. His last connection was with the American Public Health Association.

GEORGE[11] and LILLIAN PALMER had two daughters:

(1) GERTRUDE CARMAN PALMER[12] b 14 June 1917. She received her A.B. degree in 1938 on graduation from the Connecticut College for Women. She m 30 Apr 1943 at Maplewood, N.J., DANIEL WILLIAM VonBREMEN, JR., who was a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. They had three children:
  i JANET SUSANNE VonBREMEN b 8 Feb 1945 Flushing, Long Island, N.Y., m 6 Apr 1968 DAVID THOR ANDERSON.
  ii ROBERT WALTON VonBREMEN b 13 Nov 1947.
  iii BARBARA VonBREMEN b 11 Aug 1950.

(2) JANET PALMER b 1 Nov 1921, died 3 Feb 1922, buried Palmyra Village Cemetery, Palmyra, Wayne County, N.Y.

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206. IRENE CARMAN PALMER[11] (Byron[10], George[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 June 1890 in Chicago, the second and last child of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER and his wife, JEANETTE (CARMAN) PALMER. She m 29 Nov 1917 at Philadelphia, Pa., ALOYSIUS VINCENT McDONNELL (b 2 Oct 1892 that city, d), son of JAMES E. and DAISY (CONNOR)McDONNELL; IRENE died 26 June 1974.

IRENE graduated in 1907 from East High School, Rochester, N.Y. by which time her parents were residing in nearby Palmyra, Wayne County, where the family resided on the homestead of her maternal grandparents. In 1911 she graduated from Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y. receiving her A.B. degree. In 1912 she attended the University of Rochester, and in 1913 she took summer courses at Columbia University in New York City.

From 1911-1912 IRENE taught school at the Armitage School in Atlantic City, N.J., and the following year she taught high school at Attica, N.Y. From 1913 to 1917 she taught at East High School at Rochester and in November 1917 she was married in Philadelphia. The following year her first child, RICHARD ADRIAN, was born on 8 September.

A few years thereafter while she and her husband were in Mexico, as the result of a tragic accident, ALOYSIUS sustained serious injuries which practically left him an invalid. They settled down in Palmyra where IRENE returned to teaching school and where they remained the rest of their lives. Her teaching career encompassed employment in both public and private schools in both Rochester and Palmyra.

IRENE (PALMER) and ALOYSIUS McDONNELL's only child was:

(1) RICHARD ADRIAN McDONNELL[12] b 8 Sept 1918 Palmyra, N.Y.

RICHARD McDONNELL attended the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada and the Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, N.Y. He m 25 July 1942 SHIRLEY GLADYS SANFORD (b 21 May 1921) and they had four children, all born in Rochester, N.Y. Reside 1980's in Florida.

i NANCY EILEEN McDONNELL[13] b 18 July 1944, m DONALD KISER; two children:[14]
   (a) ANIDA MARIE KISER b 17 Oct 1964 at Millington, Tennessee;
   (b) DAVID ALLEN KISER b 20 Aug 1966 at Norfolk, Virginia.

ii SHERYL IRENE McDONNELL b 11 July 1950.

iii CHRIS RODNEY McDONNELL b 6 Sept 1951.

iv RAMSEY WYNN McDONNELL b 24 May 1954.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949), supra.
"Palmer MSS." page 1037.
Information furnished compiler by Mrs. NELLIE (HORACE) PALMER in early 1970's and by JOHN B. PALMER, Webster, N.Y. thereafter.

207. BEATRICE JUNE PALMER[11] (Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 14 Sept 1908 in Ontario, N.Y., the oldest child of RENSSELAER WILBUR and MARY G. (CRAVEN) PALMER. She m 14 Dec 1929 RAYMOND LESTER PEER (b 18 July 1909 Rochester, N.Y.), son of LESTER R. and MAUD B. (CHENEY) PEER (KONOWITZ). They reside in Ontario, Wayne County, N.Y.

BEATRICE graduated from Ontario High School, and was a member of the Class of 1930 graduating from Keuka College, with the degree of B.A. In 1953 she graduated from the State Teachers College at Brockport, N.Y. with an M.S. degree in Education. She taught school in Ontario for twenty-four years, until retiring in 1974 from Wayne Central School, Ontario; she is a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Wayne County, New York.

She is a former member of the New York State Teachers' Association and a member of the following:

Ontario Golf Club
Wayne County, N.Y. Women's Republican Club
Baptist Church, Ontario, N.Y.
Ontario Historical Club
Grange (Gold Sheaf Member of Local, County, State, National)
Republican Club

Her husband, RAYMOND PEER, also graduated from the Ontario High School and then attended the Rochester Business Institute and the American Institute of Banking. He served two years in the United States Marine Corps (1944 and 1945) during World War II during which time he participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima. From 1946 to 1950 he was President of the Ontario High School Board of Education.

RAYMOND was a former President of the State Bank of Ontario and Chairman of the Board of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, Central N. Y. Region, until his retirement in July of 1974 from banking and in 1977 from the Board of Directors, making a total of forty-seven years devoted to the banking profession. He continues his membership in the following organizations, all in Ontario: Meyers Ingraham Legion Post #428; the Ontario Historical Club and the following:

Chamber of Commerce - Republican Club - American Legion - Golf Club of Ontario.

RAYMOND is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Rochester, New York. He and his wife have traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico and some areas of Africa.

He was Ontario Town Councilman from 1975 to 1980 and is a Past President of the Wayne County Bankers' Association, and an Honorary Member of Union Hill, N.Y. Fire Company. He is also a member of the New York State Bankers' Government Relations Committee and a member of the Advisory Committee to Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Board.

BEATRICE and RAYMOND PEER have two children, born Ontario, N.Y.:

253. (1) RAYMOND PALMER PEER[12] b 22 Sept 1930, m 13 Aug 1955 JANET ARMSTRONG (b 28 Feb 1930 Honeoye Falls, N.Y.); 2 children:
  i CYNTHIA ELIZABETH PEER b 11 May 1957.
  ii GREGORY ALAN PEER b 13 Nov 1959.

254. (2) MARY GENEVIEVE PEER[12] b 10 July 1932 Ontario, N.Y., m there 18 July 1953 ROBERT FRANCIS HASTINGS (b 16 June 1929 at Rochester, N.Y.) son of WILLIAM and RUTH YAUCHZI HASTINGS of Webster, New York.

Source:

Mrs. BEATRICE (PALMER) PEER.

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208. WILBUR LORENZO PALMER[11] (Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Nov 1910 at Ontario, the only son of RENSSELAER WILBUR and MARY GENEVIEVE (CRAVEN) PALMER. He m at Ontario 30 May 1935 FERN ELOISE CURTIS HUXLEY (b 19 Mar 1912, Ontario), dau of FREDERICK B. and CARRIE BELLE (FOOTE) HUXLEY. They reside in Williamson, N.Y. and in May 1985 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

WILBUR attended the local public schools and graduated from Ontario High School; in 1932 he graduated from Cornell University where he was a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, following which he returned to his family's farm on Brick Church Road in Ontario and continued to farm until 1944. That year he, his wife and son moved to the ELMER ADAMS farm on Ridge Road in the town of Williamson. Here they raised fruit, potatoes, celery and were the first in the vicinity to own their own cold storage facilities and to bag their products in "polyethyl" containers for the Wegmans Food Chain.

WILBUR has maintained membership in numerous organizations, some for more than half a century:

New York State Horticultural Society - life member.
New York State and National Grange - 57 years a member.
Empire State Potato Club.
Rochester Regional Market Authority - serving on their Board of Directors.
Seneca Cooperative - serving as Treasurer.
Ontario Baptist Church - 58 years a member, serving during that time as a Trustee and as a Deacon for many years; also served as a delegate to the Executive Committee of the Wayne Baptist Association.
Republican Political Party.

FERN (HUXLEY) PALMER also graduated from the Ontario High School and from the University of Rochester where she was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Sorority. She became Treasurer and Office Manager of the F. B. HUXLEY & SON family cannery. During the second World War the government built a dehydrator at their cannery and FERN was involved with the German and Italian prisoners of war and other employees the government sent to work in the cannery dehydrator. Even after marriage and the purchase of

their own farm, FERN continued working at the cannery until 1946 by which year their first child was five years of age. Throughout their fifty years of marriage she has been an active partner in their farm operations. In 1975 she was the first woman to receive the year's citation from the New York State Agricultural Society.

FERN PALMER has held membership in numerous organizations, including one for more than half a century:

Ontario Baptist Church - 52 year member during which time she has been Clerk of the church for 37 years and was also Chairman of the Pastoral Relations Committee. She was the first woman moderator of the Wayne Baptist Association.

New York State and National Grange - 38 years a member where she has held offices during all those years and is presently State Historian. She was the first woman to be a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Grange.

Order of the Eastern Star where she was a Grand Officer in 1949.

Women's Committee of the New York State Fair - 15 years a member, and for 12 years Superintendant of the Grange building at the fair.

WILBUR and FERN have traveled extensively and have visited in South America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Central America, the British Isles, Spain, Portugal, the Holy Land and the Caribbean as well as trips to both the Canadian and American Rockies; they have a vacation home in Nokomis, Florida.

Their three children were all born in Rochester, New York:

(1) WILBUR HUXLEY PALMER[12] b 21 June 1941, m 16 June 1962 JUDITH E. CAMBIER (b 20 Apr 1943). He graduated from Cornell University. They have two children:

i JOHN PALMER[13] b 19 Feb 1964.

ii SCOTT MARK PALMER b 26 June 1967.

(2) FREDERICK WALTER PALMER[12] b 13 Jan 1947, m at Ithaca, county of Thompkins, N. Y., 23 Aug 1969 JUDITH LYNN MILKS (b 28 July 1948). He graduated from Cornell University and served in the United States Army two years during the Vietnam War; he received two Air Medals, the "Soldier of the Month" in Vietnam for good conduct; the Airmen's Wings, Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Commendation - Rank Specialist/5th Class. They have one child:

i MARY CATHERINE PALMER b Sodus, N.Y. 18 Sept 1980.

255. (3) CAROLYN ("SUSIE") MARGARET PALMER[12] b 5 Oct 1951, m 9 Nov 1974 JOHN WILBERT BEHA (b 28 Feb 1948, Rochester). They were married in Holy Trinity Church, Webster, Monroe County, N.Y. and reside (1985) at Clifton Springs, N.Y.

CAROLYN (PALMER) and JOHN BEHA have two children:

i MARGARET ALISSA BEHA[13] b 29 March 1979 at Oswego, county of Oswego, New York; baptized Mothers' Day 1979 at Holy Family Church, Fulton,New York.

ii JEREMY LORENZO BEHA b 23 Apr 1981 at Newark, Wayne County, N.Y.; baptized Fathers' Day 1981 at St. Michael's Church, Newark.

Through the genealogical research of CAROLYN PALMER BEHA, her mother's ancestral lines have been traced back to the 1500's in both the FOOTE and HUXLEY families. The HUXLEY line is traced back to the emigrant, THOMAS HUXLEY who was born 1640 at Huxley Waverton Parish in England and died 21 July 1721 at Suffield, Massachusetts. He married SARAH SPENCER, born by 1648, married ca 1667 at Hartford, Connecticut, and died 24 Oct 1712 at Suffield.

The FOOTE ancestry is traced back to the emigrant NATHANIEL FOOTE who was born about 1593 in Shalford, England, married ELIZABETH DEMING (b 1595 England, died 28 July 1683 Wethersfield, Connecticut); NATHANIEL died in the same town in 1644.

FERN ELOISE CURTIS HUXLEY PALMER was given the additional name of CURTIS apparently from her female ancestor, HARRIET CATHERINE CURTIS, the wife of FRANKLIN W. HUXLEY b 2 May 1832, m 6 Jan 1858; FRANKLIN died 31 Dec 1912 at Williamson, New York.

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209. LOIS GENEVIEVE PALMER[11] (Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Feb 1912 in Ontario, Wayne County, N.Y., the third child of RENSSELAER WILBUR and MARY GENEVIEVE (CRAVEN) PALMER. LOIS was baptized in 1927 in the Ontario Baptist Church. She m 2 Apr 1932 at Ontario LEO SCOTT CASS (b 3 May 1911, Ontario, d 17 May 1970 Williamson, N.Y; he had been baptized May 1911 in the Ontario Catholic Church). He was the son of MONROE J. and SARAH (SCOTT) CASS of Ontario. He was buried in Furnaceville Cemetery, Ontario; LOIS continues to reside in that town.

LOIS attended the local public schools and then the Oswego State Normal School, Oswego, N.Y. and the State University Teachers College at Brockport, N.Y., receiving her B.S. degree; she was a member of the Alpha Kappa Phi Sorority. LOIS taught school for thirty years in Ontario, retiring in 1978.

LOIS is a member of the Wayne County, N.Y. and the New York State Teachers' Associations; the Ontario Historical Society; the Ontario Baptist Church; Ontario Golf Club; and the Wayne County Women's Republican Club.

LEO SCOTT CASS received his training in management and sales at the Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester, New York. He commenced his employment career with I.B.M. in 1937. In 1946 he was named Executive Assistant to the President of Justowriter Corporation. That corporation eventually merged with Commercial Controls and LEO became Vice President and General Sales Manager; thereafter he served as President of Commercial Controls of Canada, Ltd.

At the time of his death in 1970 he was Director of Personnel and Public Relations for Friden, a division of the Singer Company.

LEO's memberships included the following organizations:

State Bank of Ontario, New York - Director.
Town Council - former member.
Rotary Club of Ontario.
Chamber of Commerce of Ontario, and of Rochester, N.Y.
The Rochester Club.
Ontario Planning Board - charter member.
Ontario Golf Club.
Ontario School Board - served three terms.
Wayne County, N.Y. Medical Scholarship Committee, served as a member-at-large
Pultneyville, N. Y. Yacht Club.

LOIS and LEO CASS had one daughter, born in Rochester:

256. (1) JULIA ANNE CASS[12] b 24 Sept 1939, m 3 June 1967 ERIC CHARLES KULLBERG (b 30 May 1943, Portland, Cumberland County, Maine), son of WALDO C. and ALICE (WILSON) KULLBERG of South Portland, Maine. They were married at Ontario, N.Y.

They have two sons:

i SCOTT ERIC KULLBERG[13] b 10 Jan 1972.
ii MATTHEW CHARLES KULLBERG b 24 Jan 1978.

Source:
Mrs. LOIS (PALMER) CASS.

Source for WILBUR LORENZO PALMER (#208):

Mrs. CAROLYN (PALMER) BEHA.

Source for JULIA (PALMER) MERHOFF: (#210)

Mrs. JULIA (PALMER MERHOFF;
Mrs. BEATRICE (PALMER) PEER;
Mrs. CAROLYN (PALMER) BEHA.

210. JULIA ELEANOR PALMER[11], (Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 May 1921 in Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y., the youngest of four children born to RENSSELAER WILBUR and MARY GENEVIEVE (CRAVEN) PALMER. She m 26 June 1943 at San Francisco, California, FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF (b 31 Oct 1920, Ontario Center), son of RENO FRED and NELLIE (BLYTHE) MERHOFF of Ontario.

JULIA received her education from the local public schools and graduated from the Ontario High School in 1938, the same class her husband graduated with. In 1942 she graduated from the Geneseo State Teachers College, Geneseo, N.Y., with a B.S. degree in education. Thereafter she taught school many years in East Williamson, Palmyra and Ontario, N. Y. She was also employed as Superintendent of a nursery-kindergarten school in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Eventually she and her husband resided in Bradenton, Florida, for ten years where he managed some condominiums and she served as the bookkeeper.

JULIA is a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star (1950) in Ontario and a Past Matron of the Order of Amaranth (1949), same city. She is also a Past Division Secretary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Second District, Eighth Division.

FREDERICK MERHOFF attended Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., 1939-1940 and enlisted in the United States Navy 11 Sept 1940 for six years. He was one of the fortunate ones serving at Pearl Harbor when the attack by the Japanese came on 7 December 1941 -- he survived. He thereafter participated in fifteen engagements in the Pacific Theatre during the second World War. His ship was sunk at Guadacanal; he served most of his time on the U.S.S. "Minneapolis." He was honorably discharged 11 June 1946 as a Gunnerie Mate, 1st Class.

Following the end of the war in the Pacific, FREDERICK returned to his home, having married at San Francisco mid-way through that conflict. He accepted employment with the Friden and Singer Company selling data processing equipment and computers for the next 27 years. Thereupon he and JULIA removed to Bradenton, Florida, where he managed condominiums for the next ten years, where they now (1985) reside.

In Ontario, N.Y. FREDERICK was Past Master of Wayne Lodge No.416, F. & A. M. (Masons); also a member of the Al Chymia Shrine in Memphis, Tennessee; and Past Division Captain of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Second District, Eighth Division. In Florida he has been a member of the Manatee County Safety Council and a Past President of the Bay Colony Property Owners.

JULIA and FREDERICK have one son, born in Rochester, New York:

257. (1) FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR.[12] b 6 Sept 1947, m 24 Aug 1968 at Houston, Texas, GAIL ALEXANDER; two children; m (2nd) 18 May 1979 at New Albany, Miss., MARY ANN MEDLIN (b 27 June 1948, New Albany. His two children are:
    i DEBORAH CAROL MERHOFF b 4 Oct 1971.
    ii DARREN RENO MERHOFF b 13 Mar 1975.

211. JOHN+BOYNTON PALMER[11] (Byron[10], Oliver[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 Apr 1905 in Rochester, N.Y. the oldest child of BYRON WILBUR and CAROLYN HUBBARD+(WARFORD) PALMER of Rochester, where his father was a practicing dentist. He m 18 Aug 1945 at Webster, N.Y. MILDRED ANNA BRUCKER (born 15 Sept 1904 Webster), dau of CHARLES FREDERICK and ANNA BELLE (KELLER) BRUCKER also of Webster, although MILDRED's father had been born in Bodigheim, Germany. They have resided in Webster, N.Y. for many years.

JOHN graduated from the East High School in Rochester and then enrolled in winter courses in the Agricultural Department of Cornell University. Although he was born and reared in the city of Rochester, the family's ties to the farming communities of Lakeside and Ontario were strong and several members of the various Palmer families continued as farmers, even into the 1980's. JACK (as he was usually referred to) had the opportunity of having the "best of both worlds" as his grandfather, OLIVER HAZARD PALMER, settled on a farm in nearby Ontario and the farm-house on it was built in 1815; it was located on Lakeside Road; the OLIVER H. PALMER family settled there in 1865. JACK has many fond memories of the joys of life on his grandfather's farm but perhaps the most memorable of all was hearing the huge dinner bell; JACK in recent years has had articles about his recollections published and the most prominent memories are of the bells. He recalls that "Gramma would ring the big dinner bell at noon every day and you could hear it for miles around on the farm. Even the plow horse, Old Charlie Horse, would hear it and turn around in the middle of a job and head for home; you couldn't stop him." Thus JACK's love affair with the bells commenced and they have continued all his life; his second "love affair" is with the train and he continues making cross-country trips from New York to Southern California annually via AMTRAK! He has purchased several old bells and has them stationed in the back yard of his home in Webster on Phillips Road and each day when he is at home he rings all these bells at exactly noontime. The oldest in his collection is a 1,100 pound bronze bell made in 1871 which he obtained from a Methodist Church in Locke, near Auburn.

In 1954 JACK and his wife sold the grandfather's farm which had been in the family almost one hundred years and they settled down in Webster where they are members of the local Presbyterian Church; also members of "Webster Through the Years Museum"; the Ontario Historical Society; and the Landmark and Historical Society of Ontario.

MILDRED (BRUCKER) PALMER graduated from the College of Home Economics, Cornell University, with a B.S. degree and thereafter she obtained her M.A. degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University. During her thirty-three years of teaching school, MILDRED has taught in schools in the following New York communities: Odessa, Ontario, Port Chester, Nunda, Fairport, East Irondequoit and Rochester.

CHARLES FREDERICK BRUCKER (b 18 Jan 1878 in Bodigheim, Germany), the father of MILDRED (BRUCKER) PALMER was the son of GEORGE LUDWIG BRUCKER and his wife, KAROLINA MAXIMELEAINE GOOS who were born in the Heidelberg area about 1838 and married there in 1864. On 2 Feb 1884 they left their

native land with six children and reached Rochester, N.Y. on 29 Feb. The first year they lived with a friend in Rochester; then they purchased a farm in Webster where the parents lived out their lives and thereafter a son and his wife continue to reside there. Another son became a pastor in Utica, N.Y. where he died in 1901. Another brother and three sisters married and brought up their children in or near the Webster farm of the parents. One son, CHARLES FREDERICK, who was just six years of age when the family arrived in this country, married a local girl who had been born in Webster, N.Y. but whose ancestry was Swiss, she being ANNA BELLE KELLER, the mother of MILDRED BRUCKER PALMER.

MILDRED's maternal great-grandparents were JOHANN JAKOB BOHNENBLUST (b 1818) who married 1845 ANNA FRICKER (b 1821) and emigrated from Aarburg, Switzerland after the birth of their first child, MARIA (b 25 Dec 1846); they reached Rochester, N.Y. in 1847; later were in Penfield and by 1866 were farming in Webster. They had seven children born in this country including dau ELIZA who was born 1854; in 1874 she married FRED KELLER who had been born in Saxony, Germany, 1848.

MILDRED's maternal grandfather, FRED KELLER, came to America in 1854 at the age of six years with his parents and siblings; his mother and a younger brother died of cholera during the voyage. In 1874 he married ELIZA BOHNENBLUST and they settled on their own farm in Webster and raised their children there; their dau ANNE BELLE KELLER, (b 28 June 1882 in Webster, d 21 June 1965) married CHARLES FREDERICK BRUCKER (b 18 Jan 1878 Bodigheim, Germany, d 24 Nov 1948) about 1900 and their dau MILDRED ANNA BRUCKER (b 15 Sept 1904) married in 1945 JOHN BOYNTON PALMER. MILDRED's Aunt HARRIETTE KELLER SMITH after the death of her first husband, married EDWARD DIEHL in California.

The County of Ontario was created (from the County of Montgomery) in 1789 and reached northward to Lake Ontario. However, in 1823 the northern portion of that county and a section of adjoining Seneca County were separated and a new county named WAYNE was created which bordered on Lake Ontario; thereafter neither Seneca or Ontario Counties were on the lake shore. The first recorded settlers in the village of Ontario were FREEMAN HOPKINS and his wife, MARTHA (PATTERSON) who arrived from Massachusetts in a wagon drawn by a team of oxen. They built their house of logs in the northeast corner of what became the town of Ontario. They reached there in 1806 and in May that year their dau MELISSA was born, the first child to be born in the town. Another dau was thereafter born whom they named MARY; she married LORENZO BOYNTON. Her husband, LORENZO, and FREDERICK DOUGLAS were two of those who aided runaway slaves in their escape to Canada. MARY and LORENZO BOYNTON's dau, MARY, married OLIVER HAZARD PALMER who was the grandson of another pioneer family of nearby Walworth.

About 1806 NATHAN and DOLLY +(LAMB) PALMER and son, VAN RENSSELAER, aged three years, reached Walworth; the son married MARY+MILLER 3 Dec 1829 and OLIVER HAZARD PALMER was one of their nine children. The PALMER family had lived in Granville, Washington County, N.Y. since 1781.

JACK PALMER's grandmother, MARY+BOYNTON PALMER, (1844-1931) had first-hand recollections of her grandparents' log house built in

Ontario and wrote:

> "... they had a fireplace for heating and cooking, and lighting was tallow candles. The bedstead consisted of two poles, fastened into the logs at each end. Then the bedcord, a tick filled with straw and the never-failing feather bed,for no girl ever thought of being married until she had a feather bed and a goodly number of quilts. Their chairs were sawed from a log... the table a small dropleaf they brought with them, a chest for their clothes was made by grandfather. ... They raised flax and spun it to make summer wear for men and women, and their sheets, pillow cases, table clothes and towels. They wore woolens in wintertime that were spun and woven by the family." (Virginia D. Scully, Ontario Town Historian, 1984 in her booklet entitled "Heritage Square...Ontario,N.Y.")

Ever since 1806 members of these early families (BOYNTON, HOPKINS, MILLER, and PALMER) have been residing in these Wayne County communities of Lakeside, Ontario, Ontario Center, Palmyra, Walworth, Webster, and Williamson. The first settlers were all farmers in the beginning but soon there was a need for other occupations, such as a blacksmith, a saltmaker, an iron worker, a furnaceman, saw mill operator, etc.; FREEMAN HOPKINS operated the first saw mill; then there was soon a need for a teacher and a minister and eventually a postmaster. The log houses were still being constructed in 1860 and one of them has been preserved for posterity; in 1970 the Town of Ontario Historical Society was given the original log house of JAMES RUFFELL built ca 1860, donated by the final owner, MICHAEL ROBUSTO; it was removed then to Heritage Corners.

JACK and MILDRED since they both retired have traveled extensively, making several trips to Europe, Southern California, the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii, including two visits to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau (1980 and 1984).

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212. MARGARET WARFORD PALMER[11] (Byron[10], Oliver[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Rochester, N.Y. 3 June 1910, the dau of BYRON WILBUR and CAROLYN HUBBARD (WARFORD) PALMER. She m 29 Aug 1953 ALFRED N. SCALCIONE (b 6 Apr 1917, Jersey City, N.J.) the son of DOMENIC SCALCIONE of that city. They were married during ALFRED's long career in the United States Marine Corps and the marriage took place at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. They reside in San Diego, California.

"PEG" (as she is called) graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1931, where she majored in Art Education. She attended the University of Rochester, graduating with the Class of 1933, receiving her B.S. degree in Education. From that time until 1945 she taught in the Rochester High Schools, at which time she decided to make a change in her career and entered the American University, Washington, D.C. to be trained as a Hospital Recreation Worker. During the succeeding years she followed this vocation serving in the following posts:

Staten Island Army Station Hospital, Staten Island, N.Y.
Naval Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island

U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York
Madigan Army General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington
97th U. S. Army General Hospital, Frankfurt, Germany
and Bad Kreuznach, Germany

Following her marriage PEG continued this vocation serving as a Red Cross volunteer at the U. S. Naval Hospital, MCB, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; the Red Cross Chapter at San Francisco, and the U. S. Army Hospital at Vicenza, Italy. While on Okinawa she was a paid Red Cross staff member and was the supervisor for the Recreational Program in the U. S. Army Hospital there. She continues her community service in San Diego by serving on the Veterans Administration Bloodmobile.

PEG's husband, ALFRED NICHOLAS SCALCIONE entered the U. S. Marine Corps in 1938 and during World War II participated in the following campaigns: Landing and defense of Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Cape Clochester, New Britain and Okinawa. In China his group assisted in disarming and repatriating the Japanese Army back to their homeland. He fought again in the Korean conflict by participating in the defense of Pusan, making landings at Inchon and Wonson.

After thirty years of service, ALFRED retired in 1958 as a First Lieutenant. He thereupon accepted employment with the American Red Cross and with that organization served on Okinawa, Mt. Fugi, Japan, Vietnam, South Korea and Italy. This was followed by their assigning him as the Assistant District Director for Volunteers in the San Diego area, which he continued until his retirement, after 25 years with the Red Cross, in 1983.

During his years of service in the Marine Corps and with the Red Cross ALFRED availed himself of opportunities to continue his education; attended City College in San Diego; Skagit College in the state of Washington; took additional courses at the University of Maryland and the University of San Diego. He received a Certificate in Social Science from the University of California at San Diego. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and both he and PEG are members of the San Diego Bonsai Club.

Sources:

Family Records of JOHN BOYNTON PALMER and his wife, MILDRED BRUCKER PALMER; and MARGARET WARFORD (PALMER) SCALCIONE and her husband, ALFRED NICHOLAS SCALCIONE.

213. MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, JR.,[11] (Myron[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 3 Mar 1909 the only child of his father and LUCY (REMINGTON PRICE)PALMER. His father and his maternal grandfather were both physicians; his father served during the first World War as a Captain in the Medical Corps and was stationed in Washington, D.C. He came from a long line of soldiers in the United States armed forces dating to before the Revolutionary War. His paternal grandfather, OSCAR CONKEY PALMER served during the Civil War with the 8th New York Cavalry in Company B and survived that conflict.

MYRON, JR. was educated at the Culver Military Academy through the year 1928; he graduated in 1932 from Union College with the degree of B.A. and from the University of Rochester in 1934 with his M.A. degree. On 10 Feb 1941 he enlisted in the 209th Coast Artillery (A.A.) in command of the H. Battery. In the spring following the Pearl Harbor attack he was sent overseas on 10 May 1942, first to Ireland and then with the branches of the service engaged in the African and Italian campaigns.

Three years later, following the end of the war in the European Theatre, MYRON returned to the United States in June 1944 and was assigned to Washington, D.C. as Executive Officer P.R.R.S. in the grade of a Lieutenant Colonel. This continued until 20 Nov 1945 when he was released from further military duties, the war in the Pacific having ended mid-August that year.

Before enlisting in the Coast Artillery in 1941 MYRON, JR. had married on 30 Jan that year LUELLA NELLIS (b 29 Apr 1912), and during their years of marriage they have resided in several different places: in the late 1940's in the Rochester, N. Y. area where their two sons were born; in 1975 in Palo Alto, California; in the early 1980's in Rancho Bernardo in San Diego County, California, and thereafter in Santa Barbara County in Goleta.

MYRON, JR. and his wife, LUELLA had two sons:

258. (1) MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, 3rd b 24 Apr 1946.

259. (2) DOUGLAS DALTON PALMER b 29 Apr 1948, m 17 June 1972 in Portola, California, KATHLEEN LOUISE DUGGAN (b 24 Feb 1950 Palo Alto) dau of JOHN and LOUISE DUGGAN of that city.

Source:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) supra. pp. 17-18.
Myron Botsford Palmer, Jr. (1975).

214. CATHERINE CHRISTIE PALMER[11] (Howard[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 June 1908 in Dumont, New Jersey, the first child born to HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER and his wife, HELEN (MOORE) PALMER. CATHERINE married 16 June 1934 at Rochester, N.Y. JAMES GIBBS FIELD (b 16 Sept 1907, Rochester, d 17 June 1976 Pittsford, N.Y.), son of JAMES EDWARD and LOUISE (GIBBS) FIELD of Almond and Rochester, N.Y. CATHERINE resides in Rochester; and following her husband's death in 1976 he was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery that city.

CATHERINE graduated from Mechanics Institute, Rochester in 1929 in Illustration and Advertising Art (now the Rochester Institute of Technology). For many years she has painted children's portraits professionally as well as basket purses. She was a member of the Junior League of Rochester and is a member of a volunteer group working for the General Hospital.

Her husband, JAMES FIELD, was a graduate of the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. He had followed in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, the latter having started in 1843 a business firm at 12 Buffalo Street; the great-grandfather had been an English ship chandler. About 1860 the firm, then a retail store, moved to the Clifton House; the Clifton House, built in 1820 as a tavern, is said to have been the first building built on Exchange Street north of the Barge Canal. The Field business continued there until 1926 when it sold its property to the Genessee Valley Trust Company and moved into an adjoining building. CATHERINE's husband, JAMES, became the owner of the business which bore the name eventually of JAMES E. FIELD CO. and was finally located at 1394 Mount Hope Avenue, Pittsford, N.Y. Until JAMES sold the family awning firm in 1973 it was the oldest family owned business in Rochester. It has been at the Mount Hope Avenue location ever since 1958. JAMES was a Past President of the Canvas Goods Manufacturers Association, New York.

CATHERINE and JAMES FIELD had two daughters, born Rochester:

260. (1) CHARLOTTE CHRISTIE FIELD b 13 Aug 1936, m Rochester, 17 Nov 1956 WARREN FOOTE WALLACE (b 23 Aug 1933, Rochester), son of HOWARD OGDEN and ONNOLEE (FOOTE) WALLACE; two children.

261. (2) LOUISE PALMER FIELD b 10 Apr 1940, m Rochester 8 June 1963 WILLIAM SEARS FROST (b 10 Oct 1938, Rochester), son of WARREN JAMES and MARGARET (SEARS) FROST also of Rochester; two children.

Source:
Mrs. CATHERINE (PALMER) FIELD of Rochester.

215. HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR.[11] (Howard[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 8 Feb 1911 in Dumont, New Jersey, the oldest son of his father and mother (HELEN MOORE). He married 27 Sept 1941 in Springfield, Ohio MARY MYERS (b 18 Apr 1918 that city), dau of the late WARREN ASBURY MYERS and his wife, HAZEL (SNYDER) MYERS also of Springfield. They reside at Falmouth, Massachusetts and in the wintertime in Arizona.

HOWARD, JR. was reared in Monroe County, N.Y. and his family resided in both New York City and Rochester where his father was employed by the Eastman Kodak Company. He graduated in 1933 from Hobart College with an A.B. where his father had attended in 1903.

On 23 Nov 1942 HOWARD, JR. enlisted in the United States Navy with the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.). He was Executive Officer, 2nd in command of L.S.T. 359 in the invasions of Sicily, Milazzo, Salerno and Anzio during World War II. He was thereafter promoted to Lieutenant and given command of L.S.T. 359, following which he took part in the invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944 when he suffered an injury 12 July 1944 and returned to a U. S. Naval Hospital where he recovered.

HOWARD was thereupon promoted again to Lieutenant Commander and was placed in charge of small boat operations for the 7th Naval District, headquartered at Jacksonville, Florida. He received the Purple Heart and Legion of Merit awards for his distinguished services during that war. Following the end of the war in August 1945, he chose to remain in the service and make it his career. In 1949 he was placed in command of the U. S. Naval Training Center at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. He had duty in Washington, D.C. and Boston, Mass. From 1955 to 1957 he was Executive Officer on board the USS Butner. He retired in 1964 and since then has been a free-lance writer for national magazines.

MARY (MYERS) PALMER attended Penn Hall Junior College in 1935 and the University of Arizona from 1936 to 1938; thereafter she attended the Katherine Gibbs School in New York and from 1939 to 1940 was a teacher in Springfield, Ohio, teaching typing.

HOWARD and MARY were the parents of four children:

262. (1) MARY CHRISTIE PALMER[12] b 28 May 1943, m 29 Sept 1968 DAVID WITHERSPOON LOWRANCE; two children.

(2) NANCY MYERS PALMER b 4 May 1947 Jacksonville,Florida. Attended high schools in Hingham and Falmouth,Mass. and Penn Hall College,PA. Has worked as registered Nurse's Aide Falmouth Hospital; now working as receiptionist.

(3) HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, III, b 4 May 1947, d 5 May 1947; he and his sister, NANCY, were twins.

263. (4) WILLIAM DAVID PALMER b 18 Feb 1952, Bethesda, Maryland; m 5 Aug 1983 at St. Bernadettes Church, Silver Springs, Maryland, CATHERINE ELIZABETH CRABILL; one daughter.

Source:

HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR. (1976, 1985).

216. RICHARD VOORHIS PALMER[11] (Howard[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Mar 1923 in Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y., the youngest of three children born to HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, SR. and his wife, HELEN MOORE.

RICHARD m at Falmouth, Mass., 4 Jan 1975 ELIZABETH KATHLEEN TRUNDY (b 15 Feb 1922 at Presque Isle, Maine), dau of LEVI and GRACE (CALKIN) TRUNDY of that town. He resides at Stratham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

RICHARD was born and grew up in Rochester, N.Y., residing at 105 Rockingham Street. He attended the local public schools and graduated in 1942 from the Harley School. In 1941 his parents had removed to Webster, N.Y., living at 920 Salt Road. On 28 Jan 1943 RICHARD entered the United States Army, assigned to the 80th Field Hospital, World War II having been in progress as far as America was concerned about a year and two months. His next three years in that war involved many countries; he participated in the Rhineland Campaign in France, Belgium and Germany; he was awarded the American Theater, European, African and Middle Eastern Ribbons with Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged 24 Feb 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon his discharge from the Army, RICHARD entered the School for American Craftsmen at Alfred University, Alfred, N.Y., where he was elected Freshman Class President and a member of the Student Senate. Following his graduation in 1949 he taught woodworking at the Cooper Union Art School, Cooper Square, N.Y.City. Between 1950 and 1953 RICHARD was employed as a boatbuilder. In 1953 he became Assistant Foreman at the James E. Field Corporation, Rochester, N.Y. and was appointed Vice President and Sales Manager in 1961.

Having been interested in boats and maritime history throughout most of his life, RICHARD applied for employment at Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Conn., in 1965. In 1972 he was appointed the first full-time Director of the Pemobscot Marine Museum (founded 1936) at Searsport, Maine. In 1977 he was appointed Administrator of the Thousand Islands Museum, Clayton, N.Y. That was followed by his becoming Head Curator, Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Thereafter he became Director of the Kittery Historical and Naval Museum in Kittery, Maine, a position he held in 1983-1985 before returning to his "home town", Rochester.

RICHARD's wife, "BETH", (as she is called) who had four sons by her first marriage, graduated from Wheelock College, Boston, Mass. She taught school for some years and then took a position with Avon Products as their Regional Sales Manager for New England. Later she engaged in the antique and lamp repair business; during all of these periods "BETH" was also very busy raising her four sons by her first marriage. She looks forward to continuing her antique shows and her custom lamp and lamp repair business in Rochester.

Source:
RICHARD VOORHIS PALMER (1985).

217. FRANK PALMER SPESSARD[11] (Bertha[10], Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 30 June 1909 at home in the house located at 1023 Colorado, Idaho Springs, Colorado. He was the older of two sons born to BERTHA CORNELIA (PALMER) and her husband, CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, SR. He married at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 21 Aug 1948 MARY THOMPSON DAVIES (b 10 May 1910, Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana), dau of STEPHEN J. and MARGARET HOBBS (THOMPSON) DAVIES of Shreveport, Louisiana.

He grew up in Idaho Springs, was valedictorian of his high school graduation class in 1926; then attended and graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.A. Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa; he majored in chemistry. He then received his M.A. degree in 1933.

FRANK's employment in many different states in his chosen field provided also the opportunity to do some traveling:

From July to Nov 1930 he had worked for the American Smelting & Refining Company, as analytical chemist, in Selby, Calif.
From 1933 to 1935 he was employed by the Gates Rubber Co., in Denver, Colorado; this was followed by
A few months as analyst for the Ore Buying & Milling Co. in Idaho Springs; then
From Sept. to April the following year he worked at the Bank of Idaho Springs;
In April of 1936, he went to work for Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in their Research Department, with occasional temporary work at the plant in Borger, Texas.
In 1962 he was transferred to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to work in the analytical laboratory at the Chem Plant at the National Reactor Testing Station, fifty miles West.
In 1971 he retired from the Idaho Nuclear Corporation which had succeeded Phillips Petroleum Company as the contractor for the Atomic Energy Commission at that facility.

Following FRANK's retirement in 1971 he and his wife settled in Shreveport, Louisiana (which had been her home) and still reside there.

MARY (DAVIES) SPESSARD was the dau and granddaughter of Methodist Ministers. Her grandfather also had a plantation, Glen Orange, near Morgan City, La. As a child she had lived in numerous different places, including Shreveport, Jackson, Wilson, Fisher, Grand Cane, Coushatta--all in the state of Louisiana. MARY's father returned to Shreveport when he retired; there she attended and graduated from the Centenary College, with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1929. In 1938 she received her M.A. in Education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Throughout this volume the numerous early emigrant ancestors of FRANK PALMER SPESSARD in his mother's PALMER lineage are set forth with considerable information about the male PALMERS and the women they married. All were predominantly from the areas of New England and New York. FRANK's

wife, however, was born in Louisiana, and was a descendant of many pioneer families who arrived there before it became a state in 1812, including the MUGGAH, MIXER, HARGRODER, PRUDHOMME and ROBBINS families. MARY SPESSARD has done considerable genealogical research into her many family lines and some of the results are being included herein thus providing the reader with an insight into a different geographical area of this vast country, and the people who settled there.

Our "Handy Book for Genealogists" includes a brief description of the history of the area which became the state of Louisiana:

> "Ownership of the Louisiana sector for the first 250 or 300 years of its discovery zig-zagged between France, Spain and England until it was sold to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Some of the quaint customs of the early French settlers have been perpetuated over the years and give the state an atmosphere of antiquity.
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> "Every school boy and girl remembers with nostalgic feelings Longfellow's 'Evangeline,' the poetic story of the transfer of large groups of French settlers from Nova Scotia to Louisiana. Many of these Acadians still live there where they are known as 'Cajuns.'
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> "Rather than to fight against the Mother Country during the Revolutionary War, many loyal Britons moved their families from the Atlantic states to Louisiana where they have perpetuated themselves.
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> "On 1 Oct 1804 Louisiana was divided into two parts by Congressional action. The upper portion was given the name 'District of Louisiana' and the lower portion 'Territory of Orleans'. Immediately after the formation of the Territory of Orleans, large numbers of Americans from south of the Ohio moved into the new acquisition. In 1805 Louisiana was divided into 12 counties and in 1807 the Orleans Territory was partitioned into 19 parishes."

MARY SPESSARD's research revealed that "There were two army posts; one at Opelousas and one at Natchitoches; these are about 125 miles apart and both west of the Mississippi River. Gradually the lands along the major streams were settled first; the first census of the area was made in 1810. Only one established church was located near the small village of St. Martinville. This remains a very interesting small town. This explains why so few records remain to find births, deaths and marriages: the Catholic priests kept, on loose sheets in their registers, the names and dates of the marriages and baptisms they performed."

The original home of the PRUDHOMME family in the Opelousas area of Louisiana has been placed on the National Register. However, most of the homes of the others were either lost in a destructive Gulf storm or as a result of the Civil War. MARY's father (STEPHEN J. DAVIES) was reluctant to discuss the earlier history of the family she feels because they were all at one time very wealthy and their homes were taken over by the soldiers early in the war. MARY recalls an episode about her grandfather who was a Methodist minister who was caught behind the

lines and was not heard from for several years. Eventually he returned to the plantation below Morgan City to find that the cane crop of the year before had not been paid for. He received permission from the commanding officer of the area to go to New Orleans in an effort to obtain the money owed them. However, he died there all alone and was buried before the family knew he had died. Many members of the family fought in the Civil War and also in the earlier conflict, the War of 1812.

MARY THOMPSON (DAVIES) SPESSARD's genealogy which she has prepared follows, commencing with her parents:

STEPHEN J. DAVIES b 27 Aug 1857 Glen Orange Plantation, below Morgan City, Louisiana; d 23 July 1937 Shreveport; m 18 Dec 1888 MARGARET HOBBS THOMPSON (b 19 Jan 1868 Opelousas, d 14 Dec 1954 Shreveport, dau of ANDREW* J. THOMPSON and LUCRETIA JANE MIXER). He was the son of:

STEPHEN J. DAVIES, SR. b 1817 Cardinshire, Wales, d 9 Oct 1864 New Orleans; bur there; m 12 June 1847 JULIA ANN MUGGAH (b 29 May 1826 St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana, d 1904 Berwick, same state, dau of JAMES MUGGAH** and JULIANNA ROBBINS).

* ANDREW JACKSON THOMPSON b 8 Sept 1815 St. Charles Co., Mo. d 12 Dec 1879 Jackson, La., son of WILLIAM*** THOMPSON and ELLEN HENSLEY, m 5 Aug 1852 LUCRETIA JANE MIXER (b 15 Jan 1835 Pine Prairie, La., d 22 Feb 1905, Opelousas, La., dau of EZEKIEL and SARAH (HARGRODER) MIXER). ****

** JAMES MUGGAH b ca 1782 Muggach, Scotland, d ca 1833 prob in St. Mary's Parish, La., m 1811 JULIANNA ROBBINS (b prob N.H., d bef 1828 St.Mary's Parish, dau of DAVID ROBBINS (b N.H., m ANNA STREETER).)

*** WILLIAM THOMPSON b 5 Aug 178_, d 17 Nov 1819, m 10 Aug 1805 in Missouri to ELLEN HENSLEY (b 20 Aug 1789, d 25 Jan 1867 Opelousas).

**** EZEKIEL MIXER b 31 Aug 1786 Cheshire Co., N.H., d 7 Apr 1864 Pine Prairie, La., son of EZEKIEL MIXER, SR. and ANNA PEPPER, m 13 Apr 1811 in La. SARAH HARGRODER (b 15 May 1789, d 7 Dec 1866, dau of HENRY HARGRODER and MARIE CELESTE PRUDHOMME).

JOHN MUGGAH (Muggach in Scotland) b 26 June 1760 Fochabers, Scotland, d 14 Sept 1829 St. Martinville, La., m 30 Sept 1778 in Fochabers HELEN MILNE.

EZEKIEL MIXER b 9 June 1752 Framingham, Mass., d 1806 St. Mary's Parish, La., son of JOHN and MARY (LYSCOM) MIXER, m ANNA PEPPER (b 17 Mar 1754, d 10 July 1794 in Louisiana, dau of BENJAMIN PEPPER and ABIGAIL PRATT PEPPER).

HENRY HARGRODER m MARIE CELESTE PRUDHOMME (dau of MICHEL and CATHERINE (RETENAUR) PRUDHOMME; HENRY was son of WILLIAM HARGRODER. (The name RETENAUR became RITTER eventually.)

JAMES MUGGACH, Fochabers, Scotland, d June 1791, m MARJORIE SHARP.

JOHN MIXER b 4 Nov 1711 Framingham, Middlesex Co., Mass., son of DANIEL and JUDITH MIXER, m 25 Dec 1739 MARY LYSCOM of Southboro, Massachusetts.

BENJAMIN PEPPER b 30 Oct 1719 Framingham, Mass., d 9 Sept 1807, son of JACOB and MARY (GLEASON) PEPPER; m 6 Jan 1741/42 ABIGAIL PRATT (b 26 Sept 1722 Middlesex, Mass., d 7 Sept 1807, dau of DAVID and SARAH (BANCROFT) PRATT).

MICHEL PRUDHOMME b 26 Apr 1739 (Will probated 24 Nov 1817) m ca 1780 CATHERINE RETENAUR.

JAMES MUGGACH married MARJORIE SHARP, Scotland.

DANIEL MIXER b 21 Feb 1675/76 Watertown, Mass., son of ISAAC and *REBECCA (GARFIELD) MIXER, m JUDITH _____, probably of Groton, Mass. (See next page.)

JACOB PEPPER b 28 July 1661 Roxbury, Mass., d 10 Apr 1739 Framingham, Mass., son of ROBERT and ELIZABETH (JOHNSON) PEPPER, m 1714 MARY GLEASON (b ca 1693 Framingham, dau of THOMAS GLEASON of Taunton, Massachusetts.

DAVID PRATT b ca 1675 Framingham, d 1731, son of THOMAS and SUSANNA PRATT, m 14 Dec 1704 SARAH BANCROFT (b ca 1682 Reading, Mass., d 1727, dau of EPHRAIM and SARAH (STILES) BANCROFT).

ISAAC MIXER b 1630 England, d 20 Nov 1716, son of ISAAC and SARAH (THURSTON) MIXER, m 10 Jan 1661 REBECCA GARFIELD (b 10 Mar 1640/41, d 16 Mar 1682, both in Watertown, Mass., dau of EDWARD and REBECCA GARFIELD).

ROBERT PEPPER b ca 1620 Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, d 7 July 1684 Roxbury, Mass., son of RICHARD and MARY PEPPER, m 14 Mar 1642 ELIZABETH JOHNSON (dau of Captain JOHN and MARGARET (SCUDDER) JOHNSON).

ISAAC MIXER bapt 3 Oct 1602 England (Capel, Suffolk County), d 4 June 1656 Watertown, Mass., son of ISAAC and FRANCES MIXER, m 11 May 1621 SARAH THURSTON (born 1601 in England, d 24 Nov 1681).

THOMAS PRATT born ca 1630 Framingham (Will probated 26 Sept 1692) m 1655 SUSANNAH _____.

EPHRAIM BANCROFT b 15 June 1656 Windsor, Conn., d 1737 Windsor, son of JOHN and HANNAH (DRAPER) BANCROFT, m 5 May 1681 SARAH STILES (b 12 Sept 1661, Springfield, Mass., d Oct 1727, dau of JOHN STILES, SR. (b 1633) and DORCAS BURT.

ISAAC MIXER b Capel, County of Suffolk, England ca 1569, bur 25 Mar 1642, m (1st) FRANCES _____ (b ca 1575, bur 24 Feb 1620/21, Capel).

JOHN BANCROFT 1623-1772 married 1656 HANNAH DRAPER.

JOHN STILES married DORCAS BURT.

THOMAS BANCROFT b ca 1570, w.d. 1626, m REBECCA ERRINGTON.

RALPH BANCROFT b ca 1547 m ALICE _____ (b ca 1549).

JOHN BANCROFT b ca 1521, w.d. 1537, d ca 1557, m MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH.

WILLIAM BANCROFT born ca 1500, m _____ (b ca 1504).

(Conclusion of Genealogy of MARY (DAVIES) SPESSARD.)

MARY taught school at the Harris High School near Homer and Minden in Louisiana for a year and later taught at the Fair Park High School in Shreveport.

At the outbreak of World War 11, MARY took employment as a chemist at the Shell Loading Plant east of Shreveport, and then at Premier Aviation Gasoline plant at Cotton Valley until the end of that war. Following that she went to work in the Research Department of Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where she remained until February 1949 a few months following her marriage. During MARY and her husband's residence in Idaho Falls, she taught chemistry in the high school for two years.

FRANK and MARY have two daughters, both born in Bartlesville:

264. (1) PENELOPE ANN SPESSARD[12] b 23 Apr 1950, m 17 July 1971 EARNEST GLENN("BUTCH") KENT in Shreveport (b 17 Aug 1946 in Shreveport), son of EARNEST GLENN KENT,SR. and ETHEL (KRETZINGER) KENT. (Divorced).

265. (2) PATRICIA ("TRISH") JANE SPESSARD b 16 Apr 1953, m 27 Dec 1975, Shreveport, ROBERT E. BEACH (b 27 Nov 1951 same city) son of ROBERT R. and EARLENE (BITTICK) BEACH. They have one son.

In the foregoing genealogy of MARY SPESSARD (previous page) it is noted that one of her ancestors was DANIEL MIXER born 21 Feb 1675/76 at Watertown, Mass., the son of ISAAC and REBECCA (GARFIELD)* MIXER.

*The GARFIELD FAMILY is included herein as an Allied Family inasmuch as it figures also in the PALMER lineage and thus FRANK PALMER SPESSARD and his wife, MARY, both can claim descent from the late President GARFIELD's emigrant ancestor, EDWARD GARFIELD, born 1575 England, died 1672 in Watertown, aged 97 years. EDWARD's children included the REBECCA GARFIELD born 10 May 1640 who became the wife of ISAAC MIXER on 10 Jan 1661, and her brother, BENJAMIN, born 1643 who married ELIZABETH BRIDGE 17 Jan 1677/78. The latter couple had many children including two sons: THOMAS born 1680 and SAMUEL born 1690, the former being the ancestor of the late President GARFIELD.

SAMUEL GARFIELD's granddaughter, ANNA, bapt 3 Jan 1762 at Leicester, Mass., married during the Revolutionary War, PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) LAMB, a soldier in that conflict (D.A.R. Patriot Index, p. 398). They had twelve children including the oldest DOLLY (born ca 1781) and her sister, NANCY (born 1791) both of whom married into the WALTER PALMER family, i.e. DOLLY married ca 1802 NATHAN PALMER, and her sister married ca 1810 his younger brother, JOHN C. PALMER. (See GARFIELD FAMILY herein.)

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949), page 20.
Family Records and Research of Frank Palmer Spessard and wife, Mary Davies Spessard.

The SPESSARD Genealogy commences with the emigrant, HANS PETER SPESSARD, who emigrated to America in 1751 settling in York, Pennsylvania; he died in 1758; his son born 1750 in Germany who accompanied him to this country was MICHAEL SPESSARD who married CHRISTEANNA _____ (b 1755, died

1 July 1831); he died Apr 1825; both are buried in Fam. Cemetery in Chewsville, Maryland. The lineage continues as follows:

PETER SPESSARD (son of MICHAEL and CHRISTEANNA) b 1 Sept 1779, m (3rd) MATILDA REED (b 29 June 1812, d 3 Feb 1890, bur Leitersburg, Maryland), died 19 July 1844, buried on Lewis Needy Farm near Chewsville. They had:

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SPESSARD b 27 May 1844, m 28 Jan 1868 KATHERINE E. HARTLE (b 11 May 1845, d 7 Sept 1902, bur Leitersburg), died 24 Dec 1910, bur Leitersburg. They had:

CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD b 6 Oct 1874, m 22 July 1907 Denver, Colorado, BERTHA CORNELIA PALMER (b 26 Sept 1875 at Lakeside, N. Y., d 13 May 1959, aged 84 years in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; see page 492 herein). He d 3 Oct 1949 and was buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, where his wife was also later buried. They had two sons:

FRANK PALMER SPESSARD b 30 June 1909, the subject herein, and

CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, JR. b 4 Oct 1913, subject of the following write-up.

Sources for SPESSARD Genealogy:

Private Communication received by FRANK P. SPESSARD from the Compiler of the "SPESSARD FAMILY," HOWARD LEHMAN SPESSARD in 1930.

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218. CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, JR.[11] (Bertha[10], Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Oct 1913 in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado, second son of his father and BERTHA (PALMER) SPESSARD. He m 16 Oct 1937 at Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Michigan, HELEN (NMN) AUPPERLE (b 8 Mar 1916 Avonmore, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania) dau of GEORGE HUNTER and WILLA (LAMPERT)AUPPERLE of Chester, Pennsylvania. CLAYTON, JR. died 23 Sept 1974 in Los Angeles, and following cremation his ashes were scattered over the Colorado mountains which he loved. His widow continues to reside in Irvine, Orange County, California, where they had resided since 1969.

CLAYTON grew up in Idaho Springs, graduating from high school there and was valedictorian of his class; he majored in chemistry at the University of Colorado at Boulder, graduating in 1934. He was active there in the Presbyterian Student Group, serving one year as its President. He played the clarinet in the school band and was President of the band group one year.

For one term in 1935 CLAYTON studied at the University of Michigan and then went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on a Union Carbide

fellowship at Mellon Institute and was later employed by that company at Pittsburgh with an interest in plastic coatings. He was also an inventor or co-inventor of plastic processes and applications and received patents for his discoveries. His employment involved much traveling to work with customers on their problems, including trips to Charleston, West Virginia and to New Jersey. In March 1948 he removed to California doing similar work for the Union Carbide Company in the Los Angeles area and resided in Pasadena for the next twenty-one years. In 1969 he settled in Irvine, Orange County, California.

CLAYTON's employment also included work with United States Steel Company working sometimes at Brigham City, Utah, and with the Michigan Chrome and Chemical Company and the Avery Corporation. While with U. S. Steel he developed a method for coating pipe with plastic to prevent corrosion; his work was always with plastics, mainly coatings.

His many memberships included: Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity for Chemistry Majors; a band fraternity at the University of Colorado; the American Chemical Society - Society of Plastic Engineers, Pasadena; twenty-one years a member of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church where he often served as an usher and was active in the men's organizations associated with that church; he was an enthusiastic member of the "Toastmasters Club". He had an insatiable yearning for learning more and more and his education never ceased; he continually enrolled in courses in self-improvement and to perfect his knowledge of his particular subject -- "protective coatings." CLAYTON's sudden, untimely death at the age of sixty-one years his widow explains was due to inhaling toxic fumes in the course of his employment over the years--work in which he was vitally interested and in which he was a perfectionist. However, this constant exposure destroyed the lining of his lungs and he died in 1974 of cancer.

HELEN SPESSARD lived in Avonmore, Pennsylvania until 1928 when her family moved to KoKura, Japan where they lived the next two years. In 1930 when she was a young teenager the family sailed the rest of the way around the world, returning to Pennsylvania. From 1934 to 1937 she attended the University of Michigan where she met and married her husband. While a student there she majored in piano at their School of Music and was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a National Honorary Music Sorority for Women in the field of music. She is a holder of the Sword of Honor in that organization.

HELEN and CLAYTON moved to Pittsburgh following their marriage in 1937 where they remained until 1948, during which time she attended additional music classes at the University of Pittsburgh and at Carnegie Tech. She continued her music studies after they settled in Pasadena in 1948, at the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, studying in Master Classes of piano with noted pianists JOANNA GRANDAN and SERGEI TARNOWSKY (teacher of HOROWITZ) and also VRONSKY and BABIN, famous duo pianists. She has concertised as solo pianist in the California Trio; in various chamber ensembles; as a duo-pianist accompanist. For sixteen years she has specialized in early music and still participates in concerts as solo

harpsichordist, giving lectures and recitals, playing with chamber orchestras and teaching both piano and harpsichord; she also taught harpsichord at the Pasadena City College.

She has been a member of the Music Teachers' Association; the Tuesday (Pasadena) Musicale; the Orange County Philharmonic Society; the Laguna Beach, California, Chamber Music Society (serving on their Board of Directors 1972-1978 and as Treasurer for five years); and presently continues teaching piano and harpsichord (1978) at the Irvine Conservatory as well as privately. She is also an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California.

FRANK PALMER and HELEN (AUPPERLE) SPESSARD had two children both born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

266. (1) CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, III, born 9 June 1941, m 29 Aug 1964 at Pasadena, California, MARY KATHLEEN JENNINGS (b 7 July 1942 Santa Monica, California, dau of RICHARD LOUIS and MARY ELAINE (HATFIELD) JENNINGS); they have two daughters.

(2) MARGARET PALMER SPESSARD b 1 June 1944, m (1st) DAVID BOWEN (divorced) by whom she had one daughter; m (2nd) _____ MARTIN. MARGARET ("PEGGY") in 1980 was residing in Van Nuys, California, and was employed as Vice President of the Lotus Communications, in charge of maintaining broadcast standards at twelve radio stations in California, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. At that date she had just the one child:

i KRISTEN DEANNE BOWEN b 14 Dec 1969 at the Baldwin Hills Hospital, Los Angeles.

Source:

Mrs. Helen (Clayton Ivan) Spessard (1978-1980).

219. FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH[11] (Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 Jan 1903 in Albany, New York, the oldest of three children born to ANNA BETH (MAINE) and her husband, the Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH. He married in March 1925 at Pitcairn, PA., LOUISE PRICE (b 21 Mar 1903), dau of EDWARD PRICE of that city; his maternal great-grandmother was MARY ANNA PALMER MAINE.

FRANKLIN graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1925, specializing in petroleum refining at their School of Mines. However, his career in the oil industry began during the summers of 1923 and 1924 when he worked as a trainee at Gulf Refinery in the Southwest.

From 1926 to 1929 FRANK (as he was usually called) was employed by Standard Oil Company. In 1929 he continued his career with Tide Water Oil Company as a Sales Engineer. Thereafter he became District Manager of that company's Long Island, N.Y. facilities. He advanced his career by moving into Sales Training and Promotion and was named Accessory Sales Manager; then he became Product Sales Manager and eventually was made the New York Department Manager in 1951. He died 13 Oct 1977, Poughkeepsie,N.Y. and was buried in Maine.

FRANK and LOUISE have three children:

267. (1) FRANKLIN JOSEPH COLCLOUGH[12] b 23 Aug 1930, Elizabeth, N.J., m 20 June 1950 RITA BLAUM at Huntington, N.Y.; 2 daughters.

268. (2) NANCY COLCLOUGH b 12 Oct 1935, Huntington, m 27 July 1957 WILLIAM WIECK at Greenlawn, N.Y.; 3 children.

269. (3) CHRISTY PALMER COLCLOUGH b 13 Feb 1945, Huntington, m on 21 Jan 1967 at Northport, N.Y. EILEEN _____; they have four children.

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220. BETH COLCLOUGH[11] (Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 Nov 1916 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the second child born to ANNA BETH (MAINE) and her husband, the Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH. She m 13 July 1940 at Huntington, N.Y., ROBERT STANLEY MOORE (b 14 Nov 1915, Elmhurst, N.Y.), son of ROBERT H. and LOUISE (BRIGGS) MOORE of Wareham, Mass.

BETH attended Northwestern University, choosing the career of a secretary and a librarian. She has resided in numerous different areas, including Cincinnati; Evanston,Illinois; Huntington,N.Y.; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Leonia, N.J; and most recently Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which denomination her father was a minister.

Her husband, BOB (as he is called) was a Safety Director at Grumman Aircraft Company from which position he retired in July 1976. From childhood he was involved with sailing--both racing and cruising.

BOB MOORE has participated in numerous sailing races in numerous Newport to Bermuda Races and has cruised in many waters, including those in the Newfoundland area. He is a member of the Cruising Club of America, Storm Trysail and Offsoundings Club.

BETH and BOB MOORE have three sons:

270. (1) HARTWELL PALMER MOORE[12] b 25 Aug 1943, Huntington, N.Y., m 29 Mar 1969 at Argyle, N.Y. SANDRA WHITMAN; two children.

271. (2) ROBERT HARTWELL MOORE, II, b 29 Dec 1945 Englewood, N.J., m 28 June 1969 at Huntington, N.Y. BARBARA BLACK.

272. (3) WARREN HATHAWAY MOORE b 3 Oct 1948 Englewood, N.J., m 17 Aug 1974 at San Francisco, California, CAROL GOOD.

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221. JEAN COLCLOUGH[11] (Anna[10] (Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 Mar 1920 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the youngest of three children born to ANNA BETH (MAINE) and her husband, the Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH. She m at New York City, N.Y. CHARLES HITCHCOCK and died 27 Oct 1951 in Huntington, N.Y. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JEAN and CHARLES HITCHCOCK had one child:

(1) HOWARD LAPSLEY HITCHCOCK[12] b 17 Apr 1948, married PATRICIA LEE MULVEG and had one child:

i CORY LEE HITCHCOCK b 26 July 1974 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In early 1980's he removed to Alaska.

Source: Mrs. Beth Colclough Moore, Hilton Head, S.C.

222. OLGA MELVINA PALMER[11] (Edward[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in the city of Los Angeles, California, the first child of EDWARD BANNON PALMER, SR. and LILLIAN MELVINA (MAYBERRY) PALMER, on 29 June 1912 just six months after the parents arrived in that city from Chicago. OLGA was born in the Methodist Hospital in downtown Los Angeles inasmuch as her parents were living in a small apartment at that time; her siblings were all born at home in the house her parents purchased and moved into in 1913 before their second child arrived.

One year and one month after her birth her sister, DORIS LILLIAN, was born at home; the family doctor who cared for everyone in the small village made his rounds on a bicycle since automobiles were just beginning to make an appearance. However, when it was time for OLGA to enter kindergarten and commence her schooling at the age of five years, her mother held her back one year so she could enroll in the kindergarten class along with her sister; this was at the Graham Grammar School, Manchester Boulevard, in the village of Graham although the birth certificate of her sister gives their residence as the village of Florence. Actually their home was close to the dividing line between those two villages which were in "county territory" and outside the city of Los Angeles. For the next thirteen years, therefore, the two sisters continued their schooling in the same class and were always considered to be twins as their dress was always identical.

Following graduation from the Thomas Jefferson High School in June of 1931, where both had taken a commercial-secretarial course, they entered Sawyer's Business College from which they graduated the following June, the same month OLGA married (1st) HARLEY BROWN in Eagle Rock, county of Los Angeles from whom she was divorced in 1940; they had no children, and during the eight years they resided in Northern California in an old gold mining town near Sacramento called Grass Valley; in 1932 gold was still being mined from the local mines where HARLEY was employed.

OLGA returned to her parents' home in 1940, attended a business college and became proficient as the operator of a bookkeeping machine; her employment for the next twenty-five years was in this type of work which included some twenty years with the head office of the Cadillac Motor Corporation in Los Angeles and three years working in a bank in Anchorage, Alaska.

She married (2nd) July 1950 EMERY HAROLD GARTON (b 27 Jan 1907) as his third wife; he was a machinist employed in the aircraft industry in Los Angeles County and had been since the late 1930's and all during the second world war during which employment he had sustained an industrial accident which resulted in the loss of one eye. In the spring of 1953 they sought a change of scenery and HAROLD's (as he was always called) fondest dream had always been to see Alaska so they drove from Southern California to Anchorage, pulling their new Air Stream trailer the 5,000 mile journey. HAROLD immediately sought and obtained employment there as a machinist with the United States Air Force at Elmdorff Base which

he retained for the next three years and until their departure from Alaska in September 1956; during that time OLGA was employed in one of the local banks. They returned to Southern California settling first in the city of Alhambra and in 1967 removing to the coastal community of Westminster in Orange County. OLGA returned to employment with the Cadillac Motor Corporation and her husband took employment with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in Long Beach where he remained until his retirement in 1974.

They had some other interesting travels in addition to their Alaskan trip including a month spent in San Juan, Puerto Rico in June 1965 visiting her younger sister and brother-in-law who resided there some three years; also a trip to Boston, Massachusetts, and a wedding trip in 1950 to Detroit, Michigan, and numerous trips throughout the Western United States visiting HAROLD's many brothers and sisters.

OLGA died 9 Feb 1976 in Westminster and was buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

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223. DORIS LILLIAN PALMER[11], (Edward[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Aug 1913 in the village of Florence, County of Los Angeles, California, the second child of EDWARD BANNON and LILLIAN (MAYBERRY) PALMER. Her educational data has been set out in the preceding write-up which paralleled that of her sister up through graduation from business college in June of 1932, at which time DORIS commenced employment in a law office of three Los Angeles attorneys; this was one of the worst years of the Great Depression which had commenced in 1929 although her family did not become too aware of this disaster for another couple of years when her father's employment of the previous twelve years came to an end and her younger brother was just commencing high school; he obtained part-time employment working a few hours in the evening and on Saturdays.

As a legal secretary, education never ceases; the state codes are revised and amended every two years and legal secretaries must constantly keep up-to-date on the latest changes. In Southern California in 1931 the first Legal Secretaries Association had been organized in Long Beach in which those working in this field there and in Los Angeles, San Diego and Pasadena joined to form that first ever association. DORIS became a member in 1933 and took an active part in the organization for the next eight years; she was Publicity Director in 1935; Vice President of the Los Angeles group in 1936 and President in 1937-1938; she attended the first organizational meeting of the California State Federation of Legal Secretaries held in Los Angeles at which representatives from San Francisco also participated; DORIS was elected as the first Executive Secretary of the new organization; in time other chapters were formed throughout the State and in a few years it expanded into the National Association with similar groups formed throughout the United States; eventually the membership nationally reached two thousand; the Los Angeles Association's membership was about two hundred and fifty, it being the largest.

In addition to lectures and classes to keep members informed of changes in the law, other subjects were given for the benefit of the members, i. e. English, Public Speaking, Parliamentary Law; also athletic activities such as swimming and horseback riding were available for the members, both of which DORIS joined in.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor DORIS had applied for employment as a stenographer-secretary with the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when she learned that department of the United States government was paying double the salary the local attorneys were offering! She entered on duty the first of February 1942 and remained with the local office throughout the second World War and most of the Korean War, resigning in the spring of 1951. In April 1943 she was promoted to the position of Supervisor of the Stenographic Department which she retained for over five years; this section had some seventy-five employees, including typists, stenographers, secretaries, switchboard operators and in the beginning teletype operators.

DORIS married (1st) 24 Aug 1948 in the Methodist Church in Inglewood, California, a widower, HARRY ROGER ZIMMERMAN (b 12 Oct 1903, Green Springs, Ohio; d 28 Jan 1950, Los Angeles, bur Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale); she m (2nd) 5 Nov 1960 in the Congregational Church in South Pasadena,California, as his second wife, WILLIAM HYRUM BUYS (b 20 Aug 1907 Heber City, Utah), son of WILLIAM and SARAH JANE (McDONALD)+BUYS of that city. Her husband's grandparents on both the BUYS and the McDONALD side had been part of the vast movement of Mormons to the Salt Lake City basin in the 1850's. WILLIAM's 14-year old son, WILLIAM KENT BUYS, commencing high school at South Pasadena in September 1960 was a member of the household from the beginning and remained such until he married in 1967 although during the school terms he was at the University of California at Chico for three years, from 1964.

In between 1951 and her second marriage the end of 1960, DORIS was fortunate to have two other interesting and rewarding experiences in her forty-year career as a secretary. In December 1951 she became secretary to a former FBI Special Agent who had assumed the position of Director of a local crime prevention committee in Burbank, GEORGE DAVID THOMSON, a long-time friend. This employment they knew was for a three-year period only and it proved to be not only interesting but exciting at times and their previous backgrounds in law and the FBI were invaluable.

The end of August 1954, her employment at an end, DORIS boarded the "Queen Mary" in New York City and sailed for London with an itinerary that included a two months' tour of Europe and return eventually to home. She had no idea then that her return home would not be until June of 1958, almost four years later! In November 1954 she applied for and obtained a position working in Grosvenor Square, London, as secretary to Brigadier General SAMUEL MORGAN THOMAS, a Vice President of the Hazelton Electronics Corporation, headquartered on Long Island, New York. That company had become the prime contractor for the Bureau of Ships under the U. S. Navy Department for the purpose of erecting thoughout Western Europe certain NATO equipment. This employment continued into the spring of 1958 and on its completion DORIS boarded the "Queen Elizabeth" for her return to

Southern California. Her years in London had revived her interest in the Palmer Family genealogy and during the years 1955-1958 she had two meetings with the Clarenceux King of Arms in London to initiate proceedings to authenticate WALTER PALMER's Coat of Arms, believing at that time there was no doubt but that WALTER did have a Coat of Arms. Some of the correspondence the compiler received from Sir JOHN HEATON-ARMSTRONG (at first the Chester Herald) of the College of Arms appears on the following pages.

This London employment afforded an opportunity for endless traveling through England, parts of Scotland and Wales and return visits back to the Continent as well as the making of friendships which have never ended. In furtherance of her continuing educational pursuits DORIS attended night classes two years at the University of London; one subject was the study of the Architecture of the English Cathedrals; another one was Archaeology in Roman Britain.

DORIS' employment on her return to Southern California has included that of a legal secretary again; then assisting her husband in his real estate office in Pasadena following his retirement from the FBI in December 1960; and being his secretary for three years in San Juan, Puerto Rico during the years 1964-1967, when he accepted a position with a New York City group.

WILLIAM BUYS graduated from the Salt Lake City High School, having first attended the elementary schools in the town of Heber City; he thereupon moved to reside with family members in Chicago, Illinois, where he undertook pre-legal studies at the University of Illinois, obtaining his Juris Doctor from the Chicago Kent College of Law; he practiced law in that city until the fall of 1939 when he accepted a position as Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being first assigned to Richmond, Virginia. Needing some Agent fluent in Spanish, BILL (as he is called) was assigned to Havana, Cuba, from 1939 to 1942 and then to Bolivia through 1943 during the years of the second World War. From the latter year through 1945 he was reassigned to headquarters office in Washington, D.C. and from there he obtained his office of preference, Los Angeles, where he met his future wife who was supervisor of the Stenographic Department, although it would be fourteen years before they married. During those years he was promoted to be an Inspector and as such traveled through Latin and South America and Europe inspecting the Bureau's liaison offices (which are non-investigative), in 1957-1958.

During the years 1968-1971 while residing in South Pasadena, DORIS and her husband continued their educational studies as a hobby by attending each year classes taught by the UCLA Professor LENNOX TIERNEY, an eminent Art Historian. On retirement to San Clemente in 1972 their joint hobby of genealogical research became dominant in their lives and this included many more years of attending classes, lectures, seminars, and talks from professional genealogists to better prepare them for their individual research projects. BILL joined the Masonic Order at Lakeside Lodge No. 739 in Chicago in March 1931 and demitted to Corona Lodge No. 324 in 1946, at Pasadena, California, where he also became a member of the Scottish Rite and thereafter affiliated with Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine in Los Angeles.

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FROM
SIR JOHN HEATON-ARMSTRONG, M.V.O.
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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
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Telegrams: "ARMSTRONG, LONDON".

19th May, 1955.

Dear Madam -

Thank you for your letter of the 11th of May about your pedigree and right to Armorial Bearings.

Perhaps I should explain that in order to establish a right to Armorial Bearings, it is necessary either to be a Grantee of Arms - i.e. an individual to whom and to whose descendants Armorial Bearings have been assigned by Letters Patent - or in the alternative, to register in our official records here a Pedigree showing the direct male line descent from an ancestor already appearing therein as being entitled to Arms.

In order that I may know what information may be contained in our official records about your family, a search will have to be made the fee for which with my report will be five guineas. ($15.00 ~~at that time.~~)

Will you kindly let me know all particulars you may already have available about your immediate ancestors - commencing with yourself and working backwards - giving where possible full names, places of residence, occupations and dates and places of births, marriages and deaths.

When the result of this preliminary search is known to me I shall be in a better position to advise you as to the best course to adopt in order that your wishes may be met.

You will see from the above the right to bear Arms descends in the male line only - except in certain cases as in quarterings - so that any research work I carried out for you under the name of Palmer would be as a matter of interest to you and not with a view to you yourself being able to use the Armorial Bearings.

The Armorial Bearings of a married lady consist of her paternal Arms suitably conjoined with those of her husband.

A lady therefore who has inherited Armorial Bearings from her father is unable to use these unless her husband is also entitled to Arms and his Shield is therefore available for the display of his wife's Arms.
If therefore you were a Miss Palmer before marriage and a right to Arms could be established for the family of Zimmerman from whom your husband descends, any Armorial Bearings to which your father could have established a right would be shown in conjunction with those of Zimmerman.

It occurs to me that as much time and unnecessary correspondence can often be saved by an interview, you may like to telephone to arrange an appointment to see me here when we can discuss the whole matter and I can see what can be done in order that your wishes may be met.

Yours very truly,

Lothian-Armstrong

CHESTER HERALD.

Mrs. D. Zimmerman,
61 Grove End Gardens,
St. Johns Wood,
London, N.W.8.

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FROM
SIR JOHN HEATON-ARMSTRONG, M.V.O.
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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
E. C.
Telephone: CITY 3300.
Telegrams: "ARMSTRONG, LONDON."

25th January 1957.

Dear Mrs Zimmerman,

I am sending you herewith as arranged a list of questions for you to send to your father, asking him to fill in the answers to as many of those that he can before returning the lists to me.

In the meantime I understand you will also be writing to your cousin to see whether she has any information, in order to enable you to fill in the gaps between Walter Palmer of Nottingham in England who married Grace, and Nathaniel Palmer the father of John, Nathan and Enos.

Yours very truly,

J. Heaton-Armstrong

CLARENCEUX KING OF ARMS

Mrs Zimmerman,
61 Grove End Gardens,
St. John's Wood,
London, N.W.8.

(During the years 1948-1960 the compiler's name was DORIS PALMER ZIMMERMAN, although her first husband had died in Jan 1950.)

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FROM SIR JOHN HEATON-ARMSTRONG, M.V.O.
CLARENCEUX KING OF ARMS
COLLEGE OF ARMS · QUEEN VICTORIA STREET · LONDON EC4
Telephone: City 3300 *Telegrams.* 'Armstrong London'

21st December 1957

Mrs Zimmerman,
61 Grove End Gardens,
St. John's Wood,
London, N.W.8.

Dear Mrs Zimmerman,

Your file has been brought up to me for a "reminder",as I see that the list of questions I sent you for your father to fill in as long ago as Janurary of this year has not yet been returned to me.

If you are no longer interested in the matter perhaps you will be kind enough to let me hear from you to this effect, so that the correspondence may be filed away.

May I take this opportunity of sending you my good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours very truly,

J. Heaton-Armstrong

CLARENCEUX KING OF ARMS

224. EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR.,[11] (Edward[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 Mar 1917 in the village of Florence, Los Angeles County, California, the fourth and last child of his father and mother, LILLIAN (MAYBERRY) PALMER. He m 11 Sept 1938 in the Methodist Church, Inglewood, FERN ELIZABETH HENDRICKS (b 18 Nov 1915 Oklahoma), dau of ROY L. and ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE") (PEASLEY) HENDRICKS of Lakeport, Northern California; they were divorced in 1954. EDWARD's wife was always called "BETTIE" and they had three children; she m (2nd) about 1962 LAWRENCE BONUS and they reside in Lawndale, Los Angeles County, California. EDWARD is a long-time member of the Elks Club.

EDWARD attended the same grammar (Graham) school as his two older sisters and the first year of high school was the same, Thomas Jefferson; however, the devastating earthquake of March 10, 1933 resulted in all the beautiful Jeffersonian-style buildings of that high school being condemned and he transferred to the Huntington Park High School from which he was graduated in June 1935. That year was only about the middle of the unforgettable Depression Years and one gladly accepted whatever employment was available so he took employment with a huge department store in downtown Los Angeles; his goal was eventually to further his education in the engineering field and work along that line. He commenced taking night classes in engineering which continued for many years at the University of California at Los Angeles and before the advent of this country into the second World War he was employed in a precision company making products for the war effort to sustain our Allies. This continued until about the end of 1944 when he joined the U. S. Merchant Marine and served until the middle of 1946 in the South Pacific, leaving his wife and two small children at home in Inglewood, California.

On returning to civilian life, EDWARD and his family removed to Northern California, settling in the coastal town of Fort Bragg where EDWARD became owner and manager along with his brother-in-law of a fishing vessel where they engaged in commercial fishing for the next four years. Here in that small, but very beautiful, town a third child was born to EDWARD's wife.

Finally, realizing that the life of a commercial fisherman was not as stable and financially rewarding as had been outlined to him by others, EDWARD and his family returned to Southern California where in June 1950 he accepted an engineering position with Grayson Controls,Ltd., a subsidiary of Robertshaw Company of Virginia; he would be a tool designer and engineer, employed in the Long Beach plant. Here he remained the next thirty-five years, retiring in June 1985, residing in Long Beach. EDWARD and BETTIE's three children were born in California, the first two in Inglewood:

273. (1) CLAUDE EDWARD PALMER b 24 Sept 1940; resides in Torrance.
274. (2) PATRICIA JEANNE PALMER b 6 May 1943, m 1962 DOUGLAS WILKS (divorced); two daus: DANA JEANNE WILKS and CARI LYN WILKS.
275. (3) DENNIS CRAIG PALMER b 28 Nov 1949; resides Long Beach.

Following retirement EDWARD has devoted all his time and energies to promoting the DYNA-CAM engine which he has been involved with many years; he is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

225. WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER, JR.[11], (William Sickler, Sr.[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1])was born 19 Nov 1913 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the only child of his parents, WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER, SR. and ALICE EDYTHE (CAMP) PALMER. WILLIAM, JR. attended the public schools in Indianapolis through 1929, graduating that year on 19 June from the Hutchins Intermediate School. His parents then settled in Detroit, Michigan where he attended Northwestern High School and from which he graduated in May 1933.

In October 1945 WILLIAM returned from the European Theatre at the conclusion of World War II and on 8 Dec 1945 he married at Savannah, Georgia, PAULINE HEYWARD COMER (b 21 Jan 1917 Savannah, dau of ARTHUR FINCH and PAULINE FRANCES+(OVERTON)+COMER of that city), in Saint John's Episcopal Church. PAULINE PALMER (always known as "NINA" PALMER) was in the eleventh generation descended from the emigrant DANIEL HEYWARD who was born in Little Eaton, Derbyshire, England and who died about 1684 in South Carolina. The next four generations of DANIEL HEYWARD's descendants had a male child named THOMAS the last one being a signer of the Declaration of Independence for South Carolina, i.e.+THOMAS HEYWARD born 1746 died 1809. Before World War II and her marriage, NINA PALMER had been employed in Savannah as a legal secretary; her mother had also been employed in the business world there. Following her marriage, NINA and WILLIAM PALMER settled down in Detroit and her mother obtained a position there and removed to Detroit to be nearer her only child; NINA continued her work as a legal secretary in Detroit for several years.

Before and after his five years' service in the armed forces, WILLIAM was furthering his career as a professional, free-lance artist. In addition to regular art schooling, WILLIAM took advantage of two art scholarships he received, one for two years to attend the Academy of The Detroit Institute of Arts and the other, also for two years, to attend The John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. These were also rounded out by his taking private courses and in addition special courses at the Wayne State University.

Like the experience of many thousands of young American men in the early 1940's, WILLIAM found his career interrupted by the draft of many of them in 1940 for one year's army training inasmuch as war in Europe had been in progress since September 1939 and this country's armed forces had not yet been built up, increased and made ready for the possible eventuality of our participation in that conflict. His number was called in 1940 which required him to commence his training the first of 1941 and he was sent to a base in the San Francisco area where he remained that year, expecting to be discharged the end of the same year. He was assigned part of that year to Fort Baker and served in the Coast Artillery. If anyone actually believed those first year trainees would be discharged at the end of 1941 they were engaged in wishful thinking and failed to face the realities of the times. It was difficult to face up then to the inevitable--that their terms of service would extend into many years, involve much overseas travel and so many would not survive. Few could have foreseen that the events of 1941 would so change our lives and that the history which would be lived out thereafter would change the world forever.

Instead of being discharged in December 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December by the Japanese instantly changed everyone's life. The declaration of war made the next day by the Congress of the United States automatically cancelled out the discharge of any of the thousands of young men who had been serving their one-year enlistment. WILLIAM, JR. was no exception and realizing he was committed for the duration of the conflict, requested re-assignment to an Officer Candidate School which was granted. During 1942 he trained at the Officer Candidate School in or near Savannah, Georgia; following his graduation he attained the rank of First Lieutenant and was immediately sent with his group to the European Theatre of the War where he remained the next three years. During those years he was at times in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany and the last two and one-half years he was attached to the 34th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade where he was the Executive Officer of its Gun Operations Room, Communications Officer and later a Military Government Officer. His awards included the Pearl Harbor Ribbon with Silver Star; the European Theatre Ribbon with five Battle Stars; the Bronze Star Award from the United States; and the Croix de guerre with Silver Star from France. His Citation For Award of the Bronze Star Medal reads:

"WILLIAM S. PALMER, 01 042 057, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 34th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from November 1943 to October 1944, in Italy and France. As Executive and Communication Officer of the 6707th Gun Operations Room Platoon (Provisional), Lieutenant PALMER, despite a lack of trained personnel and technical equipment, through ingenuity and resourcefulness, successfully trained his communications personnel in a new type of procedure, and designed and constructed numerous electrical and mechanical devices for the Gun Operations Room. His untiring efforts, initiative and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of his unit's combat mission. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan."

By letter dated 7 November 1945 on his discharge following the end of that long, world-shattering conflict he received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding General of the U.S.A., Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington 25, D.C., JACOB L. DEVERS:

"Dear Lieutenant PALMER:

I wish to express to you my very real appreciation for the important part you have played in this war.

The Nation, the Army and the Army Ground Forces share your just pride in your contribution to making our arms victorious. Without you, and others who like you unselfishly gave up civil pursuits to defend the civilization we cherish, our brilliant and complete victory could never have been achieved.

Your military organization and the friendships you have formed therein will be a source of great satisfaction to you for many years to come.

I am sure you will resume your duties as a citizen with the same loyalty, leadership and devotion that have marked your service as an officer. You go to your home with my wishes for your good fortune in the future."

Once again a civilian, WILLIAM PALMER in 1946 resumed his profession as a free-lance artist which he continued to the day of his death, on his birthday, 19 Nov 1979. Many of his works are now in private collections in the Grosse Pointe area of Michigan, in business offices in Mich. and in outstate collections. One large collection done exclusively by him and consisting of twenty different works in various mediums decorates the walls of the offices of the Ryerson Steel Corporation, 1600 East Euclid Ave., Detroit, which are at times on public display there.

WILLIAM also engaged in private tutoring and has taught classes in drawing, primary and advanced watercolor. He worked in various mediums such as watercolor, pen and ink, acrylics and serigraphy (silk screen printing). The subject of his works varied from realistic to abstract and geometric. For many years his works were accepted by art juries and galleries. He repeatedly exhibited his paintings in local and national art shows, including twice at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Another public display of his works is "on the hill" at number 81 Kercheval, in the upstairs hallway. This display consists of four large sepia brush drawings of architectural subjects, historic Detroit and Grosse Pointe landmarks set in shadow boxes in the walls of the hall.

Since his death, a portrait done by WILLIAM of the late FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, owned by Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT T. HERDEGEN, JR. of The Farms, Detroit, Michigan, was donated by them to the Lawrence Institute of Technology School of Architecture.

NINA PALMER had graduated from the Savannah (Georgia) High School and following her marriage in 1945 and resettling in Detroit, her interest in art and music continued. Since her husband's death in 1979 she has taken a more active part in the latter and is Secretary of the Pro-Mozart Society of Greater Detroit whose annual concerts are usually held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Building. She has devoted some thirty years to her subject, "The Understanding and Appreciation of the Character of Mozart, the Man, and his Music," and periodically conducts seminars on this subject. NINA and her mother were members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the D.A.R. in Detroit. Her mother, PAULINE (OVERTON) COMER, was an accomplished singer having studied in New York City and sang in the Metropolitan Opera Chorus; she died 20 Mar 1979 in Detroit.

In addition to their being descended from a signer of the Constitution (See THOMAS HEYWARD herein), PAULINE HEYWARD, their OVERTON history also is especially interesting; NINA PALMER's grandfather, ARTHUR OVERTON, was born in England and in that line she was a "second generation American although in the eleventh generation in the HEYWARD family. ARTHUR's grandfather served as an aide to the Duke of Wellington and fought with him at the Battle of Waterloo (in Belgium in 1815), (See OVERTON and COMER Allied Families herein).

226. LELAND STANFORD PALMER[11] (Ervin W.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 Nov 1901 in Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, oldest child of ERVIN W. and ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE") JANE (McCARBERY) PALMER. No explanation has been volunteered for naming this first son "LELAND STANFORD" -- unusual names in this PALMER family. Through many decades some members of the family were named for prominent persons which seems to be the case in this instance. The father must have been impressed with the accomplishments of one LELAND (NMN) STANFORD (1824-1893), railroad magnate and politician, born New York, who helped organize the Central Pacific Railroad; became its president; later became Governor of California (1861-1863), its United States Senator (1885-1893) and devoted much of his fortune to endow a university at Palo Alto, California, named after his son, LELAND STANFORD, JR. born 1879, died 1884, age five.

LELAND married 12 Oct 1926 at Britton, Mich. THELMA PEARL BOYD (b 13 Mar 1902 at Athens, Illinois), dau of JAMES ALEXANDER and LaVINNIE (VAN MEETER) BOYD of Athens. He had attended the local schools, including Britton High School. He and his wife lived their entire lives in Ridgeway Township where he was a farmer. LELAND died 11 Feb 1975 in Adrian, Mich., and was buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

LELAND and his wife had one dau:

276. (1) SUE ELIZABETH PALMER[12] b 28 Aug 1935 m WILLIAM ROBERT MARTIN on 21 Aug 1955 (b 5 Feb 1930 Morristown, N.J.) at Britton, Mich. Congregational Church. They had five children:

i JAMES WILLIAM MARTIN b 22 Mar 1958, d 4 May 1962.
ii PATRICIA ANNE MARTIN b 30 Aug 1959, Lansing.
iii MICHAEL JOHN MARTIN b 6 Oct 1961, Lansing, Mich.
iv KATHERINE ELIZABETH MARTIN b 3 Dec 1964, Lansing
v JOHN ROBERT MARTIN (2nd) b. 28 Jan 1967.

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227. LILLIAN MAY PALMER[11] (Ervin W.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Jan 1907 in Ridgeway Township, Michigan, dau of ERVIN W. and ELIZABETH JANE (McCARBERY) PALMER. She m 1 Sept 1928 EDGAR CLARENCE BUTTOLPH at Ridgeway (b 1 Sept 1899, Fowlerville, Indiana), son of EDGAR CLARENCE and CLARA (STYLES) BUTTOLPH of Saybrook, Illinois. EDGAR died 17 Sept 1962 at Tecumseh and is buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

LILLIAN attended the local schools, graduating from Britton High School. She continued her education at the Michigan State Normal College where she received her B.S. degree and then the University of Michigan where she received her Masters degree and subsequently her Masters plus degree from Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti. For forty-four years LILLIAN was a teacher in the public schools as well as in some private schools. Her husband was trained as a mechanic, a profession which he followed for many years, specializing in mechanical work on electrical elevators.

LILLIAN and her husband, EDGAR, were members of the Congregational Church in Britton, Michigan; he was a member of the local Masonic Order and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

LILLIAN resides in Tecumseh, Michigan and since her retirement has traveled extensively including trips abroad to Europe, wintering in Florida and on occasions visiting Southern California.

They had one daughter:

277. (1) BONNIE JEAN BUTTOLPH[12] born 21 May 1929, m 20 Aug 1949 DONALD JAY BERKLEY (b 4 Mar 1927) resides Tecumseh.

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228. ELWOOD JAMES PALMER[11] (Ervin W.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 14 July 1909 in Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, the youngest of the three children born to ERVIN W. and ELIZABETH (McCARBERY) PALMER. He married 1 Mar 1938 RUTH WAHL at Napoleon, Ohio (b 13 Aug 1919 at Blissfield Township, Michigan), dau of WILLIAM and MINNIE (SCHMIDT) WAHL of Blissfield, where ELWOOD's widow, RUTH, resides.

ELWOOD attended the local schools including Britton High School and thereafter continued the trend of his father and ancestors by being a farmer. He died 27 May 1966 in Ann Arbor, Michigan and was buried in Blissfield Cemetery. He and RUTH had been members of the local Lutheran Church.

They had one son:

278. (1) RICHARD LEE PALMER[12] b 9 Apr 1941, m 29 June 1963 MARGARET ADAMS (b 3 Aug 1941), resides San Diego, California, and has one daughter:

i DALEANNE PALMER[13] b 27 April 1966 in Detroit.

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Source for LELAND, LILLIAN and ELWOOD PALMER:
MRS. LILLIAN PALMER BUTTOLPH (1979)

229. CYRUS A. PALMER, JR.[11] (Cyrus A.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 June 1927 in Long Beach, California, the oldest son of CYRUS A. PALMER, SR. and his second wife, IDA MAE STRAIT. He married (1st) EVELYN MAY FRIEND on 30 Dec 1947 at Orange, Orange County, California, dau of LeROY and EVA FRIEND of that city; they were divorced. He married (2nd) BILLIE WILDA KRAXLER, dau of BRUCE and ANN (WEAVER) CREIGHTON of Green Town, Ohio, (b 3 Sept 1919,Ohio).

CYRUS attended elementary and high schools in Orange. Although he was only fifteen years of age when World War II commenced, before that conflict concluded he had served in the armed forces in the branch of the U. S. Navy known as the "Seabees." Except for absence from home during the war, he had resided continually on the orange grove ranch his father had purchased in 1914. In the summer of 1964 he removed to the city of Orange and thereafter resided in another nearby community, Tustin. Following the end of hostilities in 1945 he obtained employment with the Orange County Road Department and continued that employment until his retirement 6 June 1977. Preparatory to his retirement, he removed to adjoining Riverside County in 1971, settling at Canyon Lake.

Following in the footsteps of his father, CYRUS, JR. was a member of and active in numerous organizations:

American Legion Post No. 131.
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 1508.
Native Sons of the Golden West.
Masonic Lodge No. 293, Orange, California.
I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows) Lodge No. 199, Anaheim.
Elks Lodge No. 2591.
Moose Lodge No.2228.

CYRUS, JR. had three children by his first wife:

279. (1) JANET MAY PALMER[12] b 15 March 1949, m 1970 ARTHUR SNYDER.
280. (2) CYRUS A. PALMER, III b 1 Dec 1950,m 1969 MARY ANNATTE DAVIS.
281. (3) LeROY ARTHUR PALMER b 18 Dec 1951,m ____ JULIE _____.

Source: CYRUS PALMER, JR. and
CYRUS PALMER, III (1979)
LEONIDAS PALMER Family Bible

230. MARY ISABEL WRIGHT[11], (Phena[10] Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 4 Sept 1925 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the only child of PHENA MARIE PALMER and her husband, DONALD FRASER WRIGHT of Tecumseh, Michigan. She married (1st) 4 Aug 1947 at Tecumseh WARREN H. STEURER (b 30 Oct 1925, Tarrytown, N.Y.) son of DR. WILLIAM H. and LYDE (HOWARD) STEURER of Tarrytown. They had two children and were divorced 3 Feb 1981 in Orange County, California. MARY married (2nd) 1984 DAVID MARCUS OGREN (b 8 May 1920 Jamestown, N.Y.), son of DAVID PAUL and M. GLADYS (AHLSTROM) OGREN of Jamestown. MARY and DAVID reside in the state of Washington.

MARY attended the local public schools in Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan, graduating from the High School there, following which she attended the Denison University in Granville, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1947 and while there was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. The Denison University in 1856 had its name changed to honor WILLIAM S. DENISON of Adamsville, Ohio, whose ancestor, "Captain GEORGE DENISON was his great, great, great grandfather and GEORGE DENISON, who built the Denison Homestead, was his great-grandfather." The university was founded in 1831 as the Granville Literary and Theological Institution. In 1845 the name was changed to Granville College; however, in 1856 the name was again changed to The Denison University. (See "Denison Newsletter" December 1984, No. 76, p. 2.) Thus MARY was attending a scholastic institution which honored the Denison name and she is an 11th generation descendant of the same Captain GEORGE DENISON whose daughter ANN, married Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, son of the emigrant, in 1667. The Newsletter informs us also:

> "Through the years a number of descendants of Captain GEORGE DENISON have attended the institution and it is without doubt the only college in the country which bears this name. The college is American Baptist affiliated and is co-educational. The student enrollment is 2,100 and all are undergraduates since there are no graduate degrees awarded.
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> "The University is the main industry of Granville, a town of approximately 4,000 population and has remained remarkably unspoiled and unchanged.... Offering some 500 courses, the University awards four degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts. Another reason to take pride in the name DENISON."

MARY and WARREN were married soon after her graduation from the university in 1947. He had attended the local schools in Tarrytown, N.Y., graduating from the Washington Irving High School there and thereafter attended St. Lawrence University, where he was a member of the Alpha Tall Omega Fraternity; MARY also holds membership in the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Following the birth of her two children and in 1959 MARY and her husband and children removed to Southern California where they settled in Orange County; WARREN set up his own business known as WARREN STEURER & ASSOCIATES in Anaheim in that county. The business provided her husband

with the opportunity to work as a manufacturer's representative for audio visual materials.

DAVID MARCUS OGREN whom MARY married 25 Feb 1984, is of Swedish descent; he attended the public schools in Jamestown, N.Y. and thereafter attended the University of Buffalo and graduated in 1948 in the engineering field. He was then employed in sales with the Medical Instruments firm of Becton, Dickinson & Company for 32 years and retired in 1983.

MARY has the following two children by her first husband:

(1) PATRICIA GAY STEURER[12] b 30 Aug 1948, m 8 May 1970 PHILLIP PIERCE (b 17 Mar 1949, Colorado Springs, Colorado), son of ALTON and ANN PIERCE; he attended the schools in Colorado Springs, graduating from the local high school and later from the Pacific University; (divorced). PATRICIA attended the schools in Tarrytown, N.Y. and later in Fullerton, California, graduating from the Sunnyhills High School in 1966 and then attended the Pacific University where her subject of interest was speech therapy. She m (2nd) 30 Aug 1980 GEORGE LENK (b 5 May 1949 Wilmington, Delaware), son of CARL and DOROTHY LENK; GEORGE attended the schools in Pennsylvania; they reside in Iowa. No children.

(2) WARREN H. STEURER, JR.[12] b 3 Nov 1950, m 25 May 1973/73 ANNE NEWELL (b 30 Mar 1950, Phoenix, Arizona), dau of JOHN and MARY NEWELL. WARREN attended schools in Tarrytown, N.Y. and Fullerton, graduating from the Sunnyhills High School in 1968. He then attended the Springfield College where his subject of interest was community recreation. WARREN's wife, ANNE, attended schools also in Fullerton, graduating from the Fullerton High School. She graduated from the University of No. Colorado, her field of interest being history. She is eligible for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and has an interest in genealogy. They have 4 children all born in the State of Washington at Port Townsend except the 2nd child was born in Seattle:

i	AMANDA STEURER[13]	b 20 Feb 1976.
ii	LILY STEURER	b 14 May 1979.
iii	JOHN STEURER	b 27 Nov 1981.
iv	CHARLES STEURER	b 23 Jun 1983.

Sources:

MARY (WRIGHT) (STEURER) OGREN (1985).
The Denison Newsletter No.76, Dec.1984.

231. PHYLLIS JANE PALMER[11], (Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Britton,Lenawee Co.,Mich.29 July 1917, only dau of WILLIS A. and INA BELL (YOUNGS) PALMER. She married 12 June 1938 at Britton ROBERT HAMILTON (b 28 Nov 1914, Tecumseh, Mich.), son of ELIZABETH ("PENNY") and JOHN HAMILTON. They resided Manchester, Washtenaw County, Mich., where her husband died 14 Feb 1981. She continues to reside there most of the year but during the winter resides in Bradenton, Florida, near her only brother, DOUGLAS and his wife, AUDREY.

PHYLLIS received her early education from the local public schools in the Britton-Tecumseh area. She then graduated from Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti in 1960 with a B.S. degree; she continued her education there receiving her M.A. degree in 1968; during both those periods she also taught school. She retired in 1981 after teaching 28 years. Her particular interests are physical fitness (exercise classes), reading, music (piano) and traveling.

PHYLLIS' husband maintained a family business in meat processing which one of their sons is continuing.

They had four sons, all born in Michigan:

282. (1) GARY PALMER HAMILTON[12] b 10 Jan 1942, Tecumseh, m 19 Aug 1972 SANDRA ROLLER (b 13 Aug 1950), dau of DUANE and SHIRLEY (CHAVEY) ROLLER of Manchester.
283. (2) DOUGLAS ROBERT HAMILTON b 6 Nov 1943, Saline, Washtenow County, m 12 June 1965 CHERYL WERNER (b 15 Nov 1946), dau of WEBB and MABEL WERNER of Chelsea, Washtenow County.
284. (3) DENNIS GORDON HAMILTON b 9 Nov 1946, Saline.
285. (4) STEPHEN JOHN HAMILTON b 16 Mar 1952 Ann Arbor, m 7 Oct 1978 SHARON WAYNE (b 23 Mar 1950), dau of HENRY and CECILIA WAYNE of Livonia, Oakland County, Michigan.

Source:

PHYLLIS PALMER HAMILTON.

232. DOUGLAS A. PALMER[11], (Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Aug 1919 in Britton, Lenawee County, Michigan, the only son of WILLIS A. and INA BELL (YOUNGS) PALMER. He married 26 Oct 1941 at Irwinton, Georgia AUDREY L. DOWNING (b 13 Feb 1922 Milan, Monroe Co., Mich.) dau of JOSEPH EMERY and IVA E. (SPENCER) DOWNING who had married in 1913 and resided in Milan.

DOUGLAS graduated from Tecumseh High School, Lenawee Co. 1937 and entered the military service 5 Aug 1941, prior to the Pearl Harbor attack which brought us into the second World War which had been going on in Europe since September 1939. He graduated from Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia 31 Oct 1942, Class 91, commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. During the fifty-one months that followed his enlistment he served in Europe and was wounded in action in the Battle of North Appennines Mountain, Italy. He was honorably discharged 23 Nov 1945 at which time he was a 1st Lieutenant, the fighting in Europe having ended in the spring of that year and in the Pacific Theatre on 14 Aug that year. DOUGLAS was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, E.A.M.E.Theatre; and a Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans; a charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hall-Slater Post, 4187, Tecumseh and the American Legion.

On his discharge at the conclusion of the war, DOUGLAS returned to his family farm in Britton-Ridgeway where his wife and two-year old daughter, SUSAN, awaited him. He continued farming for the next thirty-five years and simultaneously was employed at the Tecumseh Products Company for twenty-nine years. The land he farmed on was a portion of the acreage originally taken up by his great-great-grandfather, JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) who reached the Ridgeway-Tecumseh area in 1831 migrating from Walworth, New York. In March 1980 DOUGLAS and AUDREY sold the farm and retired to Florida as there was no one in the family who wanted to continue the farm, their only son, LYNN, having chosen an engineering career. During his years before retirement DOUGLAS was active in his community and served four years as a Trustee of Ridgeway Township and seven years on the Board of Education of ths local school district. He and his wife were also active members of the Congregational-Christian Church at Britton.

DOUGLAS' recollection of his grandfather, ALBERT EDWARD PALMER, includes the relating by the latter of his career as a school teacher in the district, explaining that he would live with the different families in the area when he taught the country school in wintertime as the roads were then impassable; in this way he received his room and board.

AUDREY (DOWNING) PALMER graduated from Britton High School in 1939 and thereafter studied art at Siena Heights College at Adrian, Mich. and she also enrolled in classes at Toledo, Ohio, Art Museum and studied with RUSSELL STEINKE, a well known Michigan artist, and with RAY NICHOLS of Sarasota, Florida, and with the artist in residence at Fontana Dam, North Carolina during the summer. She has held numerous offices in her church and is a former board member of the Ridgeway Township Cemetery Association.

DOUGLAS and AUDREY PALMER have three children, all born in Michigan:

286. (1) SUSAN L. PALMER[12] b 15 Nov 1943 Saline, m 1 Feb 1963 at Britton, Mich., TERRY FAUST (b 26 July 1944, Saline), son of LAWRENCE FAUST, SR and DOROTHY (KEMPF) FAUST of Britton. They reside Ridgeway-Britton and have three children; all born Tecumseh, Michigan:
    i TERESA SUE FAUST b 18 June 1963.
    ii PAMELA LEA FAUST b 12 Oct 1964.
    iii BRADLEY DOUGLAS FAUST b 19 Jan 1969.

287. (2) BRENDA J. PALMER[12] b 24 June 1947, St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., m 17 Dec 1966 at Britton Congregational Church, BARRY BRANHAM (b 19 Jan 1947 Ypsilanti, Mich.), son of ANDERSON and JEANETTE (CHILDERS) BRANHAM of Tecumseh; they have two children:
    i AMY JO BRANHAM b 25 July 1970, Brunswick, Georgia.
    ii CHRISTOPHER BARRY BRANHAM b 12 Nov 1972, Pensacola, Florida.

288. (3) LYNN D. PALMER[12] b 17 May 1950, St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, m 29 Dec 1973 CHRISTINE LOUISE WILBER ("CHRIS") at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Battle Creek, Mich. (b 1 May 1950 Battle Creek Osteopathic Hospital), dau of KENNETH and PRISCILLA (CRIPPEN) WILBER of Battle Creek. They have following children:[13]
    i MELANIE RENEE PALMER b 10 Nov 1980 Fairhope, Alabama;
    ii JENNIFER ASHLEY PALMER b 20 Feb 1985 on Ash Wednesday.

Source: DOUGLAS PALMER of Venice,Florida.

233. DONALD PALMER MURPHY[11], (Carrie[10], Albert , Fenner , John C. , Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 30 April 1924 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, second son born to EARL T. and CARRIE (PALMER) MURPHY of Tecumseh. He married 11 June 1949 at Britton FRIEDA PAULINE MERRITT (b 27 July 1927 Milan, Mich.), dau of CHARLES H. and FANNIE L. MERRITT of Milan.

DONALD attended the local public schools, graduating from the Britton High School and thereafter the Agricultural College of Michigan State in East Lansing. He has been self-employed as a farmer and also employed at the Tecumseh Products Company. DONALD and "PAULINE" (as she is known) reside in Tecumseh where they are members of the Grace Bible Church.

DONALD and PAULINE have two daughters:

(1) DONNA LEE MURPHY[12] born 1 Feb 1952 at Ann Arbor, Mich. She attended College at Colorado State University at Fort Collins. For many years thereafter she was employed by the State of Michigan in Social Services. In 1984 she transferred to the Michigan State Highway Maintenance Garage where she maintains a "one-girl" office in a clerical capacity. She is unmarried and resides with her parents in Tecumseh. Her interests are gardening, carpenter work, sewing, quilting and knitting Afghans.

(2) PATRICIA DIANE MURPHY born 7 July 1955 in Tecumseh. After completing her education in the local public schools, she attended Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., graduating 11 June 1977. She then became employed in Clear Lake, Wisconsin by the State of Wisconsin, DNR in Forestry, where she continues to be employed. PATRICIA is an out-door girl with swimming and cross-country skiing being her favorite sports; she is also keenly interested in gardening and sewing.

Source:
PAULINE MURPHY

234. HOWARD FRANCIS KINGSBURY[11] (Ida May[10], Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 7 Aug 1904 in Deerfield, Michigan, the second of three sons born to IDA MAY SMITH (oldest child of EMMA MAE PALMER SMITH) and her husband, WILLIAM KINGSBURY. He m 1942 MATTIE KIPP (b 1912), dau of JASPER and EFFIE MELVINA KIPP.

HOWARD and his family resided in Bay City, Mich., where he was employed in the repair and sales of sweepers. They had four children:

(1) DWAYNE HOWARD KINGSBURY[12] born 1945, died 1964.

(2) DWIGHT WILLIAM KINGSBURY b 1948, m (1st)1971 SANDRA O'NEIL (b 1949, d 1976); they had one child born 1974. DWIGHT m (2nd) 1978 KAREN ROEHLER (b 1947) and they have had two children:

Child by first wife:

i MATTHEW DAVID KINGSBURY[13] b 1974.

Children by second wife:

ii RANELL ELAINE KINGSBURY b 1979.

iii RYAN DWIGHT KINGSBURY b 6 Apr 1981.

DWIGHT is a Wesleyan Minister in Michigan.

(3) DAVID JOHN KINGSBURY born 1954, a twin, m CYNTHIA GOSS (b 1957); he is also a Wesleyan Minister in Michigan; they have one son:

i NATHANIEL DAVID KINGSBURY[13] born 1977.

(4) DARLENE JOY KINGSBURY, a twin, born 1954, m 21 Aug 1982 DOYLE EUGENE PERRY, also a Wesleyan Minister in Michigan.

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235. LINFORD GEORGE KINGSBURY[11] (Ida May[10], Emma , Fenner , John C. , Nathaniel , Captain Fenner , John , Gershom , Dea.Gershom , Walter) was born 3 Feb 1913, the third and last child born to IDA MAY SMITH (oldest child of EMMA MAE PALMER) and WILLIAM KINGSBURY. He m 9 June 1937 JUNE CROTS (b 8 June 1917) dau of EDWARD and NELLIS M. (GERBER) CROTS.

LINFORD and his family resided in Toledo, Ohio where he was employed as a tool and die welder for the Jeep Corporation. Since his retirement they have spent the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida.

LINFORD and JUNE had four children:

(1) JoANN KINGSBURY[12] b 23 Aug 1938, m 1956 LeROY HOLTON (b 1935); LeROY is a dealer in lumber in Spring Arbor, Mich. They had three children:

i JoLYNNE HOLTON b 1958;[13] she is a school teacher.

ii TODD HOLTON born 1961; m 24 Nov 1984 FAITH BORTZ; TODD is a farmer in Concord, Mich. His wife is from Roysford, Pennsylvania.

iii KYLE HOLTON born 1966.

(2) JOYCE LEE KINGSBURY[12] b 1943, m 1965 Rev. NORMAN AMSTUTZ (b 1943). They reside in Mattoon, Illinois where her husband is a Baptist Minister. They had five children:

i TRICA AMSTUTZ born 1969.
ii TORRY AMSTUTZ born 1971.
iii TRINA AMSTUTZ born 1975.
iv TONIA AMSTUTZ born 1977, d 1977, age 5 months.
v TONY AMSTUTZ born 1979.

(3) KAY LOUISE KINGSBURY b 1951, m 1973 FREDRECK BEAN (b 1951) a family doctor in Hillsdale, Michigan; they had four children:

i JAMIE BEAN[13] born 1977.
ii JOSHUA BEAN born 1979.
iii ERIN ELIZABETH BEAN born 1982.
iv BETSY CATHERINE BEAN b 1984.

(4) WILLIAM EDWARD KINGSBURY[12] b 1956, m 1975 KIM KAZMIER (b 1955). WILLIAM graduated from Eastern Michigan University; this was followed by four years in the United States Air Force Academy in Denver, Colorado. He resides in the Detroit, Michigan area where he is a computer teacher for Digital Equipment.

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236. FORD SMITH[11] (Herbert[10], Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 Dec 1906 in Britton, Ridgeway Twp, Lenawee Co., Michigan. He was the oldest of two children born to HERBERT F. and GRACE (HOAGLAND) SMITH. FORD's paternal grandmother was EMMA MAE (PALMER) SMITH.

FORD m 5 July 1930 BEATRICE GORHAM (b 28 Jan 1907), dau of CHARLES and MARTHA (ACKLEY) GORHAM. They resided in Grass Lake, Michigan, but in their retirement live in Florida at Longboat Key. On 19 July 1980 the compiler was informed by a member of this family, LILLIAN PALMER BUTTOLPH of Tecumseh that she had attended recently the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration for FORD and BEATRICE!

FORD and BEATRICE had one daughter:

(1) PATRICIA KAYE SMITH[12] b 22 May 1937, m DAVID G. LAKE; they have three children:

i LESLIE LAKE[13] born 18 Jan 1965.
ii CARRIE LAKE born 15 Feb 1969.
iii REBECCA B. LAKE born 18 Feb 1973.

237. MAE GENE SMITH[11] (Ralph[10], Emma[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 17 Aug 1923, the oldest of two children born to RALPH ENOS and ANNA ELLEN (HOUCK) SMITH. RALPH was the youngest child of EMMA MAE (PALMER) and FRANK SMITH.

MAE m 19 Mar 1945 MELVIN DALE KIBLER at Ridgeway, Mich. (b 20 Oct 1920 at Whiteford Center, Ottawa Lake, Mich.) son of GEORGE and SADIE BLANCHE (HOPKINS) KIBLER of Whiteford Center. MAE attended the local public schools and graduated from Britton High School and the Lenawee County Normal School. They reside (1985) on their farm near Sand Creek, Mich., where MELVIN is a farmer and also is employed as an electrical maintenance supervisor. They are members of the Church of the Nazarene.

MAE and MELVIN have three children:

(1) JANYCE ANN KIBLER[12] b 22 June 1947; graduated from Olivet Nazarene College 1973 with a BSN (R.N.) She is employed as a registered nurse, is unmarried (1985) and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

(2) ROLAND GLENN KIBLER b 10 Nov 1949, m 22 Dec 1973 Flint, Mich. PAMELA MYREE BUHLER (b 2 Apr 1949). ROLAND graduated from the General Motors Institute, 1972, with a degree of EE and thereafter received his Masters degree in Engineering from Michigan State University in 1975. His wife, PAMELA, graduated from Spring Arbor College in 1971 with the degree of B.A., major in mathematics; she has taught that subject in the Junior High School in Flint. ROLAND and PAMELA reside in Flushing, Michigan which is near Flint. He is employed there as an Electrical Engineer for General Motors. They have three children:
    i NATHAN GLEN KIBLER[13] b 8 Nov 1974.
    ii REBEKAH MYREE KIBLER b 17 Aug 1978.
    iii DAVID ANDREW KIBLER b 14 June 1981.

(3) GERALD KEITH KIBLER b 5 Sept 1953, m 24 May 1975 at Ada, Ohio KATHRYN RUTH BETTINGER (b 8 Sept 1952). GERALD and his wife both graduated from Spring Arbor College in May 1975, both receiving their B.A. degree. JERRY (as he is called) graduated from the Dallas Theological Seminary in 1983 with the degree of M.A.B.S. They reside in Dallas, Texas where JERRY is self-employed as a professional photographer. They have two children:
    i ANDREW BECKER KIBLER b 11 Apr 1979.
    ii SARAH CATHERINE KIBLER b 26 Feb 1982.

Source:
Mrs. Lillian PALMER Buttolph, Tecumseh, Michigan.
Mr. LINFORD GEORGE KINGSBURY, Concord, Michigan.
Mrs. MAE GENE (SMITH) KIBLER, Sand Creek, Michigan.

238. GAIL BRADLEY DUSENBURY[11] (Edwin[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born at Mt. Kisco, New York on 5 May 1940, the only dau of EDWIN SANDS DUSENBURY and PHYLLIS (PALMER) DUSENBURY. She m (1st) WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT and (2nd) WILLIAM WADE McDONALD on 27 Dec 1973 at Carmel, N.Y. (b 10 Apr 1942, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), son of WILLIAM and MARY McDONALD of Mars, Pennsylvania.

After attending the local public schools, GAIL obtained her B.A. degree in 1962 from Lake Erie College and her M.S.W. degree in 1974 from Catholic University.

WILLIAM McDONALD attended and graduated from Case Institute of Technology in 1964, receiving his B.S. degree; thereafter in 1968 his Masters in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters in Mathematical Statistics from George Washington University in 1980. They reside in Reston, Virginia.

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239. JAMES PALMER DUSENBURY[11] (Edwin[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 Jan 1945 at Mt. Kisco, N.Y. the only son of EDWIN SANDS and PHYLLIS (PALMER) DUSENBURY. He m 24 Apr 1971 in Carmel, N.Y. JOAN COLLIER, dau of ANDREW and KATHARINE CARMACK of White Plains, N.Y.

JAMES graduated from the Carmel High School and Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam and was Captain in the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been employed in the insurance field in Palmer Agency, Inc., of which his late father was President. He is a member of the Carmel School Board and Carmel Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the Board of Ethics of the town of Kent.

JOAN DUSENBURY graduated from the local Carmel High School; she has served on church committees and as a member of the Property Owners' Board of Directors. They have two children, born Mt. Kisco:

(1) DIANA COLLIER DUSENBURY[12] b 13 May 1976.
(2) ADAM PALMER DUSENBURY b 12 Dec 1981.

Sources:

Mrs. Dorothy Joyce of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Mrs. Gail Dusenbury McDonald of Reston, VA.
Mr. James Palmer Dusenbury of Carmel, N.Y.

240. RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR.[11] (Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Dec 1930 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., New York. He was the older of two children born to his father and mother (DOROTHY DUSENBURY JOYCE) and his maternal grandfather was FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER.

RAYMOND graduated from Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, N. Y., in the class of 1948. He then served two years in the United States Navy as a Seaman First Class. In 1953 he was employed by I.B.M. (International Business Machines, Inc.) as a Production Control Scheduler in Poughkeepsie where he has continued the past thirty-one years.

On 24 July 1955 at Poughkeepsie RAYMOND married (1st) DORIS BEATTY (b 30 July 1934, same city), dau of HAROLD and HAZEL (BANKER) BEATTY of Poughkeepsie. He and DORIS had five children; div.; he married (2nd) on 17 Aug 1974 at Hyde Park, N.Y. SALLY JANUKAJTIS which marriage ended in divorce. He married (3rd) 16 Aug 1981 BARBARA JEAN HODGES JOHNSON (b 12 Jan 1944 at Troy, N.Y.) dau of O. BYRON and ALICE (JONES) HODGES. They reside at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County. BARBARA is also employed in the Poughkeepsie office of I.B.M. as a secretary.

RAYMOND's children by first wife, all born in Poughkeepsie:

289. (1) KEVIN RAY JOYCE[12] b 23 June 1956.
290. (2) DEBRA LYNN JOYCE b 19 June 1958.
291. (3) LORRAINE ("LORI") IRENE JOYCE b 19 Sept 1959.
292. (4) KATHLEEN ("KATHY") ALICE JOYCE b 3 May 1961.
293. (5) SHARON ELIZABETH JOYCE b 20 Nov 1969.

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241. JOAN ALICE JOYCE[11] (Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Jan 1933 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. the second and last child of RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, SR. and his wife, DOROTHY (DUSENBURY) JOYCE. JOAN m 6 May 1951 at Poughkeepsie AUGUST ("BUD") ALBERT OETJEN, JR. (b 6 Nov 1931 same city)son of the late AUGUST OETJEN, SR. and his wife, ELEANOR (DEVINE) OETJEN (now Mrs. ELEANOR DECKER).

JOAN graduated from Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park in 1950 and has been employed by I.B.M. since 1964 as an Administrative Specialist in Poughkeepsie. Her husband, "BUD" also graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1950 and has been employed the past 33 years by I.B.M. He is a Senior Laboratory Specialist in the Poughkeepsie Office; they reside in Hyde Park.

JOAN and "BUD" have three children, all born in Poughkeepsie:

294. (1) KRISTINE LEE OETJEN[12] b 3 Jan 1953.
295. (2) PENNY RAE OETJEN b 15 Apr 1955.
296. (3) DUANE SCOTT OETJEN b 4 May 1959.

Source: MRS. DOROTHY (DUSENBURY) JOYCE.

242. LEWIS BRADLEY CHRISTIAN[11] (Virginia[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 16 Jan 1941 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y., the older of two sons born to VIRGINIA (DUSENBURY) CHRISTIAN and her husband, LEWIS ELBERT CHRISTIAN. His younger brother, RICHARD WAYNE CHRISTIAN was born and died in Jan 1948. His maternal grandfather was FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER.

On 9 Sept 1961 LEWIS married JOANNE HELEN KISH (b 13 July 1941 Poughkeepsie), dau of STEPHEN and HELEN KISH of that city. They were married in the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie and reside at 15 Riverview Circle in that city.

LEWIS and JOANNE have two sons, both born in Poughkeepsie:

(1) WAYNE BRADLEY CHRISTIAN[12] b 6 June 1963; he completed Hyde Park Elementary School and graduated from the Roosevelt High School. He is attending (1985) Stonybrook University on Long Island, New York, working toward a degree in Electrical Engineering. He resides at the above address with his parents.
(2) BRIAN STEPHEN CHRISTIAN b 2 Mar 1965 also completed his schooling at Hyde Park Elementary and Roosevelt High School; then followed two years at B.O.C.E.S. Technical School, Salt Point Turndike, Poughkeepsie. He resides at the above address with his parents.

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243. WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, JR.[11] (Evelyn[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 Aug 1942 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y. the first of two children born to EVELYN (DUSENBURY) ADAMS and her husband WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, SR. His maternal grandfather was FRANKLIN DENISE PALMER, oldest son of NATHANIEL L. PALMER. On 17 Oct 1964 he m (1st) BONNIE YOST (b 23 May 1944 Poughkeepsie), dau of HARMAN E. and EVELYN MAE (NORTH) YOST of that city. They had two sons born in Connecticut, the first one born and died in 1969; they were divorced and he m (2nd) on 2 Feb 1979 MARY LOU REUTER at Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey; she was the dau of NICHOLAS JOHN and LUCILLE VIRGINIA (LeROY) REUTER of that city. They have one daughter born 1981 and reside at Glen Gardner, N.J. This dau was born at Morristown, N.J.

Children by first wife:
(1) MARK WILLIAM ADAMS b 28 July 1969 New Britain, Conn. d 10 Aug 1969.
(2) WILLIAM BENJAMIN ADAMS b 7 Apr 1975 Middletown,Conn.
Child by second wife:
(3) REBECCA LEE ADAMS b 30 May 1981, Morristown, N.J.

Sources for these two:
LEWIS BRADLEY CHRISTIAN and WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, JR.

244. LINDA JOAN ADAMS[11] (Evelyn[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 June 1947 at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y. the only dau of EVELYN (DUSENBURY) ADAMS and her husband, WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, SR.

LINDA attended the local public schools and then attended the St. Lawrence University from Sept 1965 to Jan 1966 at which time she enrolled in a Beauty School at Poughkeepsie for the following nine months; she became a qualified hair-dresser in Sept 1966 and has continued in this work to date. During the years Jan 1980 to Aug 1982 she also attended the Dutchess County Community College receiving an A.S. degree in Environmental Studies; in 1984 she took courses at the State University at New Paltz working toward a B.S. degree in Environmental Geology. She is Chairman of the Hyde Park Conservation Advisory Commission (1981-1985) and had been a member of that group since 1979.

On 26 Nov 1966 LINDA married (1st) MILTON ARTHUR ERNISSE. JR. at the Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park, N.Y. He was the son of MILTON ARTHUR and ANNE (KAPCHA) ERNISSE, SR. of Hyde Park, N.Y. They were divorced in Sept 1979. MILTON, JR. was on active duty for three years with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; from 1966 to the present (1985) has been a member of the Roosevelt Fire Department and has been on the Board of Fire Commissioners since 2974.

On 19 Sept 1982 LINDA married (2nd) GEORGE FREDERICK BRENNER, JR. (b 6 Nov 1941), son of GEORGE FREDERICK BRENNER, SR. and ELIZABETH LEONA (CAMPION) BRENNER of Poughkeepsie. GEORGE, JR. served in the U. S. Army as a sergeant. He attended Dutchess County Community College in 1967 and since 1983 to the present (1985) has been a member of the Hyde Park Planning Board.

LINDA has two children by her first husband:

(1) MICHELLE LYNNE ERNISSE b 7 Apr 1972.
(2) TRISHA RAE ERNISSE born 12 May 1977, Poughkeepsie.

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245. EARL HOWARD BEAN[11] (Harry[10], Margaret[9], Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Apr 1945 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the oldest of three sons born to HARRY PALMER BEAN and his wife, RACHEL JOSEPHINE (KRUPP) BEAN of Oakmont in that state. When he was eight years of age his parents moved the family (which then consisted of three young sons) to El Paso, Texas, where his father would be employed until retirement by the El Paso Natural Gas Company. That trip by air was EARL's first time on an airplane and that, along with the fact that their new home was very close to the airport, helped develop his career interest in aviation.

In 1963 EARL graduated from the Burges High School in El Paso and in 1965 he attended the Palomar Junior College in San Marcos, San Diego County, California. While attending Palomar he earned a commercial pilot's license and after graduation he joined the United States

Navy where he was trained in air traffic control. While in the Navy he was stationed at the Naval Air Station, Imperial Beach, San Diego County, and on the USS Ranger and was able to visit such places as Japan and Australia.

On 12 Nov 1972 EARL married at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. ANNETTE LOUISE SCHELL (b 6 Oct 1951 at Grove City, Pennsylvania) dau of WILLIAM E. and CHARLOTTE (KRUPP) SCHELL of Sharon, Penn. Following his marriage he resumed his education at North Texas State University, receiving his B.B.A. degree in 1973 and in Jan 1974 he was employed by the F.A.A. as an air traffic control specialist. He has worked at this profession in Beaumont, El Paso and Houston, Texas and also in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. While in the latter city he attended night school and received an M.B. degree with honors from the Oklahoma City University. He is currently (1985) serving as the Training Officer at Beaumont to develop a foundation for a transition into management.

EARL and ANNETTE have had three sons:

(1) JASON SHEPHARD BEAN b 28 Aug 1974 Oklahoma City.
(2) QUINCY SCOTT BEAN b 21 Apr 1978, d 16 May 1978, both at El Paso, Texas.
(3) QUINCY AARON BEAN b 27 July 1979, El Paso.

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246. STEWART PALMER BEAN[11] (Harry[10], Margaret[9], Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 22 Nov 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the second son born to HARRY PALMER BEAN and his wife, RACHEL JOSEPHINE (KRUPP) BEAN. His paternal grandmother was MARGARET IRENE PALMER both of whose parents were named PALMER and were from the same family.

When STEWART was six years of age his father accepted a position with the El Paso Natural Gas Company and the family removed to Texas and settled in that city where he attended the local public schools; he graduated from Burges High School in 1966. He then attended Odessa College, Odessa, Texas, before joining the United States Navy in 1968.

During the six-year period of his navy service STEWART was assigned to a polaris submarine until he decided to take his stand against atomic bombs. During the last two years of his navy career, he was assigned to the second oldest ammunition ship in the U. S. Navy and sent to Vietnam which it seemed was the Navy's way of "getting even" for the stand he had taken opposing atomic bombs; thereafter he was assigned to the oldest aircraft carrier. On being released from Navy service in 1974 STEWART moved to Montana for five years during which time he attended Montana State University at Bozeman and married; the marriage, however, lasted for only a year. He then moved to New Mexico in late 1979 and worked for the N.M. Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro for three years; he then moved to Las Cruces where he presently resides.

247. NORMAN CRAIG BEAN[11] (Harry[10], Margaret[9], Belle[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 27 April 1950 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the third and last child born to HARRY PALMER BEAN and his wife, RACHEL (KRUPP) BEAN. At age three years his family removed to El Paso, Texas, where his parents continue to reside and where NORMAN graduated from high school in 1968. He then attended the University of Texas at El Paso for a time. From his high school days he has played the electric organ in rock band groups. In addition he is an accomplished amateur artist although he has not pursued an art career. NORMAN's paternal grandmother, MARGARET (PALMER) BEAN, had graduated in 1918 from the University of California at Berkeley receiving an Art Teacher's Certificate and became an accomplished artist; so it would appear NORMAN "came naturally" by his talent for art. (See page 464.)

NORMAN presently resides in Austin, Texas where he enjoys a wide reputation as a motorcycle repairman.

Source for Nos. 245-247: HARRY PALMER BEAN of El Paso.

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248. JAMES CLYDE PALMER[11] (Francis[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim, Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Apr 1879 in St. John, Washington, the oldest child of FRANCIS (FRANK) M. PALMER and his wife, MARY JANE (RUARK) PALMER.

In 1879 the Territorial area called Washington had not yet become a state; however, by the year of the birth of his youngest sibling, LORENZO SCOTT, Washington had become the 42nd state in the Union; that year was 1889.

JAMES married 1902 at either St. John or Ritzville, Washington, GRACE KRIEGER (b 21 Aug 1882,at Hasting, Nebraska, d 9 July 1961 Portland, Oregon), dau of CONRAD and KATHERINE (BAUER) KRIEGER. He died 30 Dec 1954 also in Portland; he and GRACE were buried in Rose City Cemetery, Portland.

JAMES and GRACE had four sons, all born in St. John, Washington:

297. (1) FRANCIS EUGENE PALMER[12] b 6 May 1904, m 7 Jan 1925 at Portland PARALEE ANOLIA ("DOLLY") DEATON (b 1 Apr 1904, St. Joseph, Missouri), dau of JOSEPH ALEXANDER and SARAH ELIZABETH (RANDLE) DEATON.

298. (2) OMAR CLYDE PALMER b 25 July 1908, m 23 June 1934 at Oregon Caves, Oregon CONSTANCE BAKER (b 8 July 1911 Grants Pass, Oregon) dau of SAM and SOPHIA (LIUM) BAKER of Grants Pass.

299. (3) DEO DANIEL PALMER b 21 Feb 1909, m 17 Nov 1934 ANCY ALICE CARLSON at Portland (b 14 July 1908 Stella, Washington) dau of JOSEPH and ALENA CARLSON of Baker, Oregon.

300. (4) JAMES LOYAL ("DUB") PALMER b 5 Sept 1910, m 20 Apr 1935 (1st) INEZ MELVINA TOWSLEY (b 26 Jul 1902, d 10 Feb 1966); m (2nd) 1967 IVY WANDA TAYLOR; JAMES died 6 Nov 1984, aged 74 years; no children from either marriage.

249. MALCOLM GILBERT McNEIL[11] (Ivy[10], Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 Dec 1896, the oldest son of MALCOLM McNEIL and IVY JUNE (BARTLETT) McNEIL of Chicago. MALCOLM is a great-great-grandson of ANNA PALMER VALENTINE who, in turn, was the granddaughter of Revolutionary War soldier, Captain FENNER PALMER, through his youngest son, FENNER, JR.

MALCOLM married 23 July 1918 in Chicago FRANCES OLGA GRANT (b 23 Jan 1897 Chicago), the dau of JOHN GRANT of Ridley Mill, County Durham, England, and MATHILDA ANDERSON of Sweden. MALCOLM died 6 Sept 1954 in Chicago and was buried there in Cedar Park Cemetery. His widow, FRANCES, continues to reside (1985) in Chicago with her daughter, CORINNE.

Following the death of his mother at the young age of 34 years, MALCOLM often had the care of his younger brother and sister although he was but 13 years of age when his mother died. His father, a seaman, was away much of the time and he cared for the younger sister, IVY, aged 10 years and brother, HECTOR, aged 8 years when the mother died. They attended the local public schools and MALCOLM graduated from the grammar school. They attended the Baptist Church inasmuch as their father was the Baptist Chaplain at the Great Lakes Seamen's Union.

For a short period of time MALCOLM GILBERT was in the Illinois National Guard serving in the United States Cavalry. He resided in Chicago his entire life although he traveled extensively throughout the United States. He was President of an early day Illinois Credit Union; a pioneer of the C.U.Movement; he was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. His wife, FRANCES, typical of all wives and mothers of that period, was a homemaker. He was employed by the Railroad Express, involving much travel.

MALCOLM and FRANCES McNEIL had four children born in Chicago:

301. (1) ROBERT CALVIN McNEIL b 10 Sept 1919, m 5 Dec 1942 in Chicago EDITH D. McBRIDE of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. They have two children.

302. (2) HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL b 24 Oct 1920, m at Chicago 20 Feb 1943 DOROTHY LAVERNE KLAAS. They had three sons.

303. (3) CORINNE FRANCES McNEIL b 29 Aug 1922, m 10 July 1950 at Chicago ROBERT J. JORDAN. They have two sons.

304. (4) CAROL MADELINE McNEIL b 29 Aug 1922 (a twin of CORINNE), m 17 Oct 1942 at Chicago VERNON L. GORDON, also of Chicago. They have three children.

Source:

HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL of Fort Worth, Texas (1985).

250. SANDRA KAY COOK[11] (Raymond[10], Robert[9], George[8], Mary[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 May 1954 at Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, the first child of RAYMOND GEORGE and MARGARET ANN (UHRIG) COOK, both of whom had been born in Ohio. SANDRA and her sister had been born during the years her father was on active duty with the United States Air Force and had been stationed in both Florida and Texas. By 1956 her father was a member of the USAF Reserves and the family was settled back in Ohio where he was employed as a mechanical engineer with the General Electric Company in Cincinnati.

SANDRA attended the public schools in Hamilton County, Ohio, in the Sycamore School District, graduating from the Sycamore High School in 1972. She thereupon commenced the Nurse's Training Program at Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Atlanta, Georgia followed by additional studies at the Raymond Walters School of Nursing (Branch of the University of Cincinnati), receiving her diploma in 1977.

Her employment has included the following in her profession as a Registered Nurse:

Hospitals and Nursing Homes in Cincinnati;
Alcohol Detoxification Center in Cincinnati;
Diabetic Coordinator of Clermont County, Ohio.

SANDRA is a member of the Church of Christ and two medical organizations: the Ohio Nurses Association and the American Diabetic Association.

She married 2 Dec 1978 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, as his third wife, GERALD ANTHONY GALVIN (b 23 June 1942, Cincinnati), son of ROBERT L. and ANNA G. (GEISER) GALVIN; there were no children and she married (2nd) MARK JOHN SCHNEIDER, M.D., on 28 June 1980 at Green Twp., Hamilton Co.,Ohio. He was b 29 Apr 1948, the son of JOHN MARK and EDIE CLARA (HEPP) SCHNEIDER; SANDRA and her husband reside in Loveland, Clermont County, Ohio, and have three sons, but their first son died soon after birth:

(1) SCOTT ANTHONY SCHNEIDER b 28 May 1981, d 31 May 1981, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
(2) ANTHONY MARK SCHNEIDER b 11 Sept 1983, Cincinnati (adopted).
(3) KEITH EDWARD SCHNEIDER b 8 Dec 1983, San Salvador, El Salvador (b WILLIAM RAMOS to Senorita MARINA RAMOS GARCIA and adopted by SANDRA and her husband).
(4) MATTHEW SCOTT SCHNEIDER b 4 Dec 1984, Cincinnati.

Source:
RAYMOND GEORGE COOK of Cincinnati, Ohio (1985).

251. DEBRA ANN COOK[11] (Raymond[10], Robert[9], George[8], Mary[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gerwhom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 12 Aug 1955 in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, the second child of RAYMOND GEORGE and MARGARET ANN (UHRIG) COOK, former residents of Ohio. The year following her birth her father became a member of the USAF Reserves and the family moved back to Ohio, settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, where her father became employed as a mechanical engineer for the General Electric Company of that city.

DEBRA attended the public schools of Sycamore School District in Hamilton County, graduating from the Sycamore High School in 1973. She then attended the Raymond Walters School of Dental Hygiene (a branch of the University of Cincinnati), receiving her diploma in 1976. Thereafter her education included receiving a Bachelor of Natural Science degree also from the University of Cincinnati, in 1981

She married 1 July 1978 RICHARD JOHN HONEBRINK in Cincinnati, born 2 Mar 1954, the son of LEO HENRY and DOROTHY MARIE (HUELLEMEIER) HONEBRINK. She is a member of the Luthern Church, Christ the King in Cincinnati where they reside. DEBRA's husband is employed as an electrical engineer and her employment is with Dr. JONSON, D.D.S., as a dental hygienist; she is a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association.

DEBRA and her husband have one child:

(1) MICHAEL JOHN HONEBRINK b 13 Oct 1983 Cincinnati.

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252. GEORGE EDWARD COOK[11] (Raymond[10], Robert[9], George[8], Mary[7], Fenner[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 20 April 1959 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, the only son (and last child) of RAYMOND GEORGE and MARGARET ANN (UHRIG) COOK. He attended the public schools of Sycamore School District in that county, graduating from the Sycamore High School in 1977. He thereafter attended the Ohio State University, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

From 1981 to 1984 GEORGE was employed by Babcock and Wilcox in Barbarton, Ohio and in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 1984 he accepted employment with the General Electric Company in Cincinnati where he continues to work and to live in Cincinnati.

Source:

RAYMOND GEORGE COOK of Cincinnati, Ohio (1985).

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253. RAYMOND PALMER PEER[12] (Beatrice[11], Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 22 Sept 1930 in Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y. the oldest of two children born to RAYMOND LESTER and BEATRICE JUNE (PALMER) PEER. He m 13 Aug 1955 at Ontario JANET ARMSTRONG (b 28 Feb 1930, Honeoye Falls,N.Y.) dau of IRVING and RUTH (LAZENBY) ARMSTRONG of Bradenton, Florida. They reside in Bradenton

RAYMOND attended schools at Ontario, N.Y. and R.I.T. at Rochester. He graduated from New York's State Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville in 1951. From 1952 to 1954 he served with the United States Army in France. Thereafter he decided to follow a career in insurance and real estate. While still residing in Ontario he was Chairman of the Republican Party organization, President of the Rotary Club, a member of the Fire Department, the Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church. During the years 1957 to 1972 he and his wife, JANET, owned and operated their own insurance agency in Ontario.

RAYMOND's wife, JANET, graduated from Caledonia High School in Caledonia, N.Y. She attended Brockport State Teachers' College in 1947-1948; she graduated in 1951 from the Genesee Hospital School of Nursing with the Degree of R.N. During the years 1951-1955 she worked in the Surgical Wing of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital (Los Angeles) and the University of California Hospital (training students in nursing surgery) and the Park Avenue Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

As a teenager her family moved to Caledonia, N.Y. in 1943 and by 1948 they moved to Ontario where she married 1955 RAYMOND PEER. There she was also a member of the Presbyterian Church and Choir; also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1972 RAYMOND and JANET moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was in the insurance and real estate business and she did volunteer work in the Rocky Mountain Rehabilitation Center for the Handicapped and was on the Cerebral Palsy Board.

In 1980 they removed again--to Bradenton, Florida, where RAYMOND continued his insurance business specializing in insurance for mobile homes.

RAYMOND and JANET have two children:

(1) CYNTHIA ELIZABETH PEER[13] b 11 May 1957 Rochester, N.Y., m 11 Aug 1979 JOSEPH TELMOSSE in Colorado Springs. She graduated from the local high school and from the University of Colorado at Boulder. They have 2 sons:
   - i JASON ROBERT TELMOSSE b 10 May 1981 in Colorado Springs;[14]
   - ii BRYAN JOSEPH TELMOSSE b 18 Sept 1982 also in Colorado Springs.

(2) GREGORY ALAN PEER b 13 Nov 1959 Sodus, N.Y.; he graduated from the University of Colorado in 1983 with a degree of Electrical Engineer; employed by Swanson-Rink Consulting

Engineers in Denver, Colorado. GREGORY m 8 Nov 1984 in Colorado Springs DENISE BICKING.

Source:

Mrs. BEATRICE (PALMER) PEER.
Mrs. CAROLYN (PALMER) BEHA.
Mrs. JANET (ARMSTRONG) PEER.

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254. MARY GENEVIEVE PEER[12], (Beatrice[11], Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 July 1932, Ontario, Wayne County, N. Y., the only dau of RAYMOND LESTER and BEATRICE JUNE (PALMER) PEER. She m 18 July 1953 at Ontario ROBERT FRANCIS HASTINGS (b 16 June 1929, Rochester), son of WILLIAM and RUTH (YAUCHZI) HASTINGS of Webster, N.Y.

MARY graduated from Ontario High School in 1949 where she was valedictorian of her class. She then attended the State Teachers' College at Brockport, N. Y., from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1953. While in college she was elected to the Kappa Delta Pi Sorority, a National Honor Society. She was also selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She then taught school for twenty years in Pittsford and while teaching she was awarded a Life Membership in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. She is now a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an Honor Society for women educators. They reside (1985) in Pittsford, on Clover Road.

ROBERT HASTINGS graduated from the Aquinas Institute at Rochester in 1949. He attended Rochester Business Institute and graduated from the General Motors School of Dealership Management. He owns two Oldsmobile Agencies(in Rochester and in Erie, Pennsylvania). He has won the service award from General Motors for twelve years. He was appointed on the Advisory Council of the President of General Motors, won an award for helping to start the first cardiac unit for Eastern Monroe County; and his Oldsmobile Agency has been first in sales in his zone for many years. ROBERT also spent eight years in the National Guard.

MARY and ROBERT are members of the Locust Hill Country Club in Pittsford.

Source:

Mrs. BEATRICE (PALMER) PEER.
Mrs. MARY (PEER) HASTINGS.

255. CAROLYN ("SUSIE") MARGARET PALMER[12], (Wilbur[11], Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 5 Oct 1951 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, the only dau (and third child) of WILBUR LORENZO and FERN (HUXLEY) PALMER. She m 9 Nov 1974 at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N.Y., JOHN WILBERT BEHA (b 28 Feb 1948 Rochester), son of JOHN SEITER and DOROTHY MARGARET (WILBERT) BEHA of Fairport and Ontario, New York.

CAROLYN attended Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y. and graduated in 1973 with a B.A. degree in Art and American History. She has worked as Curator for the Wayne County Historical Society and as Assistant Curator for Canal Village in Rome, N.Y. She has also served with many historical organizations and co-founded the Mohawk Valley Textile Arts Guild and The Fan Association of North America.

"SUSIE" (as she is usually called) has worked extensively with restoration/reconstruction projects for historical areas including Fort Stanwix and the Canal Village in Rome and The Town of Ontario's Heritage Square. She has taught rug braiding, quilting and spinning in addition to setting up adult pioneer crafts programs. Her many interests include quilting, spinning, weaving, archeology and genealogical research; she has been trained to be a professional genealogist.

"SUSIE" at one time was employed by an insurance agent in Fulton, New York and also for the David Morgan, Ltd. in Wales, United Kingdom; during that period she was able to do considerable traveling.

JACK (as he is usually called), "SUSIE's" husband, attended Cornell University, graduating in 1970 with the degree of B.S. in Agricultural Economics and Marketing. He worked for the Frieden Corporation and the Genessee Brewery in Rochester and in 1971 commenced employment with Agway, Inc. in Hornell as a management trainee. He then moved to Rome, N.Y., as an Administrative Assistant for Agway. In 1977 JACK and "SUSIE" settled in Fulton, N.Y. where he served as Department Manager with Agway and there was a member of the Kiwanis Club. In 1981 he was transferred to Clifton Springs, N.Y. (the Port Gibson area) where he became Department Manager for Agway in Palmyra; in 1984 he became a Farm Systems salesman for Agway. They have continued to reside in Clifton Springs where both are firemen with the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department and serve as Emergency Medical Technicians. JACK also serves as Treasurer and is a Lieutenant on the ambulance while "SUSIE" is Bingo Chairman.

"SUSIE" and JACK have done extensive traveling, having visited England, Scotland, Wales, Switzerland, Jamaica, Bermuda, the Caribbean; the states of Arizona, Virginia and Pennsylvania; also Washington, D.C. and many trips throughout New England.

"SUSIE" has done considerable genealogical research the past ten years on her PALMER family line and also on two lines of her mother: the FOOTE and the HUXLEY families. While serving with the Wayne County (N.Y.) Historical Society she came across a letter written some time

previously to that Society by the compiler who was then residing in South Pasadena, California, and was attempting to pursue the research on the WALTER PALMER family which she had commenced in the mid-1950's but had laid aside due to more pressing personal problems and a heavy work schedule. It was through that letter that "SUSIE" and the compiler began a correspondence that has resulted in the publication of this volume! From the letter of inquiry regarding the compiler's ancestors, JOHN C. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER, "SUSIE" recognized immediately that it was the same as her own family, her ancestor being NATHAN PALMER, older brother to JOHN C. who had married the sister of NANCY, DOLLY LAMB. Thus the compiler is forever indebted to "SUSIE" for putting her in contact with numerous PALMERS who are descendants of NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER; and all those descendants of the two brothers are "doubly related" inasmuch as they all descend from the Revolutionary War soldier, PHINEAS LAMB, the father of DOLLY and NANCY LAMB PALMER.

"SUSIE" has also done some research on her husband's family which carries back to Germany and encompasses six generations including her husband's:

MATHIAS BEHA b 2 Apr 1802, Germany, d 15 Sept 1882; m MARY ANN VETTER (b 1805 Germany); d 19 Dec 1878; both died Lewis Co., N.Y. their son born in Germany emigrated with them:

MATHEW BEHA (b 13 Jan 1833) m MARY ANNA WILBERT (b 4 Dec 1838 in Germany) dau of MICHAEL and SOPHIA (BAULIG) WILBERT; MICHAEL was b 24 Feb 1800 Germany, d 6 July 1875 Utica, N.Y.; SOPHIA was b 22 Dec 1803 Germany, d 14 Jan 1863; married in Germany. MARY ANNA (WILBERT) BEHA d 4 May 1885 Lewis Co., N.Y. They married in 1857 and their son was b 1864 in Fish Creek,N.Y.:

JOHN BEHA b 1864 m 1 Oct 1888 at Mohawk Hill, Lewis Co. MARY KOTARY (b 1870, d 1954); their son was:

AMBROSE LOUIS BEHA b 5 Sept 1889 West Leyden, Lewis Co., New York, m EMMA HENRIETTA SEITER; he d 10 Mar 1975, Utica, N.Y. They had son:

JOHN SEITER BEHA b 1 Aug 1916 Fenner, N.Y.; m 16 Jan 1943 at Webster, Monroe Co., N.Y. DOROTHY MARGARET WILBERT (b 24 July 1918 at Webster), dau of FRANK JOSEPH and ANNA FRANCES (HANF) WILBERT. FRANK was b 6 July 1881 West Leyden, N.Y. d at Rochester; his wife, ANNA, was b 18 Sept 1886 also at Webster; they married 29 Oct 1907 same place. FRANK was the son of JOHN GEORGE WILBERT b 5 June 1850 Coblenz, Germany, d 12 Dec 1913 and FRANCES MARY (BERNHOLTZ) WILBERT b 2 Aug 1860 Fish Creek, N.Y., d 30 Nov 1923. JOHN and DOROTHY were parents of:

JOHN WILBERT BEHA b Rochester 28 Feb 1948, married 9 Nov 1974 CAROLYN MARGARET PALMER; two children:

(1) MARGARET ALISSA BEHA b 29 Mar 1979, Oswego, N.Y., bapt 1979 on Mothers' Day at Holy Family Church, Fulton, New York.

(2) JEREMY LORENZO BEHA b 23 Apr 1981 Newark, N.Y., bapt 1981 on Fathers' Day at St. Michael's Church, Newark.

Source: Mrs. CAROLYN PALMER BEHA.

256. JULIA ANNE CASS[12], (Lois[11], Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 Sept 1939 in Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y. the only child of LOIS GENEVIEVE (PALMER) and LEO SCOTT CASS. She m 3 June 1967 at Ontario, ERIC CHARLES KULLBERG (b 30 May 1943, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine), son of WALDO C. and ALICE (WILSON) KULLBERG of South Portland, Maine. They reside in Penfield, New York. JULIA is a member of the ALPHA DELTA PI SORORITY.

JULIA ANNE received her education at the University of Vermont, receiving her B.S. degree in Nursing in 1961. She was an instructor of nursing at the Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. She is a member of the Monroe County Women's Republican Club and is active in the American Power Boat Association, and Bay Trail Home School Association.

ERIC CHARLES KULLBERG received his B.A. degree in Physics from Northeastern University,and was employed at the Xerox Corporation in Webster, N.Y. as an Engineering Manager. He spent time in Japan and the Netherlands on assignments from the Xerox Corporation.

ERIC also graduated from the Executive Development Program at the University of Rochester with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He too is active in and has held offices in the American Power Boat Association. He is now self-employed as owner-manager of MicroAge Computer Store in Rochester where their two sons were born:

(1) SCOTT ERIC KULLBERG b 10 Jan 1972.
(2) MATTHEW CHARLES KULLBERG b 24 Jan 1978.

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257. FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR.[12], (Julia[11], Rensselaer[10], Lorenzo[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Sept 1947 in Rochester, N.Y., the only child of FREDERICK DONALD and JULIA ELEANOR (PALMER) MERHOFF. He m 24 Aug 1968 GAIL ALEXANDER at Houston, Texas (b 25 Oct 1949, Houston, dau of ROYAL K. ALEXANDER and JUNE (SUMLIN) ALEXANDER of Houston); div. He m (2nd) MARY ANN MEDLIN on 18 May 1979 at New Albany, Mississippi,(b 27 June 1948).

FREDERICK was educated at STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, Texas, graduating with a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1969. He, his wife and two children reside in Oxford, Mississippi where he has been employed by the Champion International Corp. since 1969 and is now Assistant Manager of their Timberlands Division, Russellville District, Alabama Region.

FREDERICK had two daus by 1st wife, born Oxford:

(1) DEBORAH CAROL MERHOFF[13] b 4 Oct 1971.
(2) DARREN RENO MERHOFF b 13 Mar 1975.

Sources:

Mrs. Beatrice (PALMER) Peer.
Mrs. Julia Eleanor (Palmer) Merhoff.
Mrs. Lois (Palmer) Cass.

258. MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, III[12] (Myron[11], Myron[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 24 Apr 1946 in Rochester, New York, the older of two sons born to his father and mother (LUELLA NELLIS PALMER).

MYRON was educated at the University of Washington where he graduated in 1968, receiving his B.A. degree. Since 1983 he has been employed by Chromium, Inc. at Seattle, Washington, where he is the Vice President; he resided in Seattle and is unmarried.

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259. DOUGLAS DALTON PALMER[12] (Myron[11], Myron[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 19 Apr 1948 in Rochester, New York, second son born to MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, JR. and his wife, LUELLA (NELLIS) PALMER.

DOUGLAS graduated from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in 1971 receiving his B.A. degree. He then attended and graduated from the San Jose State University (San Jose, California) in 1974, receiving his M.A. degree. He married 17 June 1972 KATHLEEN LOUISE DUGGAN in Portola, California (b 14 Feb 1950 in Palo Alto, California), dau of JOHN and LOUISE DUGGAN of that city. KATHLEEN received her teaching credential from the University of California at Long Beach and has been subsequently employed as a teacher.

DOUGLAS is employed as District Psychologist for the Santa Maria School System and they reside in Santa Maria, California.

They have one child:

(1) BRYAN DOUGLAS PALMER[13] born 20 June 1981.

Sources:

"Palmer Genealogy" (1949) supra, page 18.
MYRON BOTSFORD PALMER, JR. (1975, 1985).

260. CHARLOTTE CHRISTIE FIELD[12] (Catherine[11], Howard[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Aug 1936 in Rochester, N.Y. the oldest of two daughters born to CATHERINE CHRISTIE (PALMER) and her husband, JAMES GIBBS FIELD of that city. She married 17 Nov 1956 at Rochester WARREN FOOTE WALLACE (b 23 Aug 1933, Rochester), son of HOWARD OGDEN and ONNOLEE (FOOTE)WALLACE of Rochester, N.Y. and Vero Beach, Florida. CATHERINE resides in Pittsford.

CHARLOTTE graduated from Penn Hall in 1956 and her husband, WARREN graduated from Rollins College, Florida, in 1960; he was Vice President of E. F. Hutton Company and is now President of the Wallace Leasing Corporation. They have two children:

(1) HOWARD JAMES WALLACE[13] b 12 Aug 1958, Winter Park, Florida; he graduated from Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y. in 1981.
(2) CATHERINE LOUISE WALLACE was b 6 July 1961, Rochester, m 6 July 1982 Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua, N.Y. DAVID W. SETON (b 2 Feb 1943, Rochester), son of PHILIP and DOLORES SETON of Rochester. CATHERINE is a child care worker at the Mary Cariola Children's Residence, a group home for severely handicapped children.

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261. LOUISE PALMER FIELD[12] (Catherine[11], Howard[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Apr 1940 in Rochester, N.Y. the second child of CATHERINE CHRISTIE (PALMER) and her husband, JAMES GIBBS FIELD of that city. She married 8 June 1963 at Rochester, WILLIAM SEARS FROST (b 10 Oct 1938, Rochester), son of WARREN JAMES and MARGARET (SEARS) FROST of that city. LOUISE resides in Rochester.

LOUISE graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1960. She was a medical secretary for the Atomic Energy Project at Strong Memorial Hospital. She is a Christian counselor for CBN Seven Hundred Club. They have two children; both born Rochester:

(1) LISA LOUISE FROST[13] b 17 Apr 1964; graduated from Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y. in 1986.
(2) REBECCA SEARS FROST b 27 Sept 1967; graduated from Harley School, Rochester in 1985. In 1982 she was a student ambassador for the United States in Europe under the People to People program. She will be attending the University of Susquehanna in 1985.

Source: Mrs. CATHERINE (PALMER) FIELD of Rochester, N.Y.

262. MARY CHRISTIE PALMER[12] (Howard[11], Howard,Sr.[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2],Walter[1]) was born 28 May 1943 in Springfield, Ohio, the oldest of four children born to HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR. and his wife, MARY MYERS. She married 28 Sept 1968 at Woods Hole, Mass., DAVID WITHERSPOON LOWRANCE,JR. (b 15 July 1944 at Hingham, Mass.) son of DAVID WITHERSPOON LOWRANCE, SR. and his wife, MARDIE (PETERSEN) LOWRANCE, formerly of Hingham. DAVID, SR. is now deceased and his widow married (2nd) CHARLES MOEBIUS and resides in Cohassett, Mass.

"CHRISTIE" (as she is called) graduated from William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y. with a B.H. degree in 1965. She was previously employed as a special writer for the Cape Cod Times and has done other free lance writing professionally, including articles for Cape Cod Life and Oceans Magazine. She and her family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandwich, Mass., where they reside. She has been active in church work, including serving as vestryman, junior warden and senior warden.

DAVID LOWRANCE, JR. graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a B.A. degree and from Michigan State University in 1973 with a DVM degree. He now has his own veterinary practice in Mashpee, Massachusetts.

"CHRISTIE" and DAVID have two sons:

(1) DAVID WITHERSPOON LOWRANCE[13], III, b 25 Mar 1969.
(2) ROBERT JUSTIN MITCHELL LOWRANCE b 8 Mar 1971.

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263. WILLIAM DAVID PALMER[12] (Howard[11], Howard,Sr.[10], Oscar[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3],Dea.Gershom[2],Walter[1]) was born 18 Feb 1952 in Bethesda, Maryland, the fourth child of HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR. and his wife, MARY MYERS. He attended the University of Montana two years (1970-1972) and the Grahm Junior College in Boston (two years). He has been employed as an announcer for radio station WOCB. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy's Nuclear Power Program in 1976 and served as EM3 on board the Nuclear Submarine, USS Philadelphia, SSN690.

WILLIAM married 5 Aug 1983 at St. Bernadettes Church, Silver Springs, Maryland, CATHERINE ELIZABETH CRABILL (b 26 Apr 1960), dau of Dr. and Mrs. RALPH E. CRABILL of Silver Springs. WILLIAM and his wife reside in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland where he is employed by the Potomac Electric Power Company as a UHF Sound Technician.

They have one child:
(1) CHRISTINA CATHERINE PALMER b 30 Dec 1984 Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Source:
HOWARD VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, JR. (1975, 1985).

264. PENELOPE ANN SPESSARD[12] (Frank[11], Bertha[10], Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 23 Apr 1950 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the oldest child of FRANK PALMER SPESSARD and MARY THOMPSON (DAVIES). She m 17 July 1971 at Shreveport, LA., EARNEST ("BUTCH") GLENN KENT (b 12 Aug 1946 that city, son of EARNEST GLENN KENT (SR.) and ETHEL (KRETZINGER) KENT also of Shreveport); divorced.

"PENNY" (as she is called) resided in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, until 1962 when her father was transferred to Idaho Falls, Idaho, and she attended the local schools in each community. In 1968 she enrolled at the Centenary College in Shreveport from which she graduated with a B.A. in English and a minor in Latin in 1972. She fulfilled the required courses to obtain a teaching credential for those subjects. Since that time she has taught high schools in the Shreveport area and is presently teaching Latin and English in the Parkway High School at Bossier City, where she also resides, a community in the vicinity of Shreveport.

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265. PATRICIA JANE SPESSARD[12] (Frank[11], Bertha[10], Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Apr 1953 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the second dau of FRANK PALMER SPESSARD and MARY THOMPSON (DAVIES) SPESSARD. She m 27 Dec 1975 at Shreveport ROBERT EARL BEACH (b 27 Nov 1951 that city, son of ROBERT R. and EARLENE (BITTICK) BEACH also of Shreveport) in Caddo Parish, LA.

"TRISH" (as she is called) resided in Bartlesville until 1962 when her family removed to Idaho Falls; she attended the local schools in both communities, graduating from high school in 1971. She thereupon moved to Shreveport and attended the Louisiana Technical University at Ruston,LA., graduating in 1975 with a B.S. in microbiology and pre-medicine. She was accepted at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, commencing in the fall of 1975, from which she graduated in 1979, receiving her degree in medicine and being given the honor of election to the Honorary Medical Fraternity. While at the Louisiana Technology University she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholastic fraternity (a pre-med. fraternity) and also of a debating fraternity and others. She acted in student government one year and graduated Summa cum Laude.

Her husband, "BOB" (as he is called) graduated also from the Louisiana Technology University in 1974 with a B.S. in Biology, thereafter doing some graduate work and finishing his thesis for an M.S. He taught chemistry and biology in a high school in Shreveport the first half of 1975, at the end of which year he and "TRISH" were married. He was also elected (in 1978) to the Honorary Medical Fraternity. In 1980 he and "TRISH" together removed to Galveston, Texas, where they entered their three-year (1980-1981-1982) residencies at the Texas University State Hospital followed by one additional year (1983) when he was Chief Resident in internal medicine and "TRISH" was Chief Resident in pediatrics. It was during their residence in Texas that their son was born in 1982. At the conclusion of this "tour of duty" in 1983 they moved to Durham, North Carolina, where they are to remain for three years while BOB is a Fellow

in "Mephology" at Duke University and "TRISH" is in private practice in nearby Sanford, N.C., in a children's clinic (three days each week); they will be residing in Durham through the spring of 1986.

"TRISH" and "BOB" have one child:

(1) MATTHEW DAVID BEACH[13] b 29 June 1982 at the John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, Texas.

Source:

FRANK PALMER SPESSARD of Shreveport, LA.

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266. CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, III ("TOBY")[12] (Clayton[11], Bertha[10], Frank[9], Van Rensselaer[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 June 1941 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the older of two children born to his father and the latter's wife, HELEN (AUPPERLE) SPESSARD. He married 29 Aug 1964 at Pasadena, California, MARY KATHLEEN JENNINGS ("KATHY") (b 1 July 1942 Santa Monica, California) dau of RICHARD LOUIS and MARY ELAINE (HATFIELD) JENNINGS of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County, California.

His father's employment necessitated the family's moving to Los Angeles County in 1948 where they settled down in Pasadena and lived there the next twenty-one years. During that time CLAYTON (3rd) attended the local public schools and in June 1964 graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.A. degree in History; in June 1965 he received his Teaching Credential from the California State College at Hayward. (In the early 1960's the requirement to teach in California schools was changed increasing to five years instead of four the length of time needed to be spent in university studies before the issuance of a teaching credential.) In 1971 CLAYTON was awarded his Secondary Administrative Credential from the same State College at Hayward, and in 1976 he received his M.S. in Education from the Hayward branch of the State University.

During these years of furthering his education, CLAYTON resided in Berkeley, Riverside, Hayward and Fremont, California, and taught high school in Riverside during 1965 and 1966, and then at Hayward from 1966 to 1971 at which time he became Dean of Men at the Hayward High School which position he held until some time in 1974 when he accepted the position of Principal of the Middle Park Junior-Senior High School in Granby, Colorado. CLAYTON took additional graduate studies at the University of Northern Colorado during his residence there. In 1980 he accepted the position of Principal of the largest high school in Phoenix, Arizona after being the Vice-Principal there the previous year (1978-1979); they continued to reside, therefore, in Phoenix.

CLAYTON's wife, KATHY, also followed the educational field and obtained the following degrees:

June 1964 - B.A. in English from University of California at Berkeley;
June 1966 - M.A. in English from the same University but at the Riverside Campus;
Additional graduate studies at California State College at Hayward;
1967 - Teaching Credential from San Jose State College, San Jose, California.

KATHY has taught high school in San Carlos (1966-1967) and while residing in Granby, Colorado she was engaged in doing paraprofessional work at the local Elementary School.

TOBY and KATHY have been members of the Presbyterian Church. Their two children were born while they were residing in Hayward:

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(1) JENNIFER ELAINE SPESSARD born 18 March 1970.
(2) INGRID HELEN SPESSARD born 13 July 1971.

Source:

CLAYTON IVAN SPESSARD, 111 (1977).

267. FRANKLIN JOSEPH COLCLOUGH[12] (Franklin Simister[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 23 Aug 1930 at Elizabeth, N.J., the oldest child of FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH and his wife, LOUISE (PRICE) COLCLOUGH. He married 20 June 1950 at Huntington, N.Y. RITA BLAUM (b 9 Feb 1930).

FRANKLIN has been employed by the New York Telephone Company in New York City. They have two daughters and reside in Huntington, N.Y.

(1) BARBARA COLCLOUGH[13] b 10 Apr 1951, Huntington, N.Y.
(2) GAIL COLCLOUGH b 9 Sept 1954, Huntington, N.Y.

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268. NANCY COLCLOUGH[12] (Franklin[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 12 Oct 1935 at Huntington, N.Y. the second child of FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH and his wife, LOUISE (PRICE) COLCLOUGH. She married 27 July 1957 at Greenlawn, N.Y. WILLIAM WIECK, son of WILLIAM and SARAH WIECK of that city.

NANCY and WILLIAM WIECK have three children, all born at Huntington, New York:

(1) WILLIAM ("BILLY") WIECK[13] b 6 Mar 1961.
(2) NANCY LEE WIECK b 5 Feb 1964.
(3) SUSAN BETH WIECK b 18 Aug 1969.

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269. CHRISTY PALMER COLCLOUGH[12] (Franklin[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 13 Feb 1945 at Huntington, N.Y., the second son of FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH and his wife, LOUISE (PRICE) COLCLOUGH. He married 21 Jan 1967 at Northport, N.Y. EILEEN _____. They reside in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he is employed as a land surveyor.

CHRISTY and EILEEN COLCLOUGH have four children:

(1) JENNIFER COLCLOUGH[13] b 2 Nov 1967/68, Huntington, N.Y.
(2) CHRISTY PALMER COLCLOUGH, JR., b 4 Oct 1969, Huntington.
(3) SARAH JANE COLCLOUGH b 7 June 1974, Poughkeepsie.
(4) ELIZABETH LOUISE COLCLOUGH b 15 Sept 1976, Poughkeepsie.

Source:

Mrs. ANNA BETH (MAINE) COLCLOUGH (1980), Hilton Head, South Carolina, a granddaughter of MARY ANNA PALMER who married (1845) the Rev. ERASTUS F. MAIN.

270. HARTWELL PALMER MOORE[12] (Beth[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 Aug 1943 in Huntington, N.Y., the oldest of three sons born to BETH COLCLOUGH and her husband, ROBERT STANLEY MOORE. He m 29 Mar 1969 at Argyle, N.Y. SANDRA WHITMAN (b 23 July 1943) dau of HELEN WHITMAN.

HARTWELL is a graduate of Kent University, Ohio and is employed in marine insurance, being the Regional Manager of Royal Globe. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and also sailing and tennis clubs. He owns a sailboat and cruises and races each season; he has contended in several of the Newport-Bermuda Races.

HARTWELL and SANDRA MOORE have two children:

(1) ALISON LINDSAY MOORE[13] b 11 Nov 1969, Huntington, N.
(2) HARTWELL STEWART MOORE, II, b 29 Sept 1976, Providence,R.I.

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271. ROBERT HARTWELL MOORE, II[12] (Beth[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Dec 1945 in Englewood, N.J., the second son of BETH COLCLOUGH and her husband, ROBERT STANLEY MOORE. He m 28 June 1969 at Huntington, N.Y. BARBARA BLACK (b 5 Apr 1945), dau of FAIRMAN and JANE (MASON) BLACK of Southampton, N.Y. He and his two brothers are descendants of MARY ANNA PALMER (8th child of NATHAN and DOLLY PALMER) who m (1845 the Rev. ERASTUS MAIN. ROBERT graduated from Kent University, Ohio. He is in the field of land sales promotional and is Marketing Director of Kiawah Island Company in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and also of sailing and tennis clubs. He owns a sailboat and participates in numerous sailing activities.

ROBERT and BARBARA have one son:

(1) PALMER MASON MOORE[13] b 8 Apr 1978, Charleston.

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272. WARREN HATHAWAY MOORE[12] (Beth[11], Anna[10], Frank[9], Mary Anna[8], Nathan[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Oct 1948 in Englewood, N.J. the youngest of three sons born to BETH COLCLOUGH and her husband, ROBERT STANLEY MOORE. He m 17 Aug 1974 at San Francisco, California, CAROL GOOD (b 28 Dec 1951), dau of WALTER and BARBARA GOOD of Newport Beach, California.

WARREN graduated from Kent University, Ohio and is employed in the manufacturing and sales of electronic components for West Coast Promotion and Sales. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Saint Francis Yacht Club and a tennis club. He is the owner of an "Etchels-22" and races it in numerous races in the San Francisco area.

Source:
Mrs. BETH (COLCLOUGH) MOORE of Hilton Head, S.C.

273. CLAUDE EDWARD ("ED") PALMER[12], (Edward,Jr.[11], Edward,Sr.[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A,[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 Sept 1940 Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California, the first child of EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR. and his wife, FERN ELIZABETH ("BETTIE") (HENDRICKS) PALMER of that city. He was named for his father's Uncle CLAUDE PALMER of Detroit, Michigan, who had no children; however, he prefers to be called "ED" as his grandfather was called; his father, though having the same name as that grandfather, was always called EDWARD.

ED attended school first in 1945-1946 in Inglewood but when his father was released from the U. S. Merchant Marine at the conclusion of the Japanese phase of the second World War, they moved to Northern California, settling in the coastal town of Fort Bragg where ED attended the school until in the spring of 1950 the family returned to Southern California, settling in Compton where his father's employment was nearby.

Simultaneously with high school graduation ED entered the United States Marine Corps taking basic training first at San Diego and then assignment in Jacksonville, Florida; he thereupon joined the U. S. Marine Reserves in which he served the next seven years.

Following the tradition of his great-grandfather and his father he was interested in machines and aeroplanes and sought an engineering career. For several years he was employed by North American Aviation and other similar companies in Southern California until the year 1967 when he decided to further his career by additional education in the engineering field and enrolled for one year at the Northrop Institute of Technology and thereafter for two years at El Camino Junior College, both in Torrance, California; this was followed by two years at the University of California at Pomona (CAL-POLY) from which he received his degree in engineering in 1972. The next month he was offered a position with Northrop Aviation Corporation which has continued to date.

ED has been a long-time member of the Sierra Club and joins its members each year on numerous trips of all kinds into the mountains and back country of California. He has traveled extensively throughout the Western United States, his favorite mode of transportation being his enormous motorcycle; with other friends who share his enthusiasm for that type of transportation he has made lengthy vacation trips from home to Canada, through that country and return to Southern California. He owns his own home in Torrance a short distance from his employment with the Northrop Aviation Company. ED is also a member of the West End Tennis Club and the Beach Cities Skiing Club, both in Torrance, California.

Source:
Mrs. Doris PALMER Buys.

274. PATRICIA JEANNE PALMER[12] (Edward,Jr.[11], Edward,Sr.[10], Cyrus Albert[9], Cyrus A.[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 May 1943 in Inglewood, County of Los Angeles, California. She was the second child born to EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR. and his wife, FERN (HENDRICKS) PALMER. She m 14 Sept 1962 at Compton, Los Angeles Co., CA., DOUGLAS WILKS (b 8 Dec 1939), son of LON WILKS and his wife, the late MAY-BELLE WILKS of Downey, California. They had two daughters and were divorced in 1976.

"PAT" (as she is called) attended the public schools in Fort Bragg, California, and later in Compton, where her parents resided; she graduated from the local high school in June 1961 and thereafter received her B.A. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Teaching Credential the following year in Liberal Arts. During her years attending the university PAT worked part time at intervals as a secretary. She was employed for two years in a Los Angeles County high school as an art teacher and for one semester in the same field in a school in Oregon.

During the summer of 1962 PAT joined a Methodist Church Youth Group which traveled to Europe to participate in a Work Camp Program in Germany; following the completion of the work the group had several weeks of touring several European countries. In the summer of 1966 PAT and her husband spent a month in the Caribbean visiting her aunt (Doris Palmer Buys) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, following which she and her husband toured the Eastern United States, including Florida, New York and Washington, D.C.

Following her return to full-time employment in 1976, PAT at first was employed as a secretary but decided to follow a different career; she passed the California real estate examination and since 1978 has been working full time selling real estate. At first she was involved mainly with the sale of residential properties; then she affiliated with the Maddox Industrial Real Estate Company in San Pedro, California, where she has been continually in the field of selling commercial and industrial property.

PAT resides in Torrance with her teenage daughter who is a student at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). PAT is a member of the Sierra Club, the West End Tennis Club and the Beach Cities Skiing Club.

Children, born in Los Angeles County, California:

(1) DANA JEANNE WILKS b 1963, d 1966, aged 3 years.
(2) CARI LYN WILKS b 30 Apr 1967, in Pomona, resides in Torrance, attends UCLA in West Los Angeles, where she is a freshman (1985). Her father, DOUGLAS WILKS, resides in Pasadena, and has been a biology teacher in the Arcadia High School since 1966.

Source:
Mrs. Doris PALMER Buys.

275. $_8$ DENNIS CRAIG PALMER^{12} (Edward, Jr.^{11}, Edward, Sr.^{10}, Cyrus Albert^{9}, Cyrus A.^{8}, John C.^{7}, Nathaniel^{6}, Fenner^{5}, John^{4}, Gershom^{3}, Dea. Gershom^{2}, Walter^{1}) was born 28 Nov 1949 in the coastal town of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, California, the third and last child of EDWARD BANNON PALMER, JR. and FERN (HENDRICKS) PALMER. When he was one year old in 1950 DENNIS and his parents returned to Los Angeles County where he eventually attended the local schools, graduating in June 1967 from the Dominguez High School near Long Beach. He thereafter attended and graduated from Mount San Antonio Junior College in Los Angeles and in June 1973 he graduated from the University of California at Pomona, receiving his degree in Mechanical Engineering. He became a member of the honorary engineering fraternity TAU BETA PI and of the honorary mechanical engineering fraternity PI TAU SIGMA.

DENNIS' first employment was at Santa Barbara, California, working for the Burroughs Corporation. He then removed to Denver, Colorado, where he worked for the next three years. On 14 July 1974 he had married PAULA CHRISTINE CROCKER (b 28 July 1953), dau of the late ALBERT C. CROCKER and his wife, DORIS CROCKER, of San Bernardino, California; they were married in the USAF Chapel in that city as PAULA's father had retired from the Air Force. DENNIS and "CHRIS" (as she was called) were divorced in 1979 by which time they had returned to Southern California and he was employed as a sales representative until November 1983 when he resigned his position in order to devote all his time to the promotion of the business his father and he had formed to manufacture and sell the DYNA-CAM engine for which his father held the patent.

Since graduation from the university in June 1973 DENNIS has been employed in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Counties and in Denver as a sales engineer and much of his employment has necessitated extensive travel from Hawaii to New York City and numerous large cities in between. As Vice-President of the company he and his father formed, he continues to travel a great deal especially in the Western states. His father is President of the company and his sister, PATRICIA (PALMER) WILKS is Secretary.

DENNIS resides in Torrance and, like his sister and brother, is a member of the West End Tennis Club and the Beach Cities Skiing Club. He has won several trophies in tennis championships.

Source:
Mrs. Doris PALMER Buys.

276. SUE ELIZABETH PALMER[12] (Leland[11], Ervin W.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 Aug 1935 in Dundee Township, Monroe County, Michigan, the only child of LELAND STANFORD and THELMA (BOYD) PALMER. She married 21 Aug 1955 WILLIAM ROBERT MARTIN (b 5 Feb 1930, Morristown, N.J.) son of JOHN ROBERT and DOROTHY LENORE (MAKER) MARTIN of Washington, N.J. They reside in Holt, Michigan. They were married in the Congregational Church at Britton. Their first child who died in 1962 is buried in Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

SUE attended the local schools graduating from Petersburgh High School. She earned her Masters Degree at Michigan State University and has followed the teaching profession. Her husband, WILLIAM, received his Masters Degree also from Michigan State University and is following his profession as an automotive engineer with G. M. C. (Oldsmobile).

SUE and WILLIAM have five children born Lansing, Michigan:

(1) JAMES WILLIAM MARTIN[13] b 22 Mar 1958, d 4 May 1962, Lansing.
(2) PATRICIA ANNE MARTIN b 30 Aug 1959, attended Western Mich. College at Kalamazoo 1979.
(3) MICHAEL JOHN MARTIN b 6 Oct 1961, attended Michigan Technical College, Houghton, Mich.
(4) KATHERINE ELIZABETH MARTIN b 3 Dec 1964, attended Mason Junior High School 1979, followed by high school.
(5) JOHN ROBERT MARTIN II (named for grandfather) b 28 Jan 1967, attended 1979 Mason Junior High School, followed by high school.

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277. BONNIE JEAN BUTTOLPH[12] (Lillian[11], Ervin W.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 26 May 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, the only child of EDGAR CLARENCE and LILLIAN (PALMER) BUTTOLPH. She married 20 Aug 1949 DONALD JAY BERKLEY (b 4 Mar 1927), son of ROLLO and VERA (HOSKIN) BERKLEY of Ohio and Milan, Michigan; they were married in the Britton Congregational Church, Britton.

BONNIE attended the local public schools in Britton, Lenawee County, Michigan, graduating from the Britton High School. Thereafter she attended Eastern Michigan University where she received her B.S. degree; her Masters degree was obtained from the University of Michigan. During her working career she was employed in the Lenawee County School System and in later years was a Special Education Supervisor. She and her husband are members of the Episcopal Church in Tecumseh, Michigan, where they reside. DONALD attended the local schools in Milan, Michigan, graduating from the Milan High School; he received his B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University and his Masters degree from the University of Michigan.

DONALD's employment, like his wife's, was with the educational system in Lenawee County; in 1980 he was Principal of the Tecumseh Junior High School. They have no children.

Source:
Mrs.LILLIAN MAY (PALMER) BUTTOLPH (1979).

278. RICHARD LEE PALMER[12] (Elwood[11], Ervin[10], Leonidas[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, the only child of ELWOOD JAMES and RUTH (WAHL) PALMER. He married 29 June 1963 at Detroit MARGARET ADAMS (b 3 Aug 1941 at Detroit), dau of PAUL and MARY (BRAMEYER) ADAMS of Illinois and Ferndale, Michigan. He attended the local schools and graduated from Britton High School, followed by attending the University of Michigan. His education was interrupted by the Vietnam War in which he served as a pilot in the United States Naval Air Corps. His service continues as a Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserves.

He thereafter attended the San Diego State University in California and was awarded his Masters Degree. He and his wife reside in San Diego where he is employed as Manager of Acquisition, Leasing and Space Management for the Department of General Services for the city of San Diego.

RICHARD's wife, MARGARET, attended Cass Tec in Detroit from which she received her B.S. degree and thereafter attended Wayne State University in Michigan from which she received her Masters degree. They are members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

RICHARD and MARGARET have one daughter:

(1) DALEANNE PALMER[13] b 27 April 1966 in Detroit.

Source:

Mrs. Lillian May (PALMER) Buttolph (1979).

279. JANET MAY PALMER[12] (Cyrus A.[11], Cyrus A.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Captain Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Mar 1949 in Santa Ana, Orange County, California, oldest child of CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. and his first wife, EVELYN MAY FRIEND. In 1970 JANET married ARTHUR SNYDER at Orange County. She had attended the schools in the city of Orange and also Fullerton Junior College and Long Beach State College. She and ARTHUR have three children and reside in Orange:

(1) CHRISTINA SNYDER[13]; (2) STEVEN SNYDER; (3) AMANDA SNYDER, b 1977.

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280. CYRUS A. PALMER, III[12] (Cyrus A.[11], Cyrus A.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 Dec 1950 in Santa Ana, California, son of CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. and his first wife, EVELYN MAY FRIEND. CYRUS attended the elementary and high schools in Orange. He married 7 June 1969 MARY ANNATTE DAVIS at Las Vegas, Nevada (b 3 June 1950 at Cherry Point, North Carolina), dau of CHARLES EVERETT and DAISY MAUDE (SMITH) DAVIS.

CYRUS' hobby is racing cars and he is employed as a machine and tool dealer. Like his father, he is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. They reside in Yorba Linda, California.

Children of CYRUS and his wife, MARY:

ROBIN REBECCA PALMER[13] b 26 Feb 1976.

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281. LeROY ARTHUR PALMER, SR.[12] (Cyrus A.[11], Cyrus A.[10], Leonidas S.[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Capt. Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 18 Dec 1951 in Santa Ana, California, the third child of CYRUS A. PALMER, JR. and his first wife, EVELYN MAY FRIEND. He attended the elementary and high schools in the city of Orange, Orange County; he married JULIE _____ and is employed in cement construction work.

LeROY and JULIE have two children:

(1) KATHERINE PALMER[13] and (2) LeROY ARTHUR PALMER, JR.

Sources:

CYRUS PALMER, JR. and
CYRUS PALMER, III (1979)
LEONIDAS PALMER Family Bible

282. GARY PALMER HAMILTON[12], (Phyllis[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born in Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan 10 Jan 1942, the oldest of four sons born to PHYLLIS JANE (PALMER) and ROBERT HAMILTON.

He married 19 Aug 1972 SANDRA ROLLER at Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Mich. (b 13 Aug 1950), dau of DUANE and SHIRLEY (CHAVEY) ROLLER also of Manchester.

After completing his education through high school at the local public schools, GARY attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and then the Adams State College at Alamosa, Colorado. He graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1970 and obtained employment with the airlines. GARY has a pilot's license and is in the process of building his own airplane. In addition to aviation, his hobbies or interests include hunting and fishing; taxidermy; music (guitar) and reading.

His wife, SANDRA, continued her education by attending Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, where she was awarded her B.A. degree in Elementary Education in 1972; in 1976 she graduated from Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti, receiving her M.A. degree in education. SANDRA's hobbies include swimming, tennis, skiing and aerobics. They reside in Manchester, Michigan.

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283. DOUGLAS ROBERT HAMILTON[12], (Phyllis[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 Nov 1943 in Saline, Washtenaw County, Mich., the second son of PHYLLIS JANE (PALMER) and ROBERT HAMILTON.

He married 12 June 1965 at Chelsea, Mich., CHERYL WERNER (b 15 Nov 1946 Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich.), dau of WEBB and MABEL WERNER of Chelsea. DOUGLAS and CHERYL reside in Manchester, Washtenaw County.

DOUGLAS attended the local public schools and thereafter the Kemper Military Academy at Booneville, Missouri. He is employed by the Chrysler Corporation and his interests include the riding and training of horses, swimming, dancing and handicraft.

DOUGLAS' wife, CHERYL graduated from the Preston Beauty Academy of Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1972 and is self-employed as a beautician. Her hobbies include horticulture, ceramics, knitting and swimming. They have two children:

(1) MELISSA ANN HAMILTON[13] b 16 May 1967.
(2) LISA LYNNE HAMILTON b 3 Jan 1969.

Source:
Mrs. Phyllis (PALMER) Hamilton.

284. DENNIS GORDON HAMILTON[12], (Phyllis[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 9 Nov 1946, Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the third son of PHYLLIS JANE (PALMER) and ROBERT HAMILTON.

DENNIS attended the local public schools and then attended the Colorado State University at Fort Collins; following that he attended the Washtenaw Community College at Ann Arbor, Michigan and since his graduation has worked in the family business of meat processing. He is unmarried and his primary interests are golf and playing cards. He resides in Manchester, Michigan.

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285. STEPHEN JOHN HAMILTON[12], (Phyllis[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 16 Mar 1952 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the fourth and youngest child of PHYLLIS JANE (PALMER) and ROBERT HAMILTON.

STEPHEN married 7 Oct 1978 at Livonia, Oakland Co., Michigan, SHARON WAYNE (b 23 Mar 1950, Detroit, Wayne Co.), dau of HENRY and CECILIA WAYNE of Livonia.

STEPHEN attended the local public schools and after his high school graduation attended Western Michigan University, followed by attendance at Eastern Michigan University from which he graduated in 1976 with a B.S. Degree (in Recreation).

He is employed in Michigan at the Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital as a Recreational Therapist. His interests are softball, water sports and restoring antiques.

STEPHEN's wife, SHARON graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1973 with the B.A. Degree (Education). However, she is presently a homemaker and her hobbies are antiques, arts and crafts and water sports. They reside in Canton, Michigan.

They have two children:

(1) JESSICA EVE HAMILTON[13] born 7 May 1980.

(2) JENNA STEPHANIE HAMILTON born 16 Mar 1984.

Source:

Mrs. Phyllis (PALMER) Hamilton.

286. SUSAN L. PALMER[12], (Douglas[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 15 Nov 1943 in Saline, Michigan, the oldest child of DOUGLAS A. and AUDREY L. (DOWNING) PALMER of Britton-Ridgeway, Michigan. SUSAN married 1 Feb 1963 at Britton, TERRY FAUST (b 26 July 1944, Saline), son of LAWRENCE FAUST, SR. and DOROTHY (KEMPF) FAUST of Britton.

SUSAN attended the local public schools and graduated in 1962 from the Britton-Macon High School and thereafter attended the Jackson Junior College one semester. TERRY also attended the local schools following which he obtained employment by General Motors Corporation in Ypsilanti, Mich. He also owns the Faust Construction Company and works in that capacity as his second job.

SUSAN and TERRY and their children are all members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Britton where she is employed as the church secretary. She is also a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.).

They reside at 7998 Centennial Road in what is now Britton but was originally Ridgeway, on land which was originally a part of the farm her ancestors had taken up in 1831 and on which her father farmed until his retirement in March 1980. Her third great-grandfather, JOHN C. PALMER (SR.) had taken up about 500 acres for himself in 1827 and also several hundred acres for a younger brother, FENNER, who followed the older brother to Ridgeway in 1832 with his family. As the decades passed and the sons married, JOHN C. and FENNER settled certain parcels of land for them on which to make their homes. This continued until the sale of the last Palmer-owned land in 1980; however, SUSAN's home is erected on the corner of Ridge Road and Centennial and diagonally across the corner from her home is the original white frame, two-story house constructed about 1840 by her ancestor although it has not been in the Palmer family for many years. Nevertheless, it is well maintained, surrounded by lawns,trees and flowers and is occupied at present (1985). Today the house faces on Ridge Road but the recollection of some elderly citizens (in their 90's) is that originally the house faced on Centennial Road and was thereafter moved to face the other street.

SUSAN and TERRY have three children; all born Tecumseh, Mich.:

(1) TERESA SUE FAUST[13] b 18 June 1963.
(2) PAMELA LEA FAUST b 12 Oct 1964.
(3) BRADLEY DOUGLAS FAUST b 19 Jan 1969.

Sources:

Mrs. Susan (PALMER) Faust.

287. BRENDA J. PALMER[12], (Douglas[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 June 1947 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, the second child of DOUGLAS A. and ANDREY (DOWNING) PALMER. She married 17 Dec 1966 at Britton in the Congregational Christian Church BARRY BRANHAM (b 19 Jan 1947 at Ypsilanti, Mich.) son of ANDERSON and JEANETTE (CHILDERS) BRANHAM of Tecumseh, Michigan.

BRENDA attended the local public schools, graduating from the Britton-Macon High School and thereafter from the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti, 1966. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.). She and BARRY reside in Pensacola, Florida; she is a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Britton and BARRY is a member of the Baptist Church.

BARRY is employed by Federal Civil Service, Department of Defense, as an Electronic Equipment Specialist. He also attended the Pensacola Junior College from which he received a degree in computer science in 1984 (an A.A. degree). He had previously served in the United States Navy for twelve years as a training devices maintenance man; he also previously attended Eastern Michigan University.

BRENDA and BARRY have two children:

(1) AMY JO BRANHAM[13] b 25 July 1970, Brunswick, Georgia.
(2) CHRISTOPHER BARRY BRANHAM b 12 Nov 1972, Pensacola.

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288. LYNN D. PALMER[12], (Douglas[11], Willis[10], Albert[9], Fenner[8], John C.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 17 May 1950 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, the only son of DOUGLAS A. and AUDREY (DOWNING) PALMER. He married 29 Dec 1973 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Battle Creek, CHRISTINE ("CHRIS") LOUISE WILBER (b 1 May 1950, Battle Creek Osteopathic Hospital), dau of KENNETH and PRISCILLA (CRIPPEN) WILBER of Battle Creek. LYNN graduated from Britton High School and then attended Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, where in 1972 he received his B.S. degree in Aviation Engineering; he had attended the University of Michigan his freshman year. He is employed as an engineer by Teledyne Continental Motors, Mobile, Alabama and is a member of the TCM Management Club and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He has a private pilot's license and an A.& P.Mechanic's License. His interests include magic, electronics, astronomy, sailing and photography. They reside in Mobile, Alabama.

"CHRIS" attended the local schools at Battle Creek and received her B.S. degree in Physical Education and Health from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. She has been employed as a Jobs Counselor by the Mobile Consortium (C.E.T.A.), and is a member of the American Business Women's Association; her other interests include sports and photography.

LYNN and "CHRIS" have two daus both born in Alabama:

(1) MELANIE RENEE PALMER b 10 Nov 1980 at Fairhope.
(2) JENNIFER ASHLEY PALMER b 20 Feb 1985.

Source: Douglas and Audrey Palmer.

289. KEVIN RAY JOYCE[12] (Raymond[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 23 June 1956 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co.,N.Y.the oldest of five children born to RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR. and his first wife, DORIS ELIZABETH BEATTY. He graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in the class of 1974 and then attended the Dutchess County Community College. He is employed as an engineer with International Business Machines, Inc. (I.B.M.) in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; is unmarried and resides in Pleasant Valley, same county.

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290. DEBRA LYNN JOYCE[12] (Raymond[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 19 June 1958 in Poughkeepsie, the second child born to RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR. and his first wife, DORIS ELIZABETH (BEATTY) JOYCE. She graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School in the class of 1976 and on 27 May 1984 graduated from the Dutchess Community College. She is employed as a Program Specialist at International Business Machines, Inc. (I.B.M.) at Fishkill, New York, where she also resides, and is unmarried.

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291. LORRAINE ("LORI") IRENE JOYCE[12] (Raymond[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 29 Sept 1959 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the third child of RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR. and his first wife, DORIS ELIZABETH (BEATTY) JOYCE. She m 23 July 1983 at Philadelphia, Penn. MICHAEL ANTHONY GONZALEZ (b 15 July 1960, California) a First Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. "LORI" graduated from the Essex Junction Educational Center in Essex Junction, Vermont in the class of 1977 and resides in Essex Junction with her son:

(1) JASON DANIEL GONZALEZ[13] b 8 Nov 1983, Jacksonville.

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292. KATHLEEN ("KATHY") ALICE JOYCE[12] (Raymond[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 3 May 1961 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the fourth child born to RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR. and his first wife, DORIS ELIZABETH (BEATTY) JOYCE. She graduated from the Essex Junction Educational Center, Essex Junction, Vermont in the class of 1979. She m 16 June 1979 in that town ANTHONY SCOTT BOMBARD (b 26 Sept 1960). He is familiarly known as "SCOTT" and served four years in the United States Navy as Third Class Petty Officer. "KATHY" and "SCOTT" reside in Essex Junction where their two daughters were born:

(1) JESSICA LYNN BOMBARD[13] b 20 Dec 1979.
(2) JENNIFER SHARON BOMBARD b 21 July 1982.

Source:

Mrs. Dorothy Dusenbury Joyce.

293. SHARON ELIZABETH JOYCE[12] (Raymond[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 20 Nov 1969 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the fifth and last child born to RAYMOND ARTHUR JOYCE, JR. and his first wife, DORIS ELIZABETH (BEATTY) JOYCE. SHARON is presently (1985) a Junior at the Essex Junction Educational Center, Essex Junction, Vermont, where she also resides, unmarried.

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294. KRISTINE LEE OETJEN[12] (Joan[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Jan 1953 in Poughkeepsie, the first child born to JOAN (JOYCE) OETJEN and her husband, AUGUST ("BUD") ALBERT OETJEN, JR. She m 2 Oct 1971 at Hyde Park, N.Y. HOMER MARKLE; they are now divorced. "KRIS" (as she is called) graduated from Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, in the class of 1971. She is Vice President of the Hyde Park Fire Department and is also an Emergency Medical Technician on the Hyde Park Rescue Squad,Dutchess Co. "KRIS" has two daughters from her marriage to HOMER MARKLE:

(1) JANEEN MAE MARKLE[13] b 24 Aug 1972, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
(2) JAMIE LYN MARKLE b 24 Aug 1976, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

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295. PENNY RAE OETJEN[12] (Joan[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 15 Apr 1955 in Poughkeepsie, the second child born to JOAN (JOYCE) OETJEN and her husband, AUGUST OETJEN, JR. She graduated from Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Class of 1973. She married 14 Sept 1978,Hyde Park, PHILIP DANIEL SIMMONS, JR. (b 10 Sept 1946, at Poughkeepsie). He graduated also from Roosevelt High School in the Class of 1965; he is Assistant Superintendent of Industry at the Green Haven Correctional Facility, Stormville, New York. They reside in Poughkeepsie where their son was born:

(1) ANDREW GARY SIMMONS[13] b 13 Nov 1980.

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296. DUANE SCOTT OETJEN[12] (Joan[11], Dorothy[10], Katherine[9], Franklin[8], Nathaniel L.[7], Nathaniel[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was b 4 May 1959 in Poughkeepsie, the third and last child born to JOAN (JOYCE) OETJEN and her husband, AUGUST OETJEN, JR. He graduated from the Roosevelt High School in the Class of 1977, Hyde Park. He has been employed by International Business Machines, Inc. (I.B.M.) as a Hardware Planner in Poughkeepsie. On 28 Sept 1985 he married BECKY RUSSELL who had graduated from college with honors on 23 May 1985. They reside in Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess, New York.

Source:
Mrs. Dorothy Dusenbury Joyce.

297. FRANCIS EUGENE PALMER[12], (James Clyde[11], Francis M.[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 6 May 1904,St. John, Whitman County, Washington (near Spokane), the oldest of four sons born to JAMES CLYDE and GRACE (KRIEGER) PALMER.

This branch of JOEL PALMER's family had removed from Dayton, Oregon, prior to 1879 inasmuch as the family of FRANCIS' grandparents (FRANCIS M. and MARY JANE ("MOLLIE")(RUARK) PALMER) were in St. John when all their children were born, the first one being JAMES CLYDE born 1879.

FRANCIS married 7 Jan 1925 PARALEE ANOLIA ("DOLLY") DEATON at Portland, Oregon (b 1 April 1904, St. Joseph,Missouri) dau of JOSEPH ALEXANDER and SARAH ELIZABETH (HOPPER) DEATON formerly of Taskee, Missouri and later of Portland, Oregon, where they continue to reside at Pendleton, Oregon. (One reference has her name SARAH ELIZABETH (RANDLE) DEATON.)

FRANCIS attended the local public schools, graduating from the Baker High School and thereafter from the Benke-Walker Business College in Portland and also the Kaiser Engineering School in that city. He was employed eighteen years as County Roadmaster-Engineer for the County of Umatilla of which Pendleton is the county seat; he has been retired for several years, and has membership in the following organizations:

1. Knights Templar (Masonic Lodge).
2. Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge (and a life member).
3. Past Director, Pendleton Round-Up.
4. Past President, Main Street Cow Boys.
5. Past President, Pendleton Liars Club.
6. Life Member, American Public Works Ass'n. (A.P.W.A.).
7. Life Member, Associated General Contractors (A.G.C.).
8. Life Member, National Association of County Engineers (N.A.C.E.).
9. American Road Builders Association.

FRANCIS' wife, "DOLLY" (DEATON) PALMER attended the public schools in Taskee, Missouri and was subsequently employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. She is a member of the following organizations:

1. President, State of Oregon, G.A.R.
2. Eastern Star
3. Emblem Club
4. Side Saddlers Club

FRANCIS and "DOLLY" were residing in Portland, Oregon where their first two children were born; the next two children were born in Walla Walla, Washington:

305. (1) POLLY JEANNE PALMER[13] b 28 Apr 1929 m (1st) WILLIAM PATRICK DOHERTY at Ione, Oregon, on 4 Jan 1954 (b 14 Feb 1925 at Heppner, Oregon); two children; m (2nd) JOHN PATTON DOW 5 Nov 1966 at Portland (b 15 Oct 1926, Portland).

306. (2) ROBERT CLYDE PALMER[13] b 1 Jan 1934, m Oct 1961 CLAUDINE CHRISTIANNE CHAUBERT at High Wycombe, England (b 27 Aug 1938 at St. Legier Vevey, Switzerland); two children.

307. (3) ALICE NORMA PALMER b 13 Feb 1936, m 14 Sept 1957 at Hermiston, Oregon, WILLIAM C. BUMBERA of Trenton, New Jersey (b 3 Nov 1930); they have three children.

308. (4) RONALD JOSEPH PALMER b 3 Jan 1939, m 2 Apr 1966 at Pendleton, LINDA OYLEAR of Pendleton (b 28 June 1944); they have two children.

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298. OMAR CLYDE PALMER[12] (James[11], Francis[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 25 July 1908 at St. John, Whitman Co., Washington, the second of four sons born to JAMES CLYDE and his wife, GRACE (KRIEGER) PALMER.

OMAR married 23 June 1934 at Oregon Caves, Oregon, CONSTANCE BAKER (b 8 July 1911, Grants Pass, Oregon), dau of SAM H. and SOPHIA (LIUM) BAKER of Grants Pass. OMAR and CONSTANCE continue to reside in Oregon.

Two daughters were born to OMAR and his wife:

(1) JOAN PALMER[13] b 8 Dec 1936; married 5 Apr 1965 _____ PERKINS by whom she had two sons; following a divorce she has resumed her maiden name of JOAN PALMER. Her children:

i JEFFERY PERKINS b 26 Nov 1965, attends University of Oregon; member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

ii JAMES PERKINS b 19 Jan 1968 attends high school.

JOAN PALMER is employed as a lease specialist with the Norris, Beggs & Simpson, one of the leading West Coast commercial real estate firms. Has completed ten years as a member of the Board of the University of Oregon Alumni Association; and is active in the Civic Theatre of Portland.

(2) MOLLY SHARON PALMER[13] b 2 Nov 1941, married 22 July 1963 GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN SPENCER (b 16 Jan 1942, Portland, bapt 1943 by Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church; confirmed 1953 at that church; graduate of University of Oregon 1963;from Univ. of Oregon Law School 1966) son of ARTHUR CHAMPLIN SPENCER, JR.(born 1909 in Portland and died there 1954) and Mrs. GEORGE ARCHIBALD KINGSLEY. MOLLY and GEORGE were married at the First Presbyterian Church; following graduation from law school, GEORGE has practiced law in Portland. MOLLY and GEORGE have been active in the civic and cultural life of Portland. She has been Past President of Junior League of Portland; chairperson in 1985 of Artquake, a giant art festival; and member of the Board of Portland Symphony. They have three children all born in Portland:

i JOHN PALMER SPENCER b 10 Feb 1965,attends Brown Univ. Providence, Rhode Island; baptized Aug 1965 St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Portland.

(Children of MOLLY SHARON (PALMER)[13] and GEORGE SPENCER):

ii LORI SPENCER[14] b 9 Jan 1967, attends high school; baptized May 1967 St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Portland.

iii GREGORY C. SPENCER[14] b 15 Feb 1972, baptized May 1974 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Portland.

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299. DEO DANIEL PALMER[12] (James[11], Francis[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim, Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Deacon Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 21 Feb 1909 in St. John, Whitman County, Washington, the third son of JAMES CLYDE and his wife, GRACE (KRIEGER) PALMER.

DEO married 17 Nov 1934 at Portland ANCY ALICE CARLSON (b 14 July 1908, Stella, Washington), dau of JOSEPH and ALENA CARLSON of Baker, Oregon. DEO died in Portland 20 Aug 1981.

Their children were born in Portland, Oregon:

(1) JOEL RILEY PALMER[13] b 19 Nov 1936, m 11 Nov 1961 AUDREY LEE FERGUSON (b 7 Mar 1936); their children:
  i LINDA SUSAN PALMER b 8 Nov 1962 Los Angeles;
  ii BETH ANN PALMER b 1 April 1966 San Francisco.

(2) SUSAN MAE PALMER b 7 May 1940, m 10 Aug 1963 GARY VINCENT GIANNINI (b 18 July 1939); their children, all born in San Jose, California:
  i KRISTEN MARIE GIANNINI[14] b 29 May 1965.
  ii MOLLY SUSAN GIANNINI b 16 Aug 1967.
  iii PAUL WILLIAM GIANNINI b 15 Nov 1968.

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300. JAMES LOYAL PALMER[12] (James[11], Francis[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter) was born 5 Sept 1910 St. John, Washington, the fourth and last child of JAMES CLYDE and his wife, GRACE (KRIEGER) PALMER. He married (1st) INEZ MELVINA TOWSLEY (b 26 July 1902, d 10 Feb 1966); they had no children but JAMES (usually called by the nickname "DUB") adopted the son which INEZ already had. When JAMES married INEZ on 20 Apr 1935 her son was about the age of 13 years.

JAMES married (2nd) IVY WANDA TAYLOR (b 8 Feb 1920 at San Francisco) in 1967) who survived him when he died 6 Nov 1984.

JAMES' adopted son was:

(1) GLEN ALFRED PALMER[13] b 27 May 1922 at Seattle, Washington. married 1942 DOROTHY FRANKLIN of San Francisco; GLEN died 1969 at Palo Alto, California. They had two children:

(Palmer by Adoption) = 14 i SANDRA DEE PALMER b 1943, married KENNETH SOUZA; three children:
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(a) KENNETH SOUZA, JR.
(b) MICHELLE SOUZA.
(c) ANNETTE SOUZA.

ii JAMES ROBERT PALMER b 1946, m 1971 JEANNE _____. they had two children:
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(a) CHRISTOPHER PALMER.
(b) BRIAN PALMER.

JAMES' second wife, IVY WANDA TAYLOR had had two children by her former marriage: ROY SCOTT TAYLOR and PAMELA TAYLOR, who were thus step-children of JAMES'. PAMELA TAYLOR married DANIEL MURRAY and had three children: MICHAEL, BRIAN and KARAN MURRAY.

Following is the obituary in the local newspaper at the time JAMES LOYAL PALMER died the first week of Nov 1984:

"Funeral for JAMES L. 'Dub' PALMER, a former Portland resident and a descendant of Oregon pioneer JOEL PALMER, will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday at Daneri Funeral Home in Jackson, California. Interment will follow in Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.

"MR. PALMER, 74, died Wednesday in a Jackson Hospital. He was born in St. John, Wash., and spent his early years in Portland. He served in the Marine Corps before and during World War 11. He left the Portland area in 1947.

"For a number of years he owned an agricultural feed and fuel supply business in San Carlos, Calif. He retired in 1978 in Jackson where he organized the Amador County Writers Club. Short stories he authored concerning the Gold Rush days of California were published. He was president of the Senior Citizens Writers Club.

"Survivors include: his wife, IVEY; brothers, EUGENE F. of Pendleton, and OMAR C. PALMER of Portland; a step-son, ROY TAYLOR of Pine Grove, Calif.; a step-daughter, PAMELA MURRAY of Livermore, Calif.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren."

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Source for Nos. 297-300: Mrs. Alice (PALMER) Bumbera of Crosswicks, New Jersey.

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It is of interest to note here that the histories of those set out in Nos. 297-300 and Nos. 301-304 extend into the 14th and 15th generations which is somewhat unusual. Genealogically speaking, a century is usually comprised of three generations; four hundred years (as in this instance) therefore, would total 12 generations. BUT here we have even the 13th, 14th and 15th generations in a few of these families included in the four hundred year span 1585-1985.

301. ROBERT CALVIN McNEIL[12] (Malcolm[11], Ivy[10], Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 10 Sept 1919 in Chicago, the first child born to MALCOLM GILBERT McNEIL and his wife, FRANCES OLGA (GRANT) McNEIL.

He married 5 Dec 1942 in Chicago EDITH D. McBRIDE of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

ROBERT served in the United States Navy during World War 11 and after the war he served in the United States Air Force until he retired as Chief Master Sergeant. His service in the Navy was during the years 1940-1945 and in the Air Force 1947-1966.

Since his retirement ROBERT has resided in Portland, Oregon.

ROBERT and EDITH had two children:

(1) JANET ELLEN McNEIL[13] born 27 Nov 1943 at Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

(2) GRANT ROBERT McNEIL[13] born 1 Jan 1946 at Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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302. HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL[12] (Malcolm[11], Ivy[10], Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 24 Oct 1920 in Chicago, the second son of MALCOLM GILBERT and FRANCES OLGA (GRANT) McNEIL of Chicago. He married 20 Feb 1943 at Chicago DOROTHY LAVERNE KLAAS (b 22 Mar 1923, Chicago) dau of ROY E. and ALICE E. (MOHLE) KLAAS also of Chicago. HOWARD is a third great-grandson of ANNA PALMER VALENTINE who, in turn, was a granddaughter of Captain FENNER PALMER (through his youngest son, FENNER, JR.) the Revolutionary War soldier.

HOWARD graduated from the University of Denver, Colorado with a Master's Degree and continued with one year's study at Texas Christian University. He then resided in Chicago with his family until 1940 when he joined the U. S.Air Force, the Army Air Corps. He took pilot training in 1942 but failing to qualify he continued working as aircraft mechanic and later as crew member in many types of aircraft. After World War II HOWARD studied Meteorology in the Air Force Technical School and then eerved as instructor until the commencement of the Korean War whereupon he served in Korea in 1950 as a detachment commander of a weather unit. During his military career he resided in Montgomery Alabama; Santa Ana, California; Texas; Colorado; Japan; Korea and Bermuda.

Following his retirement from the military services, when he then became a Captain in the Air Force Reserve, HOWARD and his family moved from Bermuda to Denver, Colorado, where he completed his schooling and his sons were present at his graduation. He thereupon took employment in Denver in weather modification. In 1955 he removed to Fort Worth, Texas, accepting employment as a "T.V.Weatherman" and for the next 26 years he was on nightly duty. Simultaneously he was Chief Meteorologist for the U. S. Air Force as a civilian; also a high altitude forecaster for Experimental B58, F111, and F16 Flights that set world speed records. He was flying as an aerial engineer on B29's when the world's first atom bomb was detonated at the Trinity Site, New Mexico where he observed the birth of the atomic age.

As a young man HOWARD was baptized in the Episcopal Church; while residing in Fort Worth he and DOROTHY became very active in the Congregational Church and both held many offices in that church there. Like his father, HOWARD, became an active member of the Masonic Lodge also.

HOWARD's love of traveling dates back to his childhood when his father was employed by the Railroad Express. His wife shares his enthusiasm for world travel and has been an excellent homemaker during their more than forty years of marriage; and they had a family of three sons although the second son died in an auto accident in 1983 in the Colorado Mountains; they have three grandchildren, all born in Texas.

HOWARD and DOROTHY's three children, all born in Illinois:

(1) SCOTT KLAAS McNEIL[13] b 15 Mar 1945, Chicago, m in Birmingham, Alabama, RUTHIE EDWARD on 12 Mar 1971. He owns a financial investment school in Atlanta, Georgia.

(2) BRIAN GILBERT McNEIL b 29 July 1946 in Chicago, m DIANA DULIN; div. He owned and operated a ski shop in the Colorado Mountains where he died 2 Mar 1983 as the result of an auto accident; he had no children.

(3) BRUCE HARRINGTON McNEIL b 17 Sept 1949 at Chunute Field, Rantoul,Illinois; graduated from the University of Texas; m 29 Dec 1971 at Fort Worth RUTH MARIE STUDER (b 10 Nov 1950 Ann Arbor, Michigan) dau of VINCENT I. and PHYLLIS M. (SCHNEBELT) STUDER of Fort Worth; she is also a graduate of the same university. BRUCE is President of a bank in Arlington, Texas, and is an avid golfer. BRUCE and RUTH have three daughters, all born in Texas:

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i HEATHER ANNE McNEIL b 15 June 1972, Arlington, Texas.
ii KELLY LEIGH McNEIL b 2 June 1979, Ft.Worth,Texas.
iii KATHERINE STUDER McNEIL b 13 Dec 1983, Ft. Worth.

303. CORINNE FRANCES McNEIL[12] (Malcolm[11], Ivy[10], Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Aug 1922 in Chicago, Illinois, one of two twin daughters born to MALCOLM GILBERT McNEIL and his wife, FRANCES OLGA (GRANT) McNEIL. She married (1st) MARTIN UNDERWOOD; divorced. She married (2nd) ROBERT J. JORDAN (b 10 May 1917 Chicago), son of FRANK JORDAN and MARY (GARVIN) JORDAN. They were married 10 July 1950 in Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

ROBERT JORDAN served as an engineer during the war with the U. S. Naval Ordinance Laboratory. He is President of the Jordan Paper Box Company and they reside in River Forest, Illinois, where CORINNE is a homemaker; her 88-year old mother resides (1985) with them.

CORINNE and ROBERT have two sons:

(1) JOHN MALCOLM JORDAN[13] b 10 Oct 1955 DeKalb, Illinois; married 9 Oct 1978 ELSIE MOLENKAMP at Itasca, Illinois, where they now reside.
(2) GARY DOUGLAS JORDAN b 18 March 1958, DeKalb, Illinois; he resides in Itasca, Illinois.

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304. CAROL MADELINE McNEIL[12] (Malcolm[11], Ivy[10], Mary[9], Daniel[8], Anna[7], Fenner,Jr.[6], Capt.Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 29 Aug 1922 in Chicago, a twin to above named CORINNE McNEIL. She married 17 Oct 1942 VERNON DOUGLAS(GORNIK)GORDON(b 18 Dec 1918, Chicago), son of FRANK GORNIK who was born in Austria, and his wife, ANNA ELIZABETH (WITT) GORNIK; the name was subsequently changed to GORDON in 1967 in Florida by VERNON.

VERNON GORDON was a Second Lieutenant in the 8th U. S. Air Force during World War 11 and served from Dec 1944 to July 1945 as a Bombardier stationed at Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, England. CAROL and VERNON were married in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Chicago.

CAROL and VERNON reside in Florida where she is a homemaker and her husband is employed as a sales representative; they are members there of the Episcopal Church.

CAROL and VERNON had three children:

(1) DOUGLAS GRANT GORDON[13] b 2 Feb 1945, Chicago, m 15 Aug 1972 PATRICIA WETMORE in the Congregational Church in Florida; they have three children:
  i KELLY GORDON b Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 4 Aug 1975.
  ii TROY GORDON[14] b Boca Raton, Florida 15 Aug 1980.
  iii BRYANNE GORDON b 28 Jan 1981.

(Children of CAROL[12] and VERNON DOUGLAS GORDON):

(2) NANCY CAROL GORDON[13] b 3 Aug 1948, Chicago, m 3 Aug 1968 HIRAM LEWIS; they have two children:
  i ORION LEWIS b Boone, North Carolina, 12 June 1979.
  ii ADRIANE LEWIS[14] b Boone, 16 July 1982.

(3) GAYLE CORINNE GORDON b 30 Sept 1952 Elmhurst, Illinois, m 7 July 1979 MICHAEL KILCOIN. They have two children:
  i BRYAN KILCOIN[14] born 1981 Florida.
  ii KEVIN KILCOIN born 14 Dec 1984 Florida.

THE HERALDS' VISITATIONS

An explanation of The "Visitations" was reprinted in Volume 18 of the NEHGR in 1864 from the "Vicissitudes of Families" by Sir Bernard Burke, First Series (pp. 217-221). It is set forth below for the benefit of readers who are unfamiliar with these records:

"These heraldic records contain the pedigrees of the landed proprietors of the time in England entitled to bear arms and were compiled by virtue of a commission under the privy seal, issued to the two provincial Kings of Arms authorizing and commanding each of them ... to visit the whole of his province .. to convene before him all manner of persons who pretended to the use of arms, or were styled esquires and gentlemen, and to cause those thus summoned to show by what authority they claimed the distinction. They had full power and license not only to enter upon reasonable request and at reasonable hours of the day into all churches, castles, houses and other devices, and to record the same, with the descents, marriages, and issue, in REGISTER BOOKS -- which are now so well known as 'THE VISITATIONS' -- but also to correct and reform all bearings unlawfully usurped or inaccurately adopted, and in certain cases to reverse, pull down and deface the same."

There were at least three different years during which these VISITATIONS were recorded: 1570, 1634 and 1662. They have been published; however, "With the lapse of years, the estimation in which THE VISITATIONS were held gradually died away, and after the Revolution of 1688 all the efforts of the decayed Court of Chivalry were discontinued. One of the circumstances which tended most effectually to their destruction was the incompetence and dishonesty of the persons who were serving as 'heralds' to collect information." Thus in later years some names appeared in printed publications of THE VISITATIONS which do not show up in the originals maintained by the College of Arms in London.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THIRTEENTH GENERATION

FOURTEENTH GENERATION

FIFTEENTH GENERATION

305. POLLY JEANNE PALMER[13] (Francis E.[12], James[11], Francis M.[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim,Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 28 Apr 1929 in Portland, Oregon, the first child born to FRANCIS EUGENE PALMER and his wife PARALEE ANOLIA ("DOLLY") DEATON.

POLLY married (1st) WILLIAM PATRICK DOHERTY 4 Jan 1954 at Ione, Oregon (b 14 Feb 1925 Heppner, Oregon), son of WILLIAM PATRICK and ROSE (DOHERTY) DOHERTY of Ione. They had two children and POLLY married (2nd) JOHN PATTON DOW ("JACK") in Portland on 5 Nov 1966 (b 15 Oct 1926 at Portland), son of Dr. McMORRIS MARSHALL and LENORE (PATTON) DOW of Medford, Oregon.

POLLY has lived in Oregon where she and "JACK" reside in Portland. She was the first woman officer to be employed by the Sheriff's Office and was the first woman officer to receive promotion to rank of Sergeant and to work in a marked police unit as a Uniform Road Sergeant. She retired in May of 1984 from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, of which county Portland is the seat.

JACK DOW was also employed by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department in Portland, retiring in 1979 with the rank of Inspector.

POLLY had two children by WILLIAM DOHERTY:

(1) SHANNON MARIE DOHERTY[14] b 11 Nov 1954, m 1 Jan 1982 at Vancouver, Washington WILLIAM MARSHALL STEVENS, IV (b 5 July 1945 Portland). She is a Media Resource Coordinator at the Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center, Portland; her husband BILL is employed as a Production Coordinator at the same place. They have one child:

i WILLIAM PALMER STEVENS[15] b 30 Oct 1982, Portland.

(2) BARRY MITCHELL DOHERTY[14] b 19 Oct 1955, m 3 Jan 1984 DEBORAH LYNN UNGER (b Wynyard, Saskatchewan, Canada He is employed as a Paramedic with the Care Ambulance Service in Portland and "DEBBIE" his wife is employed as a nurse in the Good Samaritan Hospital there.

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306. ROBERT CLYDE PALMER[13] (Francis E.[12], James[11], Francis M.[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim, Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 1 Jan 1934 in Portland, the first son born to FRANCES EUGENE and PARALEE ("DOLLY") DEATON PALMER. He graduated from the Hermiston High School and joined the United States Air Force in 1960 and by the following year was stationed in England. He married there at High Wycombe in Oct 1961 CLAUDINE CHRISTIANNE CHAUBERT (b 27 Aug 1938 St. Legier Vevey Switzerland) dau of LOUIS and ALICE (GEUX) CHAUBERT of St. Legier Vevey.

After completing twenty years' service with the USAF, BOB retired 31 Oct 1979, a Senior Master Sergeant with the Air Force Logistics Command (Intelligence). During his years with the Air Force in England, two children were born to his wife, CLAUDINE:

(1) JOEL EUGENE PALMER[14] b 11 Nov 1962 at Oxford.
(2) ANNICK ALICE PALMER b 31 Dec 1963 at Swindon.

BOB PALMER's residence is now (1985) in Fairborn, Ohio; he is a civilian AF employee at Wright-Patterson AFB doing the same kind of work.

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307 ALICE NORMA PALMER[13] (Francis E.[12], James[11], Francis M.[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim, Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea.Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 13 Feb 1936 in Walla Walla, Washington, the third child of FRANCIS EUGENE and PARALEE ANOILA (DEATON) PALMER. By the time she was ready for high school her parents had returned to Oregon settling in Hermiston in northeastern Oregon, near the Washington border and not far distant from Pendleton. ALICE and her two brothers all graduated from the Hermiston High School.

Following high school graduation, ALICE joined in Sept 1954 the United States Army (WACS) for a term of three years which she completed in July 1957. She continued her university education which included one year at the University of Tokyo.

ALICE married 14 Sept 1957 at Hermiston, Oregon WILLIAM C. BUMBERA (b 3 Nov 1930 at Trenton, New Jersey) son of JOHN and MARY (SIMKO) BUMBERA of Trenton. They reside in Crosswicks, N.J. where ALICE eventually completed her college work at Burlington County College receiving her degree in Library Science.

WILLIAM (BILL) BUMBERA (SR.), ALICE's husband had graduated from the Junior and Senior High Schools in Trenton, N.J. and from the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy and Science; previously he was employed by the U.S. Government at Fort Dix and at Walson Army Hospital.

ALICE is employed in Crosswicks as a librarian and her husband is employed as a pharmacist. They have both been very active through the years in all the local civic and cultural activities; in rearing their three children they have participated in the usual children's activities, i.e. including sports activities, Girl Scouts, Girls' Softball, Book Fair, Welfare Society for Chesterfield; and the Quaker Meeting of Crosswicks Meeting. Together they also undertook the restoration of a 200-year old house in the village of Crosswicks, now listed on the Historical Register.

ALICE and BILL BUMBERA have three children, all born in Trenton:

(1) WILLIAM C. BUMBERA, JR.[14] b 30 Sept 1958; graduated from Johnson State College in 1981 with a degree of B.S. in Environmental Science. He then joined the United States Army and is presently a Sergeant serving in Washington, D.C. with the Technical Development and Planning Office.

(Children of ALICE (PALMER) and BILL BUMBERA):

(2) CYNTHIA MARIE BUMBERA[14] b 4 Sept 1959; graduated from Mercer County College, Trenton, N.J. 1979 receiving her A.A.S. in Commercial Art. She is employed as a computer operator; is an active fire fighter; and the first woman in the Colonial Fire Company at Hamilton Square, N.J. She also holds an E.M.T. certificate.

(3) DARYL EUGENE BUMBERA b 21 Mar 1963; graduated 1982 from Burlington County College as a draftsman; in May 1985 graduated from the Burlington County Police Academy.

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308. RONALD JOSEPH PALMER[13] (Francis E.[12], James[11], Francis M.[10], Lorenzo[9], Joel[8], Ephraim, Sr.[7], Peter Ward[6], Fenner[5], John[4], Gershom[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) was born 3 Jan 1939 in Walla Walla, Washington, the fourth and last child of FRANCIS EUGENE and PARALEE ANOLIA (DEATON) PALMER. He m on 2 Apr 1966 LINDA OYLEAR at Pendleton, Oregon (b 28 June 1944 that city), dau of ROBERT B. and FANNIE ELLEN (ROUSH OYLEAR) also of Pendleton. RONALD and his wife reside in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

RONALD graduated from Eastern Oregon State University at Corvallis receiving the degree of B.S. in Liberal Arts; his wife, LINDA graduated from the same university with the degree of B.S. in Education and she then received the degree of M.E. in Special Education from the University of Oregon. He is Vice President of Bauder & Young, Ins., Inc. and LINDA is employed as an educator in the Cottage Grove School District. RONALD has served as President of the following organizations:

Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce;
Cottage Grove Hospital Board of Directors;
University of Oregon Club for Cottage Grove;

and has been Chairman of the State of Oregon Education-Independent Insurance Agents organization; three times a member of the Presidents' Council SAFECO INSURANCE CORPORATION and a member of the Oregon Independent Insurance Agents' Board of Directors.

RONALD and LINDA have two children:

(1) ROBERT MATTHEW PALMER[14] b 25 Nov 1970.

(2) KIRSTEN MARIE PALMER b 6 Dec 1972.

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All Information regarding ALICE (PALMER) BUMBERA and her siblings was furnished by her. (Nos. 305-308)

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JOHN BEAN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FROM INVERNESS, SCOTLAND

JOHN BEAN[1], born before 1634 at Strathdearn, Inverness-Shire, Scotland, died at Exeter, N.H. between 24 Mar and 8 Apr 1718 and was buried in the Church Yard of Congregational Church, Exeter (The Old Meeting House). He m (1st) HANNAH LISSEN on 18 June 1654 at Exeter (b 1635 Scotland), dau of NICHOLAS and ALICE LISSEN. She died Exeter 1659 after childbirth with her third child and JOHN m (2nd) MARGARET _____ (b 1640 Scotland) before 15 Jan 1660 at Exeter. They had nine children; JOHN had three children by his first wife. MARGARET d at Exeter 1714 and was buried in the Yard of the Old Meeting House. (Authority for his place of birth is Ida Mable Williams King, author of "Bean Genealogy" pub. 1935.)

Children of JOHN BEAN:

(1) MARY BEAN b 8 Aug 1655.
(2) HENRY BEAN b in 1657, d 5 May 1662.
(3) HANNAH BEAN b in 1659, d 18 Sept 1692 Kingston, m ABRAHAM WHITACRE; they had five children, all of whom were massacred by Indians on their Kingston farm.
(4) JOHN BEAN b 15 Oct 1661, d 18 July 1666.
(5) DANIEL BEAN b 23 May 1663.
(6) SAMUEL BEAN b 23 July 1665.
(7) JOHN BEAN b 13 Dec 1668.
(8) MARGARET BEAN b 17 Dec 1670.
2. (9) JAMES BEAN b 17 Feb 1672 Exeter, N.H., d 6 Mar 1753 at Kingston, N.H.; married three times; nine children.
(10) JEREMIAH BEAN b 20 June 1675.
(11) ELIZABETH BEAN b 24 Nov 1678.
(12) CATHERINE BEAN b in 1680.

JAMES BEAN[2] b 17 Feb 1672 Exeter, N.H. m (1st) ca 1692 at Exeter _____ COLEMAN who bore him two ch and died; m (2nd) 12 Feb 1697 at Exeter SARAH BRADLEY (b 19 Oct 1673 Haverhill, Mass., d 17 Sept 1738 at Kingston, N.H.) dau of DANIEL and MARY (WILLIAMS) BRADLEY; m (3rd) 2 Jan 1738 Kingston, N.H., MARY (PRESCOTT) (COLEMAN) CROSBY (b 11 Aug 1677, died 3 Mar 1740 Kingston) dau of JAMES and MARY (BOULTER) PRESCOTT. (She had been previously married to JABEZ COLEMAN and to THOMAS CROSBY.)

Little is known of JAMES BEAN's first wife; she probably died soon after the birth of their second child, EDWARD, in 1695 at Exeter; their first child, JOHN, was born 1693 in Brentwood, N.H. Although JAMES married his second wife, SARAH, at Exeter, they were in Kingston, N.Y. by the time their first child, BENJAMIN, was born in 1699, and all their children were born there, the last one in 1716. By 22 Dec 1725 JAMES and SARAH had joined the Kingston Church and SARAH "was one of the queens in the household of the CLAN MacBEAN in America," ("Life and Family of JOHN BEAN of Exeter And His Cousins" (1970) by BERNIE BEAN (McBEAN).) JAMES died 6 Mar 1753 at Kingston.

Children of JAMES BEAN and 1st wife, _____ COLEMAN:

3. (1) JOHN BEAN b 1693 Exeter or Brentwood; d 1747 Brentwood; m 1718 SARAH SINKLER (d 1746); four children.
(2) EDWARD BEAN b 1695 Exeter, N.H.

Children of JAMES BEAN and 2nd wife, SARAH BRADLEY BEAN, all born Kingston, N.H.:

(3) BENJAMIN BEAN b 15 July 1699.
(4) MARGARET BEAN b 16 June 1702.
(5) JOSEPH BEAN b 17 Dec 1704.
(6) JEREMIAH BEAN b 9 June 1707.
(7) SAMUEL BEAN b 11 Mar 1710.
(8) CATHERINE BEAN b 2 Oct 1714.
(9) RACHEL BEAN b in 1716.

JAMES BEAN[2] was a large landowner in Kingston; his holdings began with a plot of 30 acres he received as a grant from the town of Exeter on 21 Apr 1698; he also had landed to him from his father, JOHN BEAN[1]. Old land records reveal he owned several farms in the part of Exeter which later became Kingston; he was a man of high esteem in the community. From the "Life and Family of JOHN BEAN" (supra) pp.286-287 the character and integrity of members of this BEAN family are explained, particularly during the times of the early Indian wars:

> "JAMES served in the Indian wars from the time he was a very young man until after the withdrawal of the Indians from New Hampshire after 1710. He could well be looked upon as an Indian Scout 'of the first water.' ... on the trail fighting Indians, he was a fighting man to be admired and feared. It is said that he could 'smell' an Indian and 'read' their presence when no other white man could. He was crafty, sly and vicious when in action as a Scout. ... In war JAMES and his brother, DANIEL, served as a team... They both learned the craft of the deep forests while trappers, and they learned it well. When there was an emergency in the town where Indians were feared, they usually called for JAMES and DANIEL BEAN. ... Among the sons of JOHN (Mac)BEAN of Exeter (there were five) JAMES had the largest family of descendants by far. His sons and daus. were strong men and women, both physically and morally and spiritually, and they all without exception became very prominent in their chosen community.

JOHN BEAN[3] (who would today be called "the second" since he was named for his grandfather) was born 1693 at either Brentwood or Exeter and in 1718 at the latter town married SARAH SINKLER, believed to be the dau of JOHN (?) SINKLER; she died 1746 at Brentwood. Although they were married 28 years, there are but four children of record for them, b Brentwood:

4. (1) JOSHUA BEAN b 1719, m (1st) HANNAH ROBINSON (d 1757) by whom he had eleven children;m (2nd) 1758 LYDIA BROWN by whom he had eleven children; he died 1787 Gilmanton.
(2) SINKLER BEAN b 1720.
(3) NATHANIEL BEAN b 1722.
4. MARY (MERCY) BEAN b 1723. m SAMUEL TORRY.

Although there is no death date for JOHN BEAN[3], "his date of death is established by a deed executed by his son, NATHANIEL, dated 26 July 1747 in which he refers to his father as 'deceased.' " JOHN BEAN's three sons were a credit to him; the oldest, JOSHUA, and his large family (22 children) removed to live in Gilmanton, N.H. as early pioneers; the second son, SINKLER BEAN settled with his family at Salisbury, N.H. and NATHANIEL BEAN moved with his family to Warner and he became the "father" of the Warner BEANS. "He became one of the Delegates which ratified the Constitution of the United States of America," ("Life and Family of JOHN BEAN", supra, p.288.)

JOSHUA BEAN[4] was b 1719 at Exeter-Brentwood, m (1st) HANNAH ROBINSON (b Epping, N.H., d 1757 Exeter-Brentwood), dau of THOMAS ROBINSON; they were married 38 years and had eleven children; he m (2nd) 1758 at Brentwood LYDIA BROWN (b 1730, d 21 Jan 1823, Weare, N.H. and is bur in East Weare Village Cemetery); they were married 29 years and had eleven children. JOSHUA's first wife was a Congregationalist whereas his second wife was a Quaker and he is listed in the reference book as being also a Quaker; whether this was due to the influence of the second wife is not explained.

Being a Quaker, JOSHUA refused to sign the Association Act of 1776 and was joined in this refusal by his sons, SIMEON, JOSHUA (JR.) and GIDEON. (See Addendum.) Being Quakers they refused to bear arms to defend this country but declared they approved of the Declaration of Independence and they consented to be taxed for the support of the American cause.

JOSHUA and his sons considered higher education very essential and by 1804 four of his sons had been enrolled at Dartmouth College; by 1832 five of his grandsons had graduated from Dartmouth and two from Harvard University.

Apparently all 22 children were born at the original BEAN homestead in what is now Brentwood; some of these may have been recorded as having been born in Exeter; this was because a part of the original territory of Exeter later became Brentwood. By the year 1781 JOSHUA and LYDIA and their family had removed to Gilmanton, N. H. This move came about after the marriage of JOSHUA's first child, HANNAH (b 1739) who m 21 Dec 1761 BENJAMIN MUDGETT (son of JOHN and SUSAN (SCRIBNER) MUDGETT. The previous summer BENJAMIN had visited the area of Gilmanton, chose his lot and erected a crude log cabin; immediately following their marriage the young couple set off for their new home--on snowshoes! They reached their destination five days later as testified to by the bride when she was aged 78 years:

> "I, HANNAH BEAN MUDGETT, wife of BENJAMIN MUDGETT, hereby certify that I was born in the Town of Brentwood on the 9th day of Aug 1739, was married to BENJAMIN on the 21st day of Dec 1761 and arrived in Gilmanton on the 26th day of Dec. the same year, where I have lived ever since. I moreover state that I was the first white woman who ever came here to settle and that I passed one night in Town before any other arrived. Dated,Nov.3rd,1817."

Twenty years after HANNAH (BEAN) and her husband, BENJAMIN MUDGETT were the first settlers in what became the town of Gilmanton, her father and step-mother reached Gilmanton to settle, traveling on horseback and carrying the three smallest children in the saddle with them. At the time of this move the other young children in the family included ESTHER, aged 12 years; CALEB aged 14 years; ELIJAH aged ca 15 years; and the older children: ELIZABETH aged 17 years; PETER aged 19 years; and MARY aged 20 years, all half-brothers and half-sisters to HANNAH. JOSHUA died 1787 in Gilmanton aged 68 years; his widow (who was eleven years his junior) lived to the age of 93 years; when he died he left surviving him three children who were still minors.

JOSHUA BEAN's children were:

By 1st wife:

(1) HANNAH b 9 Aug 1739.
5. (2) JOSHUA (JR.) b 2 July 1741.
(3) SIMEON b 30 May 1743.
(4) SARAH b 17 Dec 1744.
(5) JOHN b 4 Nov 1746.
(6) MEHITABLE b 25 Apr 1748.
(7) LYDIA b 2 May 1750.
(8) GIDEON b 21 May 1752.
(9) RACHEL b/d young.
(10) DEBORA b/d young.
(11) JEREMIAH b 1757.

By 2nd wife:

(12) DEBORAH b 17 June 1759, d 1762.
(13) MARY b 13 July 1761.
(14) PETER b 1762, d 1824, unm.
(15) ELIZABETH b 1764, d 1815.
(16) ELIJAH b ca 1766.
(17) CALEB b 17 Aug 1767.
(18) ESTHER b 1769.
(19) RICHARD b 1771, d.y.
(20) STEPHEN b 4 June 1772, d 12 Dec 1825.
(21) RUTH b 1778.
(22) AARON b 24 Apr 1779.

JOSHUA BEAN (JR.)[5], was born 2 July 1741, Brentwood, N.H., m there 27 Nov 1762 his first cousin, MARY BEAN[5] (b 27 Jan 1742 Boscawen, N.H. died 8 Oct 1822 Readfield, Maine), dau of SINKLER BEAN and SHUAH FIFIELD. They settled 1762 at Gilmanton, one of first seven families there. In 1784 he removed to Winthrop Maine with their eleven children; two more were born there in Readfield, Maine, which became the name on its incorporation. Before removing to Maine JOSHUA purchased 3,200 acres of land for which he paid a dollar an acre; this land was on the west side of the Kennebec River, with one mile frontage on the water. The present city of Hallowell is located within this area. He became a leading man of Redfield, was a delegate to the convention in Boston 7 Feb 1788 when Massachusetts adopted the Constitution of the United States. JOSHUA died 25 Apr 1814 at Readfield, a devout Quaker; at the time of his death he owned 1,696 acres of land which was inventories at $10,720. His first eleven children had been born at Gilmanton; the last two at Readfield, Maine. The children of JOSHUA BEAN (JR.) were:

6. (1) ELISHA BEAN b 19 Sept 1764.
(2) MEHITABLE born 10 June 1767.
(3) JOEL BEAN b 20 June 1768.
(4) JOHN BEAN b 17 June 1770.
(5) RUTH BEAN b 5 June 1772.
(6) REUBEN BEAN b 13 June 1774.
(7) BETSEY BEAN b 23 Feb 1776
(8) ASA BEAN b 13 Apr 1778.
(9) JAMES BEAN b 17 Mar 1780.
(10) JEREMIAH b 8 June 1782.
(11) SHEPERD b 16 July 1784.
(12) HANNAH b 13 July 1787.
(13) MANLEY b 13 July 1790.

ELISHA BEAN[6] was born Gilmanton, N.H. 10 Sept 1764, m (1st) OLIVE SHEPHERD, dau of JOSEPH and ANNA (SANBORN) SHEPERD; she was born at Epping, N.H. and died 12 Jan 1821 at Readfield, Maine. They had nine children. He m (2nd) OLIVE SMITH but had no children by her. ELISHA and his first wife resided first at Epping where one son was born; all the rest of his children were born at Readfield, Maine. About 1790 ELISHA settled on a part of his father's extensive holding of land on the west side of the Kennebec River and he became a prosperous farmer in Readfield, where he died 20 Aug 1820 (pg.293 Bean Genealogy) which is in conflict with the statement in the same paragraph that the first wife died 1821 and he married a second time; there is some dispute about a second marriage for ELISHA.

Children of ELISHA and first wife:

(1) GREENLEIF BEAN b 13 July 1789.
(2) SOPHIA BEAN b 18 May 1791, d 17 June 1792.
(3) SOPHIA BEAN b 18 Feb 1793.
(4) JOSHUA BEAN b 17 Jan 1795.
(5) OLIVER BEAN b 15 Nov 1797.
(6) JOHN SHEPHERD BEAN b 31 Aug 1799.
(7) SALLY BEAN b 17 Oct 1801.
7. (8) SHEPHERD BEAN b 17 Nov 1804.
(9) URANIA BEAN b 1806, d bef 1838.

SHEPHERD BEAN[7] was born Readfield, Maine 17 Nov 1804, m 28 Nov 1826 at Readfield, PAULINE DYER (b 26 June 1806, Readfield, d 19 Jan 1867, Lee Maine), dau of CHARLES and ANNA (NICKERSON) DYER. He m (2nd) in 1868 MARTHA (HATHORN) ORCUTT, widow of SAMUEL ORCUTT and dau of ELI and _____ (DUDLEY) HATHORN (b 4 Dec 1816, d 16 June 1889). SHEPHERD (also SHEPARD) had four children by his first wife, the first one born at Readfield and the next three born at Lee, Maine. He was prominent in Lee, Maine, where he settled in the 1830's, being Representative to the Legislature in 1862, Town Clerk and Treasurer of Lee; also Justice of the Peace for 28 years, Trustee of Lee Normal School for forty years and Secretary of the Board for thirty years. SHEPHERD BEAN died at Lee, Maine 20 Aug 1889.

Children of SHEPHERD (SHEPARD) BEAN and first wife:

8. (1) GUSTAVUS SHEPARD BEAN b 26 Apr 1828.
(2) ARABELLA ANNA BEAN b 5 June 1834, d 24 Oct 1846.
(3) JOSHUA FILLEBROWN BEAN b 26 Apr 1842.
(4) ARANNA BEAN b 5 Dec 1846.

GUSTAVUS SHEPARD BEAN[8] was born 26 Apr 1828 at Readfield,Maine, m 12 May 1852 LUCIA ANN HASKELL (b 31 Dec 1828, d 16 Mar 1917 at San Jose, California), dau of GEORGE and BETSEY (EVELYTH) HASKELL of Lee, Maine. GUSTAVUS at first was a merchant in Lee where all their five children were born. In 1865 the family removed to Bangor where he became the Deputy Sheriff and he continued in that office until 1 Dec 1880 when he was appointed Warden of the Maine State Prison which office he held for eight years. In the early 1890's he and his family moved to California and settled at San Jose in Santa Clara County where their sons, HARRY and CLARENCE, had moved earlier. GUSTAVUS died there 23 June 1909.

GUSTAVUS SHEPARD BEAN and LUCIA ANN BEAN had children born in Maine:

(1) CLARENCE GUSTAVUS BEAN b 2 Apr 1854, d 17 Dec 1908, Campbell, California.
(2) LIZZIE EVELYTH BEAN b 17 June 1856, d 10 Mar 1937, San Jose, California.
9. (3) HARRY PERCY BEAN b 1 Apr 1858, m 6 Apr 1881 at Franklin, Mass., MARY ELIZABETH EDWARD STEWART (b 3 Nov 1856 Franklin, d 13 Apr 1940, Campbell), dau of CHARLES WASHINGTON and MARY HANNAH (YOUNG) STEWART of Sudbury and Franklin, Mass. He d 12 Nov 1934, Campbell.
(4) KARL ALBERT BEAN b 25 Mar 1860, d 1 Mar 1926, San Jose.
(5) ANNIE SHEPARD BEAN b 21 Dec 1863, d 27 Jan 1941,San Jose.

HARRY PERCY BEAN[9] was b 1 Apr 1858, m 6 Apr 1881 at Franklin, Mass., MARY ELIZABETH EDWARD STEWART (b 3 Nov 1856 Franklin, d 13 Apr 1940 Campbell, California), dau of CHARLES WASHINGTON and MARY HANNAH (YOUNG) STEWART of Sudbury and Franklin. HARRY graduated in 1879 from the University of Maine (Orono) with a Degree in Civil Engineering. In 1881 he was Chief Engineer for the Northern Pacific Railway during which period the building of that railroad through to Seattle was accomplished. This was an historic event for the Northwest and the fact that the name of HARRY BEAN is written in this record through Montana is a great honor to his name. His wife, MARY, went right along with him during this building and served part time as a cook for the surveying party of which HARRY was a part; thus she became the first woman to ride over parts of the new steel rails laid in Montana.

On completion of the N.P.R.R. construction, HARRY became Chief Engineer for what is now the Boston-Albany R.R. In 1889 HARRY suffered a severe illness the result of which was that he removed to California upon the advice of his physician, arriving in San Jose 31 Dec that year. Here he became a successful orchardist in the growing of prunes, apricots and peaches. He was only thirty-one years of age when he reached the Pacific Coast and lived for another forty-five years; he died at Campbell 12 Nov 1934, aged seventy-six years; his wife, MARY, who was older than he was, lived another six years and died at the age of eighty-four.

HARRY and MARY BEAN had the following four children, the first two having been born in New England (place unknown) and the two youngest at Campbell, California:

(1) EARLE STEWART BEAN b 19 Aug 1883, d 12 Feb 1885.
(2) RUTH EVELYTH BEAN b 19 Nov 1885, d 30 Mar 1889.
(3) GLADYS STEWART BEAN b 12 June 1892, m 23 Nov 1920 at Campbell, BRYANT RICHARDSON SMITH (b 12 Mar 1899, Davenport, Iowa, d 8 Nov 1964 Vallejo, CA., bur at Vallejo) son of JAMES ROBERT and HATTIE WOOD (BAKER) SMITH. They had no children but adopted a son, JAMES BEAN SMITH (b 26 Dec 1930 Vallejo, d 3 June 1952 Fort Ord, CA.) GLADYS resides Julian, CA. (1985).
10. (4) HOWARD STEWART BEAN b 23 Oct 1893, m 10 June 1919 at Orange, CA., MARGARET IRENE PALMER (b 31 July 1894 Ontario, N.Y.). They had two children.

HOWARD STEWART BEAN[10] was b 23 Oct 1893 at Campbell,California, m 10 June 1919 at Orange, that state, MARGARET IRENE PALMER (b 31 July 1894 Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y., d Dec 1974 Sedona, Arizona), dau of FRANK and ALLETTA MaBELL (BELLE) PALMER, formerly of Wayne Co., N.Y. who had first removed to San Diego Co., California, 1896 and eventually settled in the town of Orange in the county of the same name. They had two children born in Washington, D.C.:

11. (1) HARRY PALMER BEAN b 27 July 1920, m 10 June 1944 RACHEL J. KRUPP. They reside El Paso, Texas; three sons.
(2) AUDREY ELIZABETH "BETTY" BEAN b 2 Dec 1922, m 18 Mar 1945 JOHN EVERETT NISSEN. They reside (1985) St. Augustine, Florida.

HOWARD and MARGARET retired to Sedona, Arizona, where she died 21 Dec 1974 and he died six months later on 10 June 1975. A more complete history of HOWARD and MARGARET (PALMER) BEAN will be found in the Ninth Generation Chapter of this PALMER HISTORY volume.

HARRY PALMER BEAN[11] was b 27 July 1920 Washington, D.C., the only son of his parents, m 10 June 1944 at Kensington, Maryland, RACHEL JOSEPHINE KRUPP (b 15 June 1917 Pittsburgh,Pennsylvania) dau of STANLEY ALEXANDER and RACHEL JOSEPHINE (LANTZ) KRUPP. They resided first in Pittsburgh where their three sons were born:

(1) EARL HOWARD BEAN[12] b 6 Apr 1945, m 12 Nov 1972 ANNETTE LOUISE SCHELL (b 6 Oct 1951); they had three sons:
i JASON SHEPHARD BEAN b 28 Aug 1974 Oklahoma City.
ii QUINCY SCOTT BEAN b 21 Apr 1978, d 16 May 1978, El Paso, Texas.
iii QUINCY AARON BEAN[13] b 27 July 1979, El Paso.
(2) STEWART PALMER BEAN b 22 Nov 1947.
(3) NORMAN CRAIG BEAN b 27 Apr 1950.

HARRY and RACHEL have resided in El Paso, Texas for many years and a more complete history for them will be found in the Tenth Generation Chapter of this PALMER HISTORY volume. In that Generation also will be found a chapter for HARRY's sister, "BETTY" (BEAN) NISSEN and in the Eleventh Generation appears the histories of HARRY's three sons.

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(See: MARGARET IRENE (PALMER) BEAN page 463.)

THE NATHANIEL BOWMAN FAMILY

1. NATHANIEL BOWMAN was born in England in 1608 near Kirk-Oswald, Carlisle, Cumberland County; the early church records there have been destroyed. He married ANNA (_____) although her maiden name and the date of their marriage has not been found; inasmuch as the records for the sailing of the eleven ships comprising The Winthrop Fleet indicate NATHANIEL and ANNA BOWMAN were passengers, it seems likely they were married either that year or in 1629 when he would have been aged twenty-one years. The Passenger List does not list any children accompanying this couple although children for other families were listed; it is assumed, therefore, all their children were born after they settled in the New World, in 1630. The Winthrop Fleet was probably the largest flotilla of ships to reach America with at least seven hundred passengers. (CHARLES EDWARD BANKS' "The Winthrop Fleet of 1630" (1930).) NATHANIEL settled at Watertown, Massachusetts where on 19 Oct that year he applied for the status of "freeman".

"THE PIONEERS OF MASS." (1900) by CHARLES HENRY POPE, Pastor of First Church, Charlestown-Boston, prepared a list of "Gentle Pioneers of Massachusetts" -- residents to whom the titles Knight, Esquire, Gentleman, Armiger or Lady were applied in legal documents and that list also included NATHANIEL BOWMAN. He was the son of ROBERT and ANN (BERESFORD) BOWMAN of Carlisle.

In 1984 the compiler employed researcher, ANNA ROSSITER, a resident of Northumberland, England, to search the surviving records of Kirkoswald for any vital statistics pertaining to ROBERT and NATHANIEL BOWMAN which was not successful. She explained the name BOWMAN is quite common in Cumberland but the surname BERESFORD is not. Following is a portion of her report:

> "I searched the parish register of Kirkoswald 1600-1620 for the baptism of NATHANIEL, son of ROBERT BOWMAN but there was none and no other children of a ROBERT BOWMAN either. I then searched the Kirkoswald Register 1577 (earliest date) to 1590 for the possible baptism of the father, ROBERT BOWMAN, or of an ANN BERESFORD, with negative results. I also searched the marriage register for Kirkoswald 1577-1610 for the marriage of ROBERT and ANN BOWMAN, without finding it.
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> "I then searched the surrounding parishes for the baptism of NATHANIEL BOWMAN 1600-1615: Addingham, Greystoke, Kirkland, Lazonby, Newton Reigny and Penrith, unsuccessfully.
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> "Many of the parishes in this area do not have registers for the pertinent date; many do not commence until the 1660's; and even where early registers do exist there are many gaps.
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> "All these parishes were checked for the marriage of NATHANIEL and ANNA BOWMAN; also in the indexes to the marriages in Southeast Cumberland which covers the Kirkoswald area 1625-1630, unsuccessfully.
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> "Having drawn a blank with the parish records, I then searched the Will indexes 1600-1680 for any Will of a ROBERT BOWMAN or any Wills of BOWMANs for the parish of Kirkoswald. There was no Will

of a ROBERT BOWMAN proved anywhere in the Diocese of Carlisle for the period and only one Will for a BOWMAN of Kirkoswald -- that of WILLIAM BOWMAN, proved 1620; he mentioned a wife, FAITH BOWMAN and children: sons FRANCIS and HENRY BOWMAN and daughters JANE and MARY.

"I next checked the 1641 Protestation Return which covers all the parishes in the Kirkoswald area for BOWMANs and found these in the following parishes in the Kirkoswald area:

At Hesket - CHRISTOPHER, ROBERT and two JOHN BOWMANS.
At Kirlannd - HENRY BOWMAN.
Kirkoswald - A JOHN, THOMAS, WILLIAM and two ROBERT BOWMANS.
Penrich - A JOHN and THOMAS BOWMAN.

Thus there were two adult males named ROBERT BOWMAN living in Kirkoswald in 1641, either of which could have been the father of the emigrant NATHANIEL BOWMAN but without a Will or a baptism record it is impossible to be certain. Unfortunately, there are no manorial records for the manor of Kirkoswald for this date.

Finally, a check of the Computer Fiche Index for Cumberland and Westmorland was made, also with negative results.

The name of NATHANIEL BOWMAN appears on the Watertown records in 1636-37; he bought land in Cambridge Farms and settled there in 1649 near the present Arlington line. His Will was dated 21 Oct 1679 and proved 4 Apr 1682 in which his wife is not mentioned and, therefore, she must have predeceased him. There are discrepancies in the list of children for NATHANIEL and ANNA BOWMAN when comparing "EARLY RECORDS OF BOSTON - AT WATERTOWN" (NEHGR Vol. 7 (1853) with the list in "HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, MASS." by CHARLES HUDSON (1913), Vol. 2, pub. by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, the differences being mainly in the dates of birth:

2. (1) FRANCIS BOWMAN b prob 1634/35, m 26 Sept 1661 MARTHA SHERMAN (b 21 Feb 1641, d prob. 25 Feb 1728/29) dau of Captain JOHN and MARTHA (PALMER) SHERMAN also of Watertown. This MARTHA PALMER was the dau of WILLIAM+ PALMER of Hampton, New Hampshire, "styled gentleman" who emigrated from Ormesby Manor, Norfolk Co.,England.
(2) MARY BOWMAN b ca 1636, buried 10 Mar 1637.
(3) JOANNA BOWMAN b ca 1637/38, buried 20 Nov 1638.
(4) DORCAS BOWMAN buried 6 Feb 1639, aged 7 days.
(5) NATHANIEL BOWMAN b 6 Mar 1640/41, died prob at Lexington 1694; taxed 1693, but not in 1694.
(6) JOANNA BOWMAN b 20 Nov 1642.
(7) DORCAS BOWMAN b 1643/44, d 22 Nov 1683; m (1st) BENJAMIN BLACKLEACH; m (2nd) 29 May 1676 HUGH MARCH of Newbury.

2. FRANCIS BOWMAN was admitted freeman in 1652; he resided at Cambridge Farms where he died 16 Dec 1687 leaving minor children. His widow MARTHA BOWMAN was guardian of the minor children and survived him for forty-one years. They had children born Cambridge Farms:

(1) FRANCIS BOWMAN, JR. b 14 Sept 1662, d 23 Dec 1744. By his Will dated in 1744 he directed his wife, RUTH BOWMAN, to take as her own proper estate forever three of his negro servants--"BATISS, PHILLISS AND POMPY, SO NAMED."

FRANCIS BOWMAN also gave to his granddaughter, RUTH BOWMAN, full power at his decease to take his negro boy, DOMINI "to be her own forever," she to pay her brother FRANCIS BOWMAN twenty pounds. FRANCIS BOWMAN, JR. filled from time to time every office in the gift of the people. He was on the committee in 1693 to purchase land for the support of the ministry, on the first board of selectmen and assessors under the town organization, and was frequently reelected. He represented the town in the General Court in 1720, '22, '26, '27, '32 and '33 and was also one of the royal magistrates, appointed first in 1720. He m (1st) 26 June 1684 LYDIA STONE (b 25 Nov 1665, d 10 Dec 1719) and (2nd) he m RUTH ANGIER who d 25 July 1754; six children.

(2) JOHN BOWMAN b 19 Feb 1665.

(3) MARTHA BOWMAN b 2 Mar 1667, d Dec 1667.

3. (4) NATHANIEL BOWMAN b 9 Feb 1669, m 16 Dec 1692 ANNA BARNARD (b Sept 1670, d 15 Sept 1757) dau of JOHN and SARAH (FLEMMING) BARNARD.

(5) MARY BOWMAN m 2 Dec 1692 Rev. JOHN EVILETH.

(6) JOSEPH BOWMAN b 18 May 1674, d 8 Apr 1762.

(7) ANNA BOWMAN b 19 Sept 1676, bapt 14 Sept 1701, died 26 Sept 1701.

(8) SAMUEL BOWMAN b 14 Aug 1679; resided Cambridge where he was deacon; m (1st) 2 Nov 1700 REBECCA ANDREWS who died 18 Nov 1713; m (2nd) DEBORAH WYETH; had 14 children. (For a more complete record see "History of Cambridge," by Paige, p. 495.)

(9) JONATHAN BOWMAN b ca 1682.

(10) MARTHA BOWMAN b 4 Apr 1865.

3. NATHANIEL BOWMAN (2nd) b 9 Feb 1669, m at Cambridge Farms 16 Dec 1692 ANNA BARNARD of Watertown, Mass. (b Sept 1670, d 15 Sept 1757) dau of JOHN and SARAH (FLEMMING) BARNARD. His Will was dated 19 Mar 1747 and he died 30 June 1748. They had seven children:

4. (1) MARY BOWMAN b 22 Dec 1693, m ca 1714 SAMUEL+GARFIELD of Watertown (b 3 Sept 1690, d between 1754 and 1761) son of BENJAMIN GARFIELD and his second wife, ELIZABETH (BRIDGE) GARFIELD; they had nine children; (See GARFIELD Allied Families).

(2) ANNE BOWMAN b 6 Sept 1696, m (1st) NATHANIEL BRIGHT; m (2nd) 6 Oct 1741 RICHARD CLARKE.

(3) ELIZABETH BOWMAN b 13 Nov 1698; d 8 Jan 1740, unm.

(4) ABIGAIL BOWMAN b 1700, m 24 Mar 1719 MATTHEW BRIDGE.

(5) GRACE BOWMAN bapt 1 Oct 1703; m 10 Mar 1726 NATHANIEL COOLIDGE.

(6) SARAH BOWMAN bapt 25 May 1707, m 3 Feb 1731 SAMUEL STEARNS.

(7) JANE BOWMAN m 21 Jan 1733 JAMES BROWN of Lexington.

(See: GARFIELD FAMILY in Allied Families; also pp. 224, 229 this volume.)

THE BOYNTON FAMILY

The village of Boynton, East Riding of Yorkshire, England, became famous and was perpetuated forever outside Yorkshire by being the name taken by one of the families residing there at the time it became necessary to adopt surnames. The first with this surname of record was BARTHOLOMEW de BOYNTON "who was seized of the Manor of BOYNTON in 1067 and was succeeded in his estate by his son, WALTER." There "next appeared one BRUIS de BOYNTON whose name appeared on a document in 1129, and he was succeeded by one Sir INGRAM de BOYNTON, Knt., who lived in 1159, whose son and heir was one THOMAS deBOYNTON"from whom the successive BOYNTONS descend. ("The BOYNTON FAMILY GENEALOGY"compiled 1897 by John Farnham and his wife, Caroline (Harriman) BOYNTON, p.x). It is unclear from the reference whether WALTER or BRUIS was the father of Sir INGRAM; the two may have been brothers. The family was of the landed gentry and from the progenitor (WALTER or BRUIS) there is an unbroken line of male descendants for some thirty-two generations; the two (WILLIAM and JOHN BOYNTON) who emigrated to America 1637/38 were in the 22nd generation.

The BOYNTON Manor house from a very early period had been the residence of that family, but the present structure (1897) was built "by the STRICKLAND family into whose possession the property passed about 1800 when the BOYNTONS removed first to Barmston, then to Burton Agnes in the same neighborhood, which places they acquired by the marriage of Sir MATTHEW BOYNTON in 1618 with FRANCES, daughter of Sir HENRY GRIFFITH, and where the present (1897) representatives of the family reside: Sir FRANCIS BOYNTON and Sir HENRY SOMERVILLE BOYNTON, Baronets," (page x, supra).

In 1908 GORDON HOME had published a delightful account of life in YORKSHIRE, the title of his book; it included colorful photos of many churches, rivers, castles, abbeys, etc. On page 161 writing of The Wolds in the East Riding he writes:

> "The afternoon sunshine floods the pleasant landscape with a genial glow, and throws long blue shadows under the trees of the park surrounding BOYNTON HALL,the seat of the STRICKLANDS."

Descendants of the family settled in many different neighboring villages as the centuries passed (from 1091 to 1638) including East Heslerton and Wintringham, being the abode for that branch of the family whose descendants, WILLIAM and JOHN, emigrated to New England 1637/38 where they settled at Rowley, Massachusetts. They had been born 1606 and 1614 at Knapton, sons of another WILLIAM BOYNTON who, in turn, was the third son of ROGER and JENET (WATSON) BOYNTON.

By 1635 one member of the family, Sir MATHEW BOYNTON, Baronet of Burton Agnes, Yorkshire, had plans to emigrate to America.. His decision came about as a result of two factors: first, a tax known as "ship-money" in 1634 was levied against all counties which heretofore was paid only by the coastal towns. One JOHN HAMPTON, a "country gentleman" of Buckinghamshire had defied the tax and was tried 1637/38; he lost his case in the court but won it with the people; secondly, and perhaps most important, the continual severe persecution of the non-conformists by the Church of England

which became worse under Charles the First who reigned from 1625 until he was beheaded 30 Jan 1649. As early as Jan 1604 the Puritans had a meeting with the bishops but they failed to secure any relaxation of the rules of the Established Church and King James (1603-1625) had issued a proclamation enforcing the "Act of Uniformity". Some new canons were adopted which were so hard on the Puritans that 300 of the English clergymen left their livings rather than conform; people suffered under Elizabeth's reign also (1558-1603) if they opposed the Church and her successors increased the pressure for a united Anglican Church.

During the years 1637-38 a general assembly at Glasgow, Scotland, abolished episcopacy, settled liturgy and canons and gave final form to the Scottish Kirk which was followed by the "first Bishops' War" in 1639. It may have been because of the proximity of Yorkshire to Scotland that so many had thoughts of "purifying" the Anglican Church, following the lead of the Presbyterians in Scotland; it was also from the northern area of England (Nottinghamshire) that so many of the early Pilgrims fled for the same reason, first to Holland and then to America; this group included some of the landed gentry class and some of the ministers of the Anglican Church.

Thus Sir MATTHEW BOYNTON had thoughts of emigrating to America; during the early 1630's he had been shipping to the new area considerable cattle, especially goats and usually servants to take care of them until they were sold in Massachusetts. He carried on extensive correspondence with JOHN WINTHROP, JR. who had been over here several years (pp. xiv-xvi BOYNTON Genealogy) regarding his plans.

However, Sir MATTHEW apparently made the decision to remain in England and lend support to the opposition and protect his estates, and he joined the fortunes of OLIVER CROMWELL. However, the group he had planned to join, including neighbors, did emigrate and WILLIAM and JOHN BOYNTON were included. They departed in the autumn of 1638 from Hull located on the River Humber which meets the North Sea. Many of those emigrating from Yorkshire brought with them the financial means with which to purchase a tract of land situated between the towns of Newbury and Ipswich (Massachusetts) which they took possession of in April 1639 and called Rowley in honor of their minister, the Rev. Mr. EZEKIEL ROGERS who had been at times the preacher at the village of that name in Yorkshire. The relationship of WILLIAM and his brother, JOHN, to Sir MATTHEW BOYNTON is not clarified by the family genealogy.

WILLIAM BOYNTON was assigned a lot on Bradford Street in Rowley to which he subsequently added by additional purchases in different parts of the county. He was about 32 years of age when he reached Rowley and his wife, ELIZABETH, accompanied him; all their seven children were born in Rowley. In the records he was called a "planter," and "weaver," but in the deeds he is called a "tailor." He taught the school from 1656 to 1681, probably the first person employed as a schoolmaster in Rowley. He died 8 Dec 1686 at Ipswich and his widow died the next year in Salisbury. During his lifetime he had given a farm to each of his children and the remainder of his estate he bequeathed to his wife, ELIZABETH(JACKSON).

Most of the following information, unless otherwise indicated, was found in The BOYNTON GENEALOGY on the pages listed.

JOHN BOYNTON[1] was also listed as a "tailor," by trade; he was assigned an acre and a half of land adjoining that of his older brother's. He was about 24 years of age when he reached Rowley in 1638, and he married ELLEN (ELLENOR) PELL of Boston, formerly maid-servant of ATHERTON HAULGH or HOUGH; she was admitted to the Boston Church in 1641 and dismissed 1643 to Rowley; a letter of dismissal was granted 21 Apr 1644 when she was the wife of JOHN BOYNTON, member of the Rowley Church (according to footnote by Pope in "Early Settlers of Rowley" by G. B. Blodgette and A. E. Jewett, p. 26). They had seven children, all born in Rowley. JOHN died 18 Feb 1670/71; his Will dated ten days previously, mentioned his wife, ELLEN; his brother, WILLIAM; his sons, JOSEPH, CALEB, SAMUEL and JOHN "who has the homestead" and three daughters, MERCY, HANNAH and SARAH (Essex County Probate Records). His widow, ELLEN, married (2nd) Deacon MAXIMILIAN JEWETT. WILLIAM's line is not being continued in this volume; but JOHN's line follows and in due time will intermarry with the PALMER line. Children of JOHN and ELLEN:

(1) JOSEPH BOYNTON b ca 1644/45, m (1st) SARAH SWAN; m (2nd) ELIZABETH WOOD.
(2) JOHN BOYNTON b 17 Sept 1647, m (1st) HANNAH KEYES; m (2nd) MARY, widow of SIMON WAINWRIGHT.
2. (3) CALEB BOYNTON b ca 1649, m HANNAH HARRIMAN 21 May 1674 (b Rowley 22 May 1655), dau of LEONARD and MARGARET HARRIMAN
(4) MERCY BOYNTON b 5 Dec 1651, m (1st) JOSIAH CLARKE 14 Dec 1670 who d 27 Sept 1691; m (2nd) in Ipswich 4 July 1692 JOSEPH GOODHUE; m (3rd) (Int. in Ipswich 30 Nov 1712) JOHN HOVEY of Topsfield; she died his widow 22 Dec 1730 in Rowley.
(5) HANNAH BOYNTON b 26 Mar 1654, m 24 Nov 1673 NATHANIEL WARNER; she d Feb 1694.
(6) SARAH BOYNTON b 19 Apr 1658, m in Charlestown 18 Sept 1682 HOPEWELL DAVIS; she d 10 Dec 1704.
(7) SAMUEL BOYNTON b ca 1660, m 17 Feb 1686 HANNAH SWITCHER.

CALEB BOYNTON[2] was b ca 1649 and was known as "Sergt. Caleb" and he m 21/26 May 1674 HANNAH (b Rowley 22 May 1655), dau of LEONARD and MARGARET HARRIMAN. CALEB was a blacksmith and the church records indicated "He was a worthy man." Also "To Caleb Bointon one free hold as long as serversable to the town in the trade of a Smith, and to his children if serversable to the town in the same trade." He d 13 Sept 1708 and his widow d 19 Feb 1725/26. His Will was dated 17 May 1706 and mentioned his wife (unnamed), sons JEREMIAH and EBENEZER BOYNTON; daughters, MARGARET CHAPLIN and RUTH BOYNTON (Essex Probate Records, 310:47). Their six children were born in Rowley: (pp. 44,45,48 BOYNTON GEN'L.)

(1) HANNAH BOYNTON b 5 Sept 1675 (may have predeceased her father as she was not mentioned in his Will, 1706).
(2) MARGARET BOYNTON b 23 Sept 1677, m JOHN CHAPLIN.
(3) RUTH BOYNTON b 2/14 Jan 1681/2, m JUDAH CLARKE 1 Feb 1714/15.
(4) JEREMIAH BOYNTON b 8 Jan 1685/86; d 1 June 1709, Rowley,unm.
3. (5) EBENEZER BOYNTON b 17 May 1688, m (1st) SARAH, dau of NATHAN WHEELER, 25 May 1711 ("Early Settlers of Rowley,Mass.",supra) or SARAH GROUT, dau of CALEB GROUT (BOYNTON GENEALOGY, p.57). SARAH d 1727/28 and he m (2nd) ABIGAIL CHADWICK 7 June 1728.
(6) Infant born/died 25 Mar 1697.

EBENEZER BOYNTON[3] was born in Rowley 17 May 1688, m (1st) SARAH, dau of CALEB GROUT ("BOYNTON GENEALOGY" p.57) or SARAH WHEELER, dau of NATHAN WHEELER 25 May 1711 ("Early Settlers of Rowley, Mass." p.30.). They resided in Byfield Parish, Rowley, until 1726 when they removed to Weston, same state, where SARAH died Feb 1727/28 after having had seven children, all born in Rowley. EBENEZER m (2nd) ABIGAIL CHADWICK in Weston 7 June 1728 in Middlesex Co., where they were admitted to the Church; on 30 Nov 1735 they were "dismissed" to the church at Waltham where they were received 4 Feb 1736. On 31 Oct 1737 they were dismissed to the church in Hopkinton and on 13 Apr 1746 they were dismissed to the Mendon Church. EBENEZER was a blacksmith and died in Milford 16 Sept 1761, (pp.57-58).

EBENEZER's children by his first wife:

(1) JEREMIAH BOYNTON b 27 Dec 1711,m Aug 1736 PATIENCE SANDERSON.
(2) HANNAH BOYNTON b 4 Aug 1713.
(3) JERUSHA BOYNTON b 6 July 1715.
(4) A SON bapt Byfield Ch., 17 July 1720.
(5) MERCY BOYNTON b 15 June 1722.
4. (6) CALEB BOYNTON b 18 May 1724, m (1st) RACHEL _____ bef 1750; m (2nd) LYDIA BULLARD; m (3rd) widow ABIGAIL RICHARDSON 1768; children were by first and second wives.
(7) SARAH BOYNTON b 26 June 1726.

CALEB BOYNTON[4] was born 18 May 1724 and married (1st) RACHEL _____ by whom he had four children; he m (2nd) LYDIA BULLARD (b Hollis 10 June 1728, d 1766/67) dau of BENJAMIN and JUDITH (HILL) BULLARD, by whom he had another four children, including a set of twins; he m (3rd) a widow, ABIGAIL RICHARDSON of Medway 24 May 1768; they had no children. RACHEL BOYNTON had been received into full communion "in MR. FROST's church in Milford on 24 June 1753." LYDIA BOYNTON died soon after the birth of her twins. CALEB became one of the original Universalist members under Elder ADAMS STREETER in 1785 and he died 28 Apr 1797, (pp. 70-71).

CALEB's children by RACHEL, born in Milford:

5. (1) SAMUEL BOYNTON bapt 14 July 1751, m MARY ROBINSON; they had seven children and he d 1793; his widow m (2nd) MR. HAXTON.
(2) CALEB BOYNTON bapt 9 Feb 1755.
(3) RACHEL BOYNTON bapt 29 Jan 1758.
(4) HANNAH BOYNTON bapt 15 Jan 1760, m 1780 WILLIAM YOUNG.

CALEB's children by LYDIA:

(5) ELIZABETH BOYNTON bapt 22 May 1763.
(6) LYDIA BOYNTON bapt 26 Aug 1764.
(7) EBENEZER BOYNTON bapt 7 Sept 1766, a twin.
(8) MARY BOYNTON bapt 7 Sept 1766, a twin.

SAMUEL BOYNTON[5] was baptized at Milford 14 July 1751, the oldest child of his father and his first wife, RACHEL. He m MARY ROBINSON and eventually resided at Stockbridge and then Great Barrington, Mass. between the years 1763 and 1777 the latter period encompassing the years during the Revolutionary War. The "BOYNTON GENEALOGY" sets out the following service

record for SAMUEL BOYNTON of Stockbridge: "private in Capt. THOMAS WILLIAMS' Company in Col. JOHN PATERSON's Regiment; gone 13 days;" then "SAMUEL BOYINGTON, Sergt. in Capt. DAVID PIXLEY's Co. of Militia from Stockbridge, in Col. JOHN BROWN's Regt., serving from 30 June to 26 July 1777, inclusive, 96 miles from home," (the source being "Mass.Muster Rolls"). SAMUEL and MARY (ROBINSON) BOYNTON had seven children; he died 1793 and she married (2nd) a MR. HAXTON. Their children were:

(1) JONATHAN BOYNTON b 10 Aug 1779, m (1st) ELIZABETH ("BETSEY") SMITH at Oneida Co.,N.Y. 28 Mar 1802 (b 6 Sept 1783). In 1806 moved with one child to Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., then an almost unbroken wilderness, where he lived until his death 28 Mar 1845. He was Justice over 20 years and also held the office of Judge and from 1827 to 1831 was member of the State Legislature. His wife d 12 Jan 1816 and he m (2nd) 1817 MINERVA SMITH. The "BOYNTON GENEALOGY" (pp. 175-176)lists 10 orll children for JONATHAN without furnishing their birthdates or indicating which wife was their mother:

- i CAROLINE BOYNTON m AVERY TURNER.
- ii SOPHRONIA BOYNTON m Stockbridge, Mass., m E.WILLARD FRISBIE, M.D. She d 22 Feb 1883 Mankato,Minn.
- iii BURISSA BOYNTON m FRANK HILL.
- iv ALZORA BOYNTON m VERNIA HEOMANS.
- v MARY BOYNTON m A. PRATT, M.D. of Walworth,N.Y.
- vi LORENZO S. BOYNTON b 2 Jan 1816, m (1st) PHILURA MAINE 18 Apr 1839; 4 children; she d 26 July 1858, he m (2nd) 21 Sept 1859 LEONORA L. WHEELER
- vii ANSON BOYNTON, m LYDIA GIFFORD; no children.
- viii JULIA BOYNTON, died unmarried.
- ix
- x CHARLES BOYNTON m MARY ROBBINS.
- xi LAURA BOYNTON m GEORGE STODDARD; res.Trinidad,Colo.

6. (2) GEORGE BOYNTON b 21 Nov 1792, m (1st) 15 Jan 1814 ANNA TWITCHELL; she d 1835 after having had ten children; he m (2nd) 1837/38 SARAH HIBNER by whom he had four children. He like his older brother, JONATHAN, was Justice of the Peace for many years and practiced law in the Justice's Court; he also was a soldier in the War of 1812. GEORGE died of cholera in Walworth, N.Y. in 1852, (p. 176).

(3) SAMUEL BOYNTON,b _____, m _____, had one son, PRESERVED BOYNTON who was killed at the Fall River Iron Works in 1869 while in discharge of duty. SAMUEL sailed from Newport in 1813 in the U.S.vessel "Com.Bainbridge" with Captain THOMAS and the vessel was never heard from.

(4) BETSEY BOYNTON m a MR. _____ WHEELER of N.Y.

(5) LYDIA BOYNTON m a MR. _____ KELLOGG.

(6) MERCY BOYNTON m a MR. _____ WALCOTT.

(7) _____ BOYNTON m a MR. _____ SWIFT. (Page 177)

GEORGE BOYNTON[6] was b 21 Nov 1792, m (1st) 15 Jan 1814 ANNA TWITCHELL who d 1835 after having had ten children; he m (2nd) in 1837/38 SARAH HIBNER by whom he had four children. His older brother, JONATHAN, was one of the pioneer settlers to reach Walworth (then in Ontario Co.)

and GEORGE must have reached Ontario County about the same time as it was from there he enlisted in the War of 1812 serving as a "private in Captain GEORGE CULVER's Co., under Col. GILBERT HOWELL's Regiment, New York Militia from July 11 to July 18;"thereafter serving as a "sergeant in Captain JOHN MARKHAM's Co., under Col. CALEB HOPKINS' Regiment, N. Y. Militia from 29 Aug to Sept 28 1814," (War Records, State of N.Y.). GEORGE, like his older brother, JONATHAN, was Justice of the Peace for many years and also practiced law in the Justice's Court. It is believed all his fourteen children were born in Ontario or the part of that county which in 1823 became Wayne County.

In 1806 when the BOYNTONS were settling at Walworth, another family of brothers (surname PALMER) were arriving to settle there from Granville in Washington Co., N.Y. They were NATHAN, ENOS and JOHN C. PALMER and later two younger brothers, FENNER and BENJAMIN, would join them; eventually in 1825 their parents, NATHANIEL and SARAH, would also remove from Granville to Walworth. Descendants from these two families would eventually marry in 1864.

"History of Wayne Co., N.Y. 1789-1877" (p. 185) explains the naming of the village of Walworth for General CHANCELLOR WALWORTH and the arrival of the first settlers from 1799 when four families arrived; then "There came to Walworth three brothers named PALMER--JOHN, NATHAN and ENOS; the former migrated to Michigan, while the others became men of wealth and respectability in the community. JONATHAN BOYNTON, from Berkshire, Massachusetts, was an early resident of the town, the incumbent of many offices creditably filled, and at one time a member of the Legislature....

> "The law forming the (new) county directed that the first court should be held in the Presbyterian church at Lyons.... preparations were accordingly made. ... on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1823, the first courts of Wayne County were held. Judge JOHN S.TALMADGE presided.... he was succeeded as first judge by WM. SISSON, DAVID ARNE, JONATHAN BOYNTON, ... (p.38)

> "The constitution of 1821 fixed the number of assemblymen at 128 ... the county of Wayne was entitled to two representatives... those who served included: 1827: THOMAS ARMSTRONG and JONATHAN BOYNTON... 1829, THOMAS ARMSTRONG, JONATHAN BOYNTON (p. 43)"

GEORGE died 1852 at Walworth of cholera. He and his first wife, ANNA (TWITCHELL) had the following ten children, all believed to have been born in Ontario (Wayne) County: (p. 176 BOYNTON GENEALOGY)

7. (1) LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON b 12 May 1815, m (1st) MARY HOPKINS 17 Oct 1837 (direct descendant of STEPHEN HOPKINS of the Mayflower); m (2nd) 15 Apr 1855 HARRIET M. NORTHRUP.
   (2) ELIZABETH BOYNTON b 28 Oct 1816, m ZELOTES PRATT July 1845.
   (3) ALONZO G. BOYNTON b 16 Mar 1818.
   (4) NORMAN BOYNTON.
   (5) BENJAMIN F.BOYNTON b 21 Mar 1822, m 1849 MARIA DRAKE.
   (6) SAMUEL BOYNTON.
   (7) DELIA E. BOYNTON b 16 Feb 1827, m JOHN COWELL 1846.

(8) HELEN M. BOYNTON b 18 Dec 1829, m 1850 GEORGE BLISS.
(9) MARY BOYNTON.
(10) CHARLES S. BOYNTON b 28 July 1833.

GEORGE's children by second wife, SARAH HIBNER: (page 177)

(11) LYDIA BOYNTON b 1 July 1839, m DANIEL STANFORD.
(12) STANLEY BOYNTON.
(13) BURISSA BOYNTON b 19 Nov 1843, m EDDY SHERMAN in 1858.
(14) IRENE BOYNTON b 20 June 1846, m COURT HAWLEY.

LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON[7] was b 12 May 1815, m (1st) MARY HOPKINS 17 Oct 1837 (descendant of STEPHEN HOPKINS of the Mayflower); m (2nd) HARRIET M. NORTHRUP 15 Apr 1855. LORENZO owned a farm of several hundred acres on the shore of Lake Ontario and resided in the village of Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. He was a man of great strength of character and a great believer in education; his sons were all well educated, one becoming a doctor, one a minister and others graduated from the Brockport State Normal School. He also taught school and was a judge in a court that met in his own house.

On 16 Aug 1890 he and his wife were driving in their horse and carriage with his sister-in-law, HELEN NORTHRUP PALMER (the wife of FRANK PALMER) and the latter's year old son, RAY FARNHAM PALMER; HARRIET (NORTHRUP) BOYNTON had left the carriage when they made a stop for her to visit a friend and she was to rejoin the group on their return. En route to Webster it was necessary to cross the railroad tracks and the local train was on the siding at the station. Approaching at the high speed of sixty miles per hour was the "flyer" which LORENZO failed to see; the conductor on the train would always know ahead of time whether or not there was to be a passenger stop at Webster and on this day he knew there was none; the N.Y. "flyer" was already two hours late. Immediately upon LORENZO's recognition of the approach of the train he stood up and attempted in vain to back the horse away and off the tracks; the horse reared up but did not back off the tracks; at the impact the baby was thrown high in the air; LORENZO sustained a broken neck; and HELEN sustained such injuries which were immediately fatal; all were instantly killed.

LORENZO's third child, MARY HARRIET, had married in 1864 OLIVER HAZARD PALMER, an older brother to the FRANK PALMER whose wife and baby son were killed in the accident with LORENZO. LORENZO's wife, HARRIET NORTHRUP, and FRANK's wife, HELEN NORTHRUP, were sisters; thus in one terrible tragedy three families (the BOYNTONS, NORTHRUPS and the PALMERS) lost three loved ones.

LORENZO's children by his first wife, MARY HOPKINS were: (p.176)

(1) MARTHA BOYNTON.
(2) HENRY BOYNTON.
8. (3) MARY HARRIET BOYNTON b 14 June 1845, m 1864/65 OLIVER HAZARD PALMER (b 28 Dec 1841 Lakeside, N.Y., d 21 July 1891, Lakeside) son of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER. OLIVER was a farmer; his widow married (2nd) A.J.BIXBY. They had five children; the last two, however, did not survive to adulthood. (See OLIVER HAZARD PALMER, 9th Generation, page 389.)

(4) JULIA BOYNTON.
(5) FRANK H. BOYNTON, M.D. b 20 July 1850, m (1st) ORINDA ADAMS in 1879; m (2nd) LOUISA T. LANE in 1884.

LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON's children by his second wife, HARRIET M. NORTHRUP (p.176) were:

(6) CHARLES H. BOYNTON b 7 Dec 1858, m 1892 FRANCES H. COGSWELL. He was the Rector of St. Michael's Parish Church in Geneseo, N.Y., commencing in 1890.
(7) GEORGE E. BOYNTON b 17 May 1861, m 1889 L.CALLA WILLIAMS.
(8) WILLIS N. BOYNTON b 30 May 1863, m 1893 CARRIE B. PECK.
(9) LORENZO ROBINSON BOYNTON, JR., b 12 Sept 1869, m. M.GUSSIE SMITH in 1893. He preferred farming and continued to farm on the acreage of his father; however, his wife preferred that he become a doctor like his half-brother, FRANK, which LORENZO did.

MARY HARRIET BOYNTON[8] was born in the village of Lakeside, Wayne Co., N.Y. 14 June 1844/45; she m 17 Jan 1865 at Lakeside, OLIVER HAZARD PALMER (b 28 Dec 1841, d 21 July 1891, both Lakeside), the sixth child of VAN RENSSELAER and MARY (MILLER) PALMER. She m (2nd) A. J. BIXBY and she died 11 Feb 1931, aged 87 years; she and OLIVER are buried in the Palmer Family Plot in Lakeside Cemetery as are all five of their children and their two daughters-in-law, and one granddaughter.

Children of MARY HARRIET (BOYNTON) and OLIVER HAZARD PALMER:
(1) DR. JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 13 Dec 1865, d 13 Oct 1911 in New York City; m 18 Apr 1900 Dr. HELEN M. COOLEY who died 10 May 1936 in San Marino, Los Angeles, California; their dau born 12 Apr 1902, named for her mother, HELEN COOLEY PALMER, d 6 June 1902.
(2) ADELINE PALMER b 21 Oct 1867, a teacher, d unm 23 Oct 1949.
9. (3) DR. BYRON WILBUR PALMER b 27 Mar 1874, m 22 Sept 1903 CAROLYN HUBBARD WARFORD; they had two children:
10. i JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 27 Apr 1905, m 18 Aug 1945 MILDRED BRUCKER; they reside (1985) Webster, N.Y.
10. ii MARGARET WARFORD PALMER b 3 June 1910, m 29 Aug 1953 ALFRED N. SCALCIONE (b 6 Apr 1917 Jersey City, N.J.); reside San Diego Co., California.

BYRON d 22 Mar 1957; CAROLYN was b 12 Jan 1876, d 15 May 1967.
(4) LOUISE BELLE PALMER b 12 Mar 1877, d 27 Mar 1880.
(5) CHESTER ASHLEY PALMER b 28 Mar 1886, d 27 Mar 1889.

Sources: "The PALMER GENEALOGY" by Dr. Byron Smith Palmer of Palmyra, N.Y. and Dr. Byron Wilbur Palmer of Ontario, N.Y., Assisted by Howard Van Rensselaer Palmer of Webster, N.Y. (1949).
"The BOYNTON GENEALOGY" by John Farnham and his wife, Caroline (Harriman) Boynton (1897); pages x,xi and xii of the front section entitled "English History and Genealogy" lists 22 generations of BOYNTONS from the first one in 1067 down to and including the emigrant brothers, WILLIAM and JOHN. However, in this volume the practice has been followed of numbering the emigrant No. 1; thus JOHN BOYNTON of Rowley is No.1.
"Early Settlers of Rowley,Mass." by George Brainard Blodgett and Amos Everett Jewett (reprinted 1981 by New England History Press).

THE JOHN BRIDGE FAMILY

The emigrant progenitor of this family in America, JOHN BRIDGE, came from Essex County, England, with the Rev. THOMAS HOOKER party of Puritans seeking religious freedom; however, whether it was in 1631,1632 or 1633 seems to be a matter of controversy.

The GENEALOGY of the JOHN BRIDGE FAMILY in AMERICA 1632-1924 by the Rev. WILLIAM DAWSON BRIDGE, A.M., D.D., (1924) on page xv explains:

"JOHN BRIDGE left Braintree, Essex County, England, in 1631..."

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON by CHARLES HUDSON (1913) p.53:

"JOHN BRIDGE came from Essex County with HOOKER's Company and settled at Cambridge in 1632..."

PLANTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH by CHARLES EDWARD BANKS (1930):

"GRIFFIN. This ship of 300 tons arrived Sept 4 1633 'Having been eight weeks from the Downs. She brought about 200 passengers." Included in the list of passengers (page 105) were:

REV. THOMAS HOOKER from Tilton, Leicestershire, bound for Cambridge, with:
MRS. SUSANNA HOOKER and (apparently their children) listing five surnamed HOOKER.

Only the names of thirty passengers out of some two hundred are listed by BANKS on pp. 105-106 and the name of JOHN BRIDGE and his children are not included.

The BRIDGE FAMILY GENEALOGY in the Introduction sets forth a stirring account of the times in England during the period 1620-1640 and "the persecutions of the Protestants which had been relentless" through several sovereigns. JOHN BRIDGE, apparently a widower, "felt that duty to himself and his children compelled him to forsake the home of his father and seek a soil where religious bitterness had not, as yet found root," (pp. xiii-xiv).

The ship bringing the REV. HOOKER company to this country landed its passengers at what is now called Mount Wollaston, Quincy, Massachusetts. Soon thereafter the local government ordered the removal of forty members of the colony to Newtowne (now known as Cambridge). The list of these forty-two landholders and the number of rods of paling allotted to each included JOHN BRIDGE and his allotment was six rods; within one year the number of forty-two had increased to one hundred. JOHN BRIDGE's religious fervor continued in his new homeland and he became the first deacon of the first church of Cambridge by 1635. He was also patriotic and eager to serve his new homeland in all ways, civil, educational or scientific. He took the Freeman's Oath on 4 Mar 1634/35. (See Appendix for this Oath.) JOHN BRIDGE had already been trained as a land surveyor before leaving England and he joined THOMAS DANFORTH and others in laying out the lines

between Watertown and Concord; Watertown and Dedham; Watertown and Newton; and the laying out of Sudbury, military land, etc.

The first item facing all these pioneers was the erection of a house for their families. Usually these well-to-do Puritans had brought with them household belongings and some coin of the realm. Those who could afford it always built a two-story house; when the family increased, they merely extended the back roof towards the ground, thus adding another room; this was called a "lean-to" because it leaned against the house. JOHN's house was on the northeast corner of Dunster and South Streets, directly opposite Governor DUDLEY's. Here he lived until he bought the site of the LONGFELLOW home. (Doubtless Dunster Street was named for Professor HENRY DUNSTER, President of Harvard University; reference to him will be found elsewhere in this volume.) JOHN's house was constructed in 1638 for himself, his sister, ELIZABETH, and his two sons; following MATTHEW's marriage in 1643 additions were necessarily made. (Some of the houses of the Puritans in the Cambridge area were built as early as 1636 of timbers, bricks and tiles brought from England.) JOHN's younger son, MATTHEW BRIDGE (born England) with his wife, ANNE+DANFORTH, continued to live with JOHN as JOHN did not remarry in this country until 1658; by that year MATTHEW and ANNE had had six children, all born there at Cambridge.

THOMAS BRIDGE, older of the two sons born in England, predeceased his father and died 1656 whereupon JOHN BRIDGE had the responsibility of making a return of inventory of THOMAS' estate. The deceased was survived by his widow, DORCAS BRIDGE, and a dau with the same first name who had been born 16 Mar 1648/49.

In 1658 Deacon JOHN BRIDGE remarried and became the third husband of the widow ELIZABETH (BANCROFT) SAUNDERS. Her first husband, ROGER BANCROFT had died in 1653, without issue; ELIZABETH then married MARTIN SAUNDERS of Braintree 25 May 1654, who had arrived in Boston in 1635, settled in Quincy and died 4 Aug 1658; thereupon the same year she married the deacon and following his decease in April 1665 ELIZABETH married a fourth husband: EDWARD TAYLOR of Boston. She was still living twenty years later for in 1685 she signed a receipt acknowledging the full payment of her claim on the estate of JOHN BRIDGE.

On 27 Aug 1640 the College at Cambridge named HARVARD acquired as President, the Rev. HENRY DUNSTER and under his direction the college property increased by donations and grants of land. Among those making gifts of money to the College was one listed in the records as: "MR. BRIDGES, Fifty Pounds," believed to be JOHN BRIDGE of Cambridge. However, the author of the 1924 BRIDGE GENEALOGY admits on page xlix that there was another pioneer BRIDGE family in the area, being WILLIAM BRIDGE of Charlestown.

JOHN BRIDGE died 15 Apr 1665 and his sister, ELIZABETH BETTS had died the preceding year 1664 on 2 January. On 4 July 1876 the following new tombstone was erected in honor of the deceased ancestor by SAMUEL J. BRIDGE:

"In memory of JOHN BRIDGE, Esq., member of HOOKER's company that left Braintree, Essex County, England, in 1631. In 1632

settled in this city and became a leading citizen. He was admitted a Freeman in 1634. He had the supervision of the first public school established in the colony in 1635 and this led to the erection of Harvard College in 1638. He was chosen Deacon at the reorganization of the Church in 1636. He was Selectman from 1635-1652. He represented the town in the Legislature, 1637 to 1641. He was employed by the General Court to lay out lands, served on committees and performed other important duties. He was a large landholder in Cambridge as well as in other parts of the colony. He filled almost all the offices of honor and trust within the gift of his fellow citizens, and was greatly esteemed for his integrity and Christian virtues. He died April 15, 1665.

"In memory of ELIZABETH, sister of Deacon JOHN BRIDGE and wife of JOHN BETTS, Esq., died Jan. 2, 1664."
(BRIDGE GENEALOGY page xxiv).

1. JOHN BRIDGE was one of the first to acquire land located on the "CAMBRIDGE FARMS"as Lexington was then called. His Will proved 3 Oct 1665 mentioned his wife, ELIZABETH; his son, MATTHEW BRIDGE; his daughter-in-law, DORCAS BRIDGE (widow of his older son, THOMAS BRIDGE); and "sister betts" (widow ELIZABETH BETTS) according to page 53 of the HUDSON "History of the Town of Lexington, supra. Consequently, it would appear then his Will had been made prior to January 1664 given as the date his sister predeceased him and that he had never changed it.

Another discrepancy between the Lexington History and the family genealogy is that the former lists the son THOMAS BRIDGE as the older of JOHN's two sons born in England, whereas the genealogy sets forth the inscription on the tombstone of THOMAS which refers to him being "youngest Son of Deacon JOHN BRIDGE," and reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF
THOMAS BRIDGE, ESQ.
YOUNGEST SON OF DEACON JOHN BRIDGE
Came Over With Him From England in 1631.
He resided With His Father in This City in 1632;
A Member of the Artillery Company in 1643 and was
Admitted A Freeman in 1648.
Removed To Boston, and Was A Merchant in 1650.
He and DORCAS His Wife Died
During A Prevailing Epidemic.
Beloved, Honored and Lamented.
March 1656.

DORCAS
Only Daughter of THOMAS and DORCAS BRIDGE
and Wife of CAPTAIN DANIEL CHAMPNEY
Born February 16, 1649.
Died February 7, 1684.

The two sons of JOHN BRIDGE and his first wife, born England:

(1) THOMAS BRIDGE b England, d Boston March 1656; one dau.

2. (2) MATTHEW BRIDGE b England, resided at Cambridge Farms (which became Lexington) where he died 28 Apr 1700; m ca 1643/44 ANNE DANFORTH, dau of NICHOLAS and ELIZABETH (_____) DANFORTH formerly of Framlingham, Suffolk County, England; seven children.

2. MATTHEW BRIDGE accompanied his father, aunt ELIZABETH BRIDGE and brother, THOMAS, when they sailed for America; he and his brother were still boys, probably born in the 1620's in England. In the new country they found kindred spirits particularly with the DANFORTH and the BOWMAN families, both of which are set out as allied families herein and intermarried. MATTHEW married ca 1643-44 ANNE, dau of NICHOLAS and ELIZABETH (_____)+DANFORTH. His youngest child, ELIZABETH (born 1659) married 1677/78 Captain BENJAMIN+GARFIELD of Watertown whose son, SAMUEL GARFIELD married ca 1714 MARY BOWMAN, dau of NATHANIEL+BOWMAN (2nd) also of Cambridge Farms (Lexington). MARY (BOWMAN) GARFIELD was a great-granddaughter of the emigrant, NATHANIEL BOWMAN (the 1st). This GARFIELD family was the progenitors of the late President JAMES GARFIELD.

MATTHEW was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1643 and settled at Cambridge Farms about that time where his father owned lands on Vine Brook; this was also about the time he married ANNE DANFORTH. Eventually this area was incorporated and the name was changed to Lexington and the parish was organized in 1692; MATTHEW gave a subscription toward the erection of the first meeting-house and shared in the first parish tax in 1693. Like his father (and being the primary beneficiary of his father's estate) he was a large landowner. He died 28 Apr 1700 at Lexington and his widow died 9 Dec 1704.

Children, all born at Cambridge:

(1) JOHN BRIDGE b 15 June 1645, d 1672 at Boston.
(2) ANNE BRIDGE b ca 1647, m (1st) 4 June 1668 SAMUEL LIVERMORE of Watertown (died 5 Dec 1690), son of JOHN and GRACE LIVERMORE; m (2) OLIVER WELLINGTON; d 28 Aug 1727.
(3) MARTHA BRIDGE b 19 Jan 1648/49; d 15 Feb 1649/50.
(4) MATTHEW BRIDGE, JR., b 5 May 1650, d 29 May 1738.
(5) SAMUEL BRIDGE b 17 Feb 1652, d 25 Feb 1672/73.
(6) THOMAS BRIDGE b 1 June 1656, d 28 Mar 1673.

3. (7) ELIZABETH BRIDGE b 17 Aug 1659, m 19 Jan 1677/78 as his second wife, CAPTAIN BENJAMIN GARFIELD (b 1643, d 28 Nov 1717) son of the emigrant EDWARD GARFIELD and his first wife, REBECCA GARFIELD. ELIZABETH m (2nd) DANIEL HARRINGTON 25 Oct 1720. Capt. GARFIELD had two sons by his first wife, MEHITABLE HAWKINS (d 1675); he and ELIZABETH BRIDGE had seven children. Their sixth child, SAMUEL GARFIELD married MARY BOWMAN.

(In ALLIED FAMILIES, See BOWMAN, DANFORTH and GARFIELD FAMILIES.)

REV. WILLIAM BROWNE of HORLEY, SURREY and

SARAH BROWNE of RUSPER, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

1. Reverend WILLIAM BROWNE was born in England in February 1534 and married (1st) ca 1560 one MAGDALEN _____ (bur in Horley, Surrey, 7 Sept 1604) by whom he had four children. He married (2nd) one MARGARET _____ (bur there 17 Feb 1611/12); he died in Horley 14 Nov 1613, aged 79 years and eight months. Rev. BROWNE was Vicar of Horley from 1563 to 1613, a span of fifty years, and his children were all born there. In the parish church at Horley there is a black marble slab against the north wall of the chancel which contains a pedigree of the Rev. BROWNE's family and the Register of Horley records his burial and that of his two wives. His two sons removed to the county of Sussex where both served as vicars.

Children of Rev. WILLIAM BROWNE and first wife:

(1) PHOEBE BROWNE b ca 1560, m 30 May 1580 at Horley, ANTHONY HUGETT (HUGGETT).

2. (2) JOSEPH BROWNE (Rev.) b ca 1562, bur 15 Oct 1633.

(3) SARAH BROWNE b ca 1569, m 10 Oct 1593 JOHN BURSTOWE.

(4) BENJAMIN BROWNE (Rev.) b 1571, m 8 Oct 1596 at Horley, SARAH LEACHEFORD; Ordained Deacon (London) 12 Oct, priest, 13 Oct 1595, aged 24. Vicar of Ifield, Sussex 1596-1638, 42 years; 9 children b Ifield; bur 28 Aug 1638 Ifield, Sussex, England.

2. Reverend JOSEPH BROWNE married (1st) in Horley in Feb 1584/85 MARGERY PATCHING (b prob ca 1565, bur 15 Dec 1605 in Rusper, Sussex) by whom he had seven children all born in Rusper. He married (2nd) in Rusper 12 Feb 1606/07 one ELIZABETH (_____) STONE, widow of JOHN STONE; she was bur in Rusper 15 Sept 1616. Rev. BROWNE was bur 15 Oct 1633 in Rusper, Sussex, aged ca 71 years; his Will was dated 16 June 1633 and (as was the custom in those days) remembered to include a bequest "to the poor of Rusper." There were also bequests of ten shillings to each of his grandchildren and "to daughter SARAH, wife of ARTHUR FENNER, gent., ten pounds and small articles," and a like gift to his dau SUSAN, wife of THOMAS LEACHFORD; and dau PHEBE, wife of WILLIAM SIMONS.

The Will followed the usual tradition of the times by bequeathing to the oldest son, WILLIAM BROWNE and JANE BROWNE, his wife, his house and land in Rusper "for life and after their decease to their sons ..... and their heirs forever," with the son WILLIAM to be executor. Apparently two sons predeceased the father and were unmarried. The youngest child, a son, survived the father but was not mentioned in the Will. The testator obviously had confidence in his son-in-law (ARTHUR FENNER) of twenty years who married the dau SARAH BROWNE inasmuch as he named ARTHUR as one of two Overseers of his estate. By the date of making his Will in June 1633, ARTHUR and SARAH FENNER had had six and maybe all seven of their children, the last one having been bapt in Jan 1633/34; each of these grandchildren would have inherited ten shillings from the grandfather's estate, (from Chichester Consistory Court, 28: 278-279) See NEHGR 62:199.

Children of Rev. JOSEPH BROWNE and first wife, MARGERY (PATCHING) BROWNE, all born in Rusper, county of Sussex, England:

(1) WILLIAM BROWNE bapt 5 Dec 1585, Horley; died 1650 Long Island, New York; m 20 June 1611, Rusper, JANE BURGIS. came to New England about the same time as his nephews and nieces, the children of his sister, SARAH FENNER; this was about 1646-47; they may have all traveled together; he settled first at Saybrook, Connecticut and his son, HENRY BROWNE, settled in Providence, R.I. This would have been after his father's death in 1633. He had seven children, all born in England.
(2) STEPHEN BROWNE b ca 1588, prob. died before 1633.
(3) JOSEPH BROWNE b ca 1590, prob. died before 1633.
3. (4) SARAH BROWNE bapt 22 Oct 1592, m in Rusper, Sussex, ca 1613 ARTHUR FENNER of Horne, Surrey (b ca 1575, d sometime between 1640-1645); her date of death is not recorded.
(5) SUSAN BROWNE bapt 11 Jan 1595/96, m THOMAS LEACHFORD.
(6) PHOEBE BROWNE bapt 12 July 1601, m 3 Feb 1624/25 at Horley, WILLIAM SIMONS.
(7) JOHN BROWNE bapt 12 Aug 1604; still living in 1633.

3. SARAH BROWNE was the oldest daughter born to her parents and, like her siblings, was born in the county of Sussex, village of Rusper where her father was a vicar. Her mother, MARGERY PATCHING was the first wife of the Rev. JOSEPH BROWNE and apparently died the year following the birth of the seventh child at which time SARAH was but thirteen years of age and had two younger sisters.

About 1613 SARAH married ARTHUR FENNER prob of Horne, Surrey, who was some 17 years her senior. Her death date is unknown but she was living in June 1633 when her father remembered her in his Will and the date of the birth of her last child is given as 5 Jan 1633/34. The baptismal dates of her seven children are found in the Registers at Horley, county of Surrey, England:

(1) SARAH FENNER bapt 26 Nov 1615.
(2) THOMAS FENNER bapt 20 July 1617, named for grandfather.
(3) ARTHUR FENNER, JR., bapt 17 Oct 1619.
(4) WILLIAM FENNER bapt 11 Sept 1625.
(5) JOSEPH FENNER bapt 22 June 1628.
4. (6) JOHN FENNER bapt 13 Feb 1630/31.
(7) PHOEBE FENNER bapt 5 Jan 1633/34.

The foregoing was found in "The American Genealogist" Volume 15, pp. 80-86 in an article compiled by MARY LOVERING HOLMAN of Watertown, Massachusetts, entitled "FENNER, BROWNE AND TULLY ANCESTRY."

4. See Allied Families: CAPTAIN JOHN FENNER of Saybrook, Connecticut.
See Also Page 121 herein.

WILLIAM BUELL FAMILY

Research into this BUELL family commenced prior to 1975 as the compiler was attempting to verify the possibility that one LYDIA BUELL of Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut, born 1736 had married FENNER PALMER (b 1735 Killingworth) as it is their line of descendants which is the focal point of this volume commencing with the fifth generation. (See pages 163 and 185 herein.)

Even though this relationship has not yet been proven (December 1985), the BUELL FAMILY is being included in this section inasmuch as there was at least one other intermarriage between a BUELL family member and a member of one of the PALMERs, to wit: TIMOTHY PALMER, son of the emigrant, NICHOLAS PALMER, married 1663 HANNAH BUELL, dau of the emigrant WILLIAM BUELL.

Most researchers by now must be familiar with the 1881 publication "History of the BUELL FAMILY in England, and in America" compiled by ALBERT WELLES, President of the American College for Genealogical Registry, Family History and Heraldry. (The compiler has searched this huge volume on three occasions and noted therein numerous females surnamed LYDIA but none with a birthdate indicating she could have been the wife of Captain FENNER PALMER.)

More recently (April 1978) we are indebted to Dr. GEORGE F. McCRACKEN for his article in "The American Genealogist" entitled "WILLIAM BUELL & EARLY DESCENDANTS." Both of these references are readily available for research and therefore only a brief sketch of this BUELL FAMILY will follow.

WILLIAM BUELL, a joiner, reached America in the early 1630's, having been born ca 1610 in Chesterton, Huntingdonshire, England; he settled at Dorchester, Mass., originally and thereafter moved to Windsor, Conn., ca 1635/36 according to the WELLES' account but the TAG article explains that "Mr. STARR found nothing on the BUELL family before their arrival in Windsor." (He was referring to "Various Ancestral Lines of JAMES GOODWIN and LUCY (MORGAN) GOODWIN" by FRANK FARNSWORTH STARR (published 1915 at Hartford) 1:122-133, a work which Dr. McCRACKEN termed "excellent" although he considered the WELLES' Genealogy "very unreliable.")

WELLES explains WILLIAM BUELL "emigrated to America about 1630" but the compiler has been unable to locate his name on any of the well known passenger lists of that period.

Another interesting, though unproven, variation is that WILLIAM BUELL was a Welshman ("Ancient Windsor" by Henry Stiles, Vol. 1, p.153), and settled "first at Plymouth" then in Dorchester, and thereafter in Windsor. On page 148 Stiles describes early Windsor as follows:

> "From the mill the road turns northward, following the general course of the Rivulet or Farmington River. On its east side and running back from the Rivulet we find the lots of SAMUEL POND, WILLIAM BUELL, JOHN HILLIER, NICK (NICHOLAS)

PALMER, etc." (It was the son of that PALMER neighbor who in 1663 married a dau of WILLIAM BUELL, HANNAH.)

Because of his trade as a joiner (carpenter) WILLIAM BUELL in the 1650's was paid for work done on the local meeting house. This employment continued from time to time into the 1660's.

WILLIAM BUELL married 18 Nov 1640 at Windsor one MARY _____ who may have been MARY POST, although this is not certain. They lived out their lives in Windsor where their seven children were born and where he died 16 Nov 1681 after having made his Will the previous 26th of July. On 6 Mar 1682 his relict, MARY, "made oath that she made true presentment of his estate" and that the Will gave all his tools to his two sons, SAMUEL and PETER; the latter son received also his father's land grant by the town, and SAMUEL received the rest of the land and the house and "halfe ye home lote with all ye land I purchased of WILLIAM THRALL..." He also bequeathed other land to his wife "if she outlived him" and small amounts to his daughters.

MARY BUELL died on either the 1st or 2nd of Sept 1684 although she had not signed her Will dated 29 Aug 1684; in it she gave certain items of her clothing to her daughters as specified including "my eldest dafter, MARY MILLES.... and my dafter hannah pallmer, my dafter Hephzibah Welles and grandchild, marey pallmer and gran child sarah pallmer" with the rest of her wool cloth going to "my dafters hannah and mary..."

WILLIAM and MARY had the following children born in Windsor:

(1) SAMUEL BUELL b 2 Sept 1641, m 30 Nov 1662 DEBORAH GRISWOLD, dau of EDWARD GRISWOLD; d 11 July 1720 in Killingworth (now Clinton) Connecticut. DEBORAH had been bapt at Windsor 28 June 1646, died at Killingworth 7 Feb 1717/1718. "He was an extensive landholder, owning large estate in Killingworth, filled many responsible public offices and was a gentleman of great influence, as well as generous means. He had seven sons and five daughters."

(2) MARY BUELL b 3 Sept 1642, m 23 Feb 1660 SIMON MILLS; d 24 June 1718 at Massaco, East Simsbury; eleven children.

(3) PETER BUELL (Sergeant) b 19 Aug 1644, m 31 Mar 1670 MARTHA COZZENS (d 22 May 1686 Simsbury); m (2nd) 1687 MARY (or MERCY)STRONG who d 1688, aged 22 years; m (3rd) 30 June 1699 MRS. MARY BISSELL, widow of JACOB; she was dau of JONATHAN and MARY (KELSEY) GILLETT, JR.,(b 21 Oct 1667, d 19 Aug 1834). He resided in Simsbury following his first marriage where his children were all born: 9 by his 1st wife and four by his 2nd wife; he d 8 Jan 1729.

(4) HANNAH BUELL b 8 Jan 1647, m 17 Sept 1663 TIMOTHY PALMER, son of NICHOLAS+PALMER also of Windsor (b 20 Mar 1641, d 29 Aug 1713); ten children; she d 26 Sept 1704.

(5) HEPZIBAH BUELL b 11 Dec 1649, m 12 Jan 1673 THOMAS WELLS of Windsor, Conn. and of Hatfield and Deerfield, Mass.)son of THOMAS WELLES of Hartford; m (2nd) 17 Feb 1699 DANIEL BILLINGS; eight children by 1st husband. "In June 1693 she with her three daughters were knocked in the head and

scalped by the Indians at Deerfield but the mother and one daughter recovered from their injuries," (p. 31 WELLES' Genealogy). HEPZIBAH died at Deerfield 1734, according to TAG p. 71 and not in 1704 which the WELLES' Genealogy lists (p. 31) for her death date. Dr. McCRACKEN explains it was her sister, SARAH, who died first, in 1684, before the mother's Will was written on 29 Aug as SARAH is not mentioned in that Will written in 1684.

(6) SARAH BUELL b 21 Mar 1653/54, died unmarried 1684.

(7) ABIGAIL BUELL b 12 Feb 1656 and was not mentioned in her mother's 1684 Will and must have already died unmarried; she also may have died before her father's Will (1681).

The reader should refer to the NICHOLAS PALMER family herein for more about the foregoing HANNAH BUELL PALMER and her family of children.

It is significant that the emigrant had only two sons and the younger, PETER, removed in 1670 when he married, settling in Simsbury, Connecticut in the county of Hartford which joins to the north the county of Middlesex where his brother SAMUEL settled at Killingworth (now Clinton). The town of Windsor where all the children had been born was also in Hartford County.

The oldest child of the emigrant has been of particular interest to this research inasmuch as it was he who migrated to the coastal town of Killingworth in 1664 following his marriage in 1662 to a daughter of the GRISWOLD family, another pioneer group to Killingworth. SAMUEL BUELL had seven sons, all born in Killingworth except the first child, SAMUEL JUNIOR who was born at Windsor.

SAMUEL BUELL, JR. and his wife, JUDITH STEVENS, had eleven children including six sons all born Killingworth; their third daughter was named LYDIA, born 9 Mar 1703, died young. In this fourth generation the first name for a female is noted to be LYDIA and through numerous succeeding generations in Killingworth it was a very popular name in many families. Most of these have been checked out in an effort to locate one LYDIA BUELL (or any LYDIA) born about 1736 who could have been the girl who married about 1754 FENNER PALMER (born 1735 in that village) whose parents and siblings had removed to Dover, Dutchess County, New York "in the early 1750's." The BUELL family was a very prominent one in that village for generations but no record has been found to prove that it was a LYDIA BUELL who married our FENNER PALMER although the D.A.R. Patriot Index eventually included her surname as such.

For additional enlightenment on the research done to identify Captain FENNER PALMER's wife, refer to the ADDENDUM herein and a letter received from the New England Historic and Genealogical Society dated 22 March 1985.

In the 1970's the compiler received copies of the "Buell Bugle" newsletter of the BUELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION which may still be in existence, with an address then of R.F.D., Woodstock Valley, Connecticut 06282.

In addition to the two key references already set out herein, the following sources have been searched for a clue as to the possible relationship of Captain FENNER PALMER's wife, LYDIA, to this BUELL family:

1. NEHGR Vol 1 (Apr 1847) and Vol 5 (Jan 1851).
2. A History of Ontario County, New York and Its People, Vol 11 published 1911 by Lewis Historical Publishing Company, N.Y., pp. 354-356.
3. Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut edited by William Richard Cutter, A.M., et al., Vol 111, published 1911 by Lewis Historical Publishing Company, pp. 1665-1667; and Vol. 1V, pp. 2054-2055.
4. Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography published 1917 by the American Historical Society, Inc., pp. 206-207.
5. Genealogic Notes on BUELL Family compiled by Thomas R. Buell of Effingham, Illinois, published 1971 by the E. W. Petty Co. of Effingham.
6. The Descendants of THOMAS BUELL[5] (Pioneer in Madison County, New York) compiled by Harlow Dunham Curtis of Manlius, N.Y. 1956, published by Nathan Deloss Buell, Portland, Oregon.
7. A Memory of the BUELL Centennial Reunion, With a Genealogical Table of the Descendants of Captain TIMOTHY BUELL, published 1899 at East Bloomfield, N.Y.
8. Simsbury, Connecticut Births, Marriages and Deaths from the Town Records, published by Albert C. Bates 1898 at Hartford, Connecticut.
9. American Marriage Records Before 1699 pub 1926, edited and compiled by William Montgomery Clemens.
10. The Connecticut Nutmegger, Vol. 3, No. 1 (June 1970) p.62 and Vol. 10, No. 3 (Dec 1977) p. 406.
11. Year Book of Sons of the Revolution (1925) p. 226.
12. History of Goshen, Connecticut (1897) by Rev. A.G.Hibbard, p. 435.

THOMAS BUNCE OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

"For over 250 years the name of BUNCE in Hartford has been synonymous with integrity, loyalty to God and to country, suggestive of the highest order of citizenship and of greatest usefulness in the various callings of life...

"The first ancestor ... was THOMAS BUNCE, a sturdy Puritan, who was at Hartford in 1639, a landed proprietor. He served in the Pequot War, and was rewarded for good service with 110 acres of land. He held a number of important offices. Himself and wife were original members of the South Church in 1670. His son, JOHN BUNCE, the next ancestor in line, and JOHN's wife, MARY BUNCE, were admitted to South Church in 1686. JOHN was 'townsman' in 1701, 1711, 1715; he died in 1734. THOMAS was a stalwart figure in the emergencies of early Colonial service, a companion of HOOKER, LUDLOW, HAYNES, WOLCOTT and others who laid the foundations of the State, (Commemorative Biographical Record, Hartford Co., Conn., p. 1398-1399).

The daughter of KATHERINE (BUNCE) CLARKE and WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam and Hartford, SARAH, became SARAH FENNER when she married Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook; the dau of Captain JOHN and SARAH FENNER, named for her mother, became SARAH (FENNER) PALMER when she married ca 1698/99 GERSHOM PALMER, JR. (b 1672 at Stonington, Conn.). He was the oldest son of Deacon GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER. Thus the interest of this PALMER history in the allied families of BUNCE, CLARKE, DENISON and FENNER.

From the "HULL-STEVENSON LINES AND ALLIED FAMILIES" by THIRZA ELEANOR BUNCE (1952) page 79, we learn that

"The first of the name in America was THOMAS BUNCE who is said to be the ancestor of most of the American BUNCEs of the early days. Historians tell us that the name BUNCE has been used by only one family in England and appeared first in County Kent about the beginning of the 16th Century and that it retained the original spelling of the name without variation 'a most unusual occurance in these days of confused and frequently phonetic spelling, and that in the early records of America this name was distinguished by the regularity of its spelling'.

"THOMAS BUNCE was born in England in 1612 and died in America Aug 1682. He left an estate in Hartford and in Wethersfield. He came from Saybrooke, England, settling in Massachusetts in 1632. THOMAS BUNCE and his wife, SARAH, were among the earliest settlers who in 1635 had special permission by the Court to take their cows, horses and swine from Massachusetts to Connecticut where they settled in an Indian village called Pyquag. The newcomers soon changed the name to Watertown, and a few months later, to Wethersfield, which name it still bears. THOMAS and SARAH BUNCE later went to Hartford where, in 1639 he was made a 'proprietor by courtisie of the Town. His home was near the site of the present Capitol at Hartford. He served in the Pequot War..."

In the compiler's search for the parents and siblings, if any, of KATHERINE BUNCE CLARKE (wife of WILLIAM CLARKE of Hartford and Haddam, Connecticut - see Allied Families herein), the one pioneer whose name was readily available was THOMAS BUNCE of Hartford and years of research have subsequently been devoted to THOMAS and KATHERINE BUNCE, although their names have not been found on any of the many passenger lists which have been published.

Additional information about THOMAS is found in "FAMILIES OF EARLY HARTFORD," by LUCIUS BARNES BARBOUR and this included the clue that his sister, KATHERINE BUNCE, might be the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE.

Page 109 gives historian BARBOUR's account of this early emigrant which was not set out on the previous page:

" His home lot in 1630-40 was near the site of the present Capitol. He was granted 60 acres for good service in 1671 and 50 more in 1672. He served as the following capacities:

"Chimney viewer 1646; Constable 1648; Juror 1649; Townsman 1653, 1661, 1665; Rate and List Maker 1669; Chimney viewer 1670; List Maker 1671-2-3.

"In Sept 1672 he was freed from training being then sixty years of age. He died before Aug 1683; he appointed as over seers 'beloved brethren Ens. NATHANIEL STANLEY and STEPHEN HOSMORE'. Inventory was taken July & Aug 1683 with a total estate of £1024. His Will named bequests to his wife, SARAH, cousin ELIZABETH WHITE and sister KATHERINE CLARK with his son, THOMAS (JR.) Executor."

BARBOUR does not venture here to suggest the place of origin of this Hartford pioneer but explains he and his wife were early members of First Church; later they separated there and were original members of Second Church, Hartford; THOMAS' name is on the Founders Monument at Hartford. He lists the children as:

(1) JOHN BUNCE who married MARY BARNARD (bapt 20 Mar 1669/70, dau of BARTHOLOMEW and SARAH (BIRCHARD) BARNARD); he received from his father's estate the house, barn and home lot besides other property; they had four sons and four daughters; JOHN died 1733.

(2) ELIZABETH BUNCE who married JACOB WHITE of Hatfield.

(3) THOMAS BUNCE, JR. who married SUSANNA BULL (dau of THOMAS and SUSANNAH BULL); they had four sons and three daughters; THOMAS, JR. died 1711.

(4) SARAH BUNCE m (1st) JOHN WHITE, JR.; m (2nd) NICHOLAS WORTHINGTON.

(5) MARY BUNCE b 17 Sept 1645 m (1st) THOMAS MEAKINS; m (2nd) JOHN DOWNING.

All historians do not agree that THOMAS BUNCE "was an original proprietor of Hartford." (See "CATALOGUE OF THE NAMES OF THE EARLY PURITAN SETTLERS OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT" collected from records by ROYAL R. HINMAN of Hartford (1852), page 403. However, the HINMAN record corroborates the bequest in THOMAS' Will of ten pounds "to my sister, KATHERINE CLARK."

The compiler's large map of southeastern England, including the County of Kent, has a Seabrook but no Saybrooke (see author THIRZA BUNCE's account of THOMAS BUNCE's homeland on first page of this write-up).

The "GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT," by WILLIAM R. CUTTER, Vol. 1, p. 535 suggests THOMAS BUNCE "was of English or Scottish ancestry" and repeats the clause in his Will bequeathing a sum of money to "sister KATHERINE CLARK."

In a recent (1977) BUNCE GENEALOGY AND HISTORY compiled, written and published by LESLIE R. BUNCE and Miss VIDA E. BUNCE of Denver, Colorado, we are told "Two or three years ago a New York genealogist said he thought the BUNCEs in this country descended from THOMAS BUNCE who arrived in America in 1636. Recently a New England genealogist wrote us that all BUNCEs from New England States descended from THOMAS BUNCE."

From the article in NEHGR Vol. 128, pp.25-27 (Jan. 1974) which first informed us the identity of the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam and Hartford as KATHERINE BUNCE, it is not clear the authority for that conclusion. However, inasmuch as it appeared to tie in with the clause in the Will of THOMAS BUNCE who named a sister KATHERINE (BUNCE) CLARKE, and both THOMAS BUNCE and WILLIAM CLARKE were "of Hartford" about the same time, it appeared reasonable to accept this identification for the mother of SARAH (FENNER) PALMER (wife of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. of Killingworth). One other striking coincidence is the names given by THOMAS and KATHERINE to their children; from the previous page we note BARBOUR has named the children of THOMAS BUNCE; then note names of his sister's children:

	WILLIAM CLARKE, JR.	)
JOHN BUNCE	JOHN CLARKE	) not in
ELIZABETH BUNCE	ELIZABETH CLARKE	) order of
THOMAS BUNCE, JR.	THOMAS CLARKE	) birth
SARAH BUNCE	SARAH CLARKE =	)m.JOHN FENNER
MARY BUNCE	MARY CLARKE	)
	JOSEPH CLARKE	)

It is also noted that THOMAS BUNCE had a grandson named JOSEPH BUNCE, son of THOMAS BUNCE, JR.

The one passenger named BUNCE which the compiler has found was in "OUR EARLY EMIGRANT ANCESTORS, THE ORIGINAL LISTS OF PERSONS OF QUALITY 1600-1700" by JOHN CAMDEN HOTTEN (1880); the index listed merely "BUNCE, JO. - age 18" with no other information. This also appears in "PASSENGERS TO AMERICA" by MICHAEL TEPPER (1977) "excerpted from selected volumes of NEHGR (1847-1961)."

The following research was done in the area of Hartford by A. EARLE WOOD of Newington who, at the compiler's request, devoted many days to searching there for clues to tie THOMAS and KATHERINE BUNCE CLARKE together as siblings and to ascertain if possibly her husband, WILLIAM,was a brother to NICHOLAS of Hartford and JOHN of Saybrook, Connecticut. For future genealogists interested in these individuals, EARLE WOOD's research is being included herein:

"I have checked most of the church records within a ten-mile radius of Haddam and cannot pin-point KATHARINE as the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE (by any marriage record). The voluminous vital record files at the State Library at Hartford -- births, deaths, marriages, newspaper accounts, cemetery interments -- are silent about a WILLIAM-KATHARINE CLARKE marriage.

"In my research in March 1984 I have learned that THOMAS BUNCE arrived in town in 1640 and purchased the residence of a departing clergyman; he raised his children there (Wethersfield) according to some writers but I am not sure yet. THOMAS also earlier had acquired lands in Hartford, holding one large parcel on which now stands the State Capitol.

"Since all of the BUNCE family were residents of the Greater-Hartford area and WILLIAM CLARKE resided in East Hartford, and in Hartford upon becoming a freeman, I have to guess for the time being that they were married in that area. (There is also always the possibility that WILLIAM CLARKE and KATHERINE BUNCE might have been married in England prior to emigrating). While no one is really sure of the precise age of any of their children, most researchers suspect they were all born in Connecticut, with the first two possibly in Hartford, the rest in the Haddam area, prior to moving down river to Haddam.

"Inasmuch as her brother, THOMAS BUNCE, is known to have had a home-lot in Wethersfield in 1640, the records of the original church there, if they exist, may have a record of KATHERINE's marriage which record might somehow have been missed when the State Library inventory was taken. I have never seen any suggestion that more than one person surnamed BUNCE might have lived co-existing in Greater Hartford in the decade 1630-1640.

"The inventory of the estate of THOMAS BUNCE totalling some £1024-0-0 underscores that he was a success in the world of business. The Grantor Land Files of Hartford clearly establish that he disposed of a land-holding in February 1639 and was involved in eight other sales through 1667. He was energetic in acquiring property and I checked the identities of the sellers to see if any surnamed CLARKE were involved with negative results. This in-depth analysis, it was hoped, might have unearthed a small clue pointing toward KATHERINE.

"I also thoroughly reviewed all the cases involving the CLARKEs and the BUNCEs that involved magistrate's hearings but nothing is recorded that will help us connect WILLIAM CLARKE with KATHERINE BUNCE. Both of them (WILLIAM and THOMAS BUNCE) were involved in some 'small mischief'. THOMAS had to post a bond for a short term to guarantee he would not disturb the peace. WILLIAM was fined a substantial penalty because his wife sold alcoholic spirits to some Indians.

"After completing the foregoing I have located many records of Ancient Wethersfield. To begin with THOMAS BUNCE was a very

active investor -- buyer-seller of real estate -- in Wethersfield, in addition to many simultaneous dealings in Hartford. The original Grantor/Grantee records for the period 1638-1640-1645 are so faded and fragile they cannot be researched and microfilm copies are so sub-standard as to be useless. Based on THOMAS BUNCE's tax payments in Hartford, his very active participation in church affairs, and his extensive public service suggests he continued to be domiciled in Hartford while enhancing his fortune in short-term land speculation in Wethersfield.

One JOHN BIDWELL, early settler in Hartford as his lands were entered at the first recording in Feb 1639/40 had his dwelling built on two acres "which he had bought of THOMAS BUNCE; .... and three acres of upland bought of THOMAS BUNCE." (See "HALE, HOUSE & RELATED FAMILIES" by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, et al. pp. 459-463.)

With the information at hand that the English BUNCE family was first found in the County of Kent and a reference found on a family record sheet at the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City for one THOMAS BUNCE born ca 1620 at Canterbury, Kent, England, it was plausible that research there might turn up a family at the right time in Kent named BUNCE who had a son named THOMAS (born 1610-1620) and a dau named KATHERINE. The "source" for the LDS Library chart was given as:"Par. Reg., St.Paul's, Canterbury, thru res. Will of ANDREW KINGSFORD, Arch. Cant. 72-73, proved 22 Dec. 1664." In February 1983 the information at hand was forwarded to DUNCAN HARRINGTON, a Genealogical and Historical Researcher of 143 Sturry Road, Canterbury, Kent and a five-page report was eventually received from him, some of which will be set out below for the aid of any genealogists who may wish to pursue this:

29 Sept 1983

"Herewith some results on the BUNCE case which could prove very interesting. I have examined all the printed parish registers and marriage licenses in the first instance and enclose the the results.

"Berry's Kentish Genealogies (1830's) has a pedigree of BUNCE on pages 378-379 headed with EDWARD BUNCE of Malmesbury who lived near Canterbury at the time of Henry V111. His son and heir is given as JOHN BUNCE of Ottrinden (Otterden) Kent, the lines descending through Otterden, Boughton Malherbe and London.

"The pedigree based on the Visitation records is 'wanting' but will provide a reasonable background to build upon. One of this family moved to Deal, I am not sure which, and gave rise to a family there who became the celebrated clergymen at St. Stephen's Hackington. I might add that there are no stray THOMAS BUNCEs on the pedigree chart but there is a 'spare' KATHERINE BUNCE:

"STEPHEN BUNCE of Boughton Malherb died 1634, buried at St. Clement Danes, will 1635 married ANN dau of ARTHUR BARNHAM, son and heir of NICHOLAS BARNHAM sergeant at law. They had issue:

(1) MATTHEW BUNCE, eldest son, married ANN, dau of RICH(ARD) LANE of Warwick;
(2) JAMES BUNCE, second son.
(3) STEPHEN BUNCE, third son.
(4) RICHARD BUNCE, fourth son.
(5) JANE BUNCE, eldest daughter, married Sir JOHN ROBERTS of Cranbrook and the city of Canterbury knight 1685.
(6) ANN BUNCE, second daughter, married JOHN UPTON of Faversham.
(7) ELIZABETH BUNCE, third daughter, married SAMUEL SMITH, attorney at law.
(8) KATHERINE BUNCE, fourth daughter.

(Photocopies are not available inasmuch as regulations of the Cathedral Library forbid the use of photocopy machines on older books.)"

Pages one and two of the HARRINGTON report list the marriages of the Diocese of Canterbury 1568-1660, two volumes by JOSEPH MEADOWS COWPER; twenty-six listings are set out with either the bride or the groom having the surname of BUNCE but not one of the men surnamed BUNCE had the first name of THOMAS and none of the females were named KATHERINE BUNCE.

The third page contained entries taken from the F. W. TYLER Collection relating to the parish of Stalisfield (taken from the Bishop's Transcripts):

13 Feb 1585/86 MARTHA, dau of THOMAS BUNCE baptised
13 May 1590 ELIZABETH, dau of THOMAS BUNCE baptised
30 Sep 1593 THOMAZIN, dau of THOMAS BUNCE baptised
21 Dec 1595 THOMAS, son of THOMAS BUNCE baptised
6 Apr 1602 MARY, dau of THOMAS BUNCE baptised
2 Feb 1607/8 THOMAS BUNCE, householder buried

Parish Registers of St. Paul Canterbury 1562-1800 by J.M.COWPER (1893)
9 Jan 1648/9 THOMAS BUNCE and ELIZABETH KINGSFORD married.

Canterbury Cathedral 1564-1878 by ROBERT HOVENDEN, Harleian Society (1878):
19 Jan 1636/37 THOMAS BUNCE and SARAH ELSETER married.

THOMAS BUNCE of Hartford married one SARAH _____ but thus far no record of her family; is it not possible they married before they reached New England and that the above is the record of their marriage? The historians in this country cannot agree on the earliest date THOMAS BUNCE was positively known to have been here; the dates vary from 1632 to 1639. The large county map of Kent reveals that "Otterden Place" and and Stalisfield Green practically join each other and are west of Canterbury a distance; Seabrook on the other hand is straight south of Canterbury a greater distance and is on the coast, on the English Channel and south of Dover and Folkestone.

It was significant in the HARRINGTON report that only one KATHERINE BUNCE was noted; research in this country on this family has also indicated that first name for females was rare.

The first HARRINGTON report was a preliminary report and many more records could have been searched at the Kent County Archives Office which was being closed for over a year (Jan 1984) for rebuilding work at the County Hall. The researcher also suggested, however, that the Bishop's and Archdeacon's transcripts were available to him in the Cathedral Library (and doubtless are not open to everyone). However, further research in England was discontinued in view of the expense of eight pounds (then about $14.00) per hour (which included "most" expenses and fees to the Dean and Chapter Library).

The first of 1985 the compiler received correspondence from a descendant of WILLIAM CLARKE residing in East Hampton, Connecticut, who was also researching that line and the BUNCE family. He explained he had found at the Connecticut Historical Society a manuscript, author unknown, which set forth a pedigree chart for the BUNCE family and commenced with one RICHARD b ca 1520 of Malmesbury, Wiltshire County, England who moved to Otterden, Kent County. This was of particular interest inasmuch as it included females with the first name of CATHERINE which had been found seldom in any research in the BUNCE-CLARKE families. The pedigree chart is being briefly set out below for the benefit of anyone wishing to pursue this line of research:

RICHARD BUNCE b ca 1520, m ca 1544, moved from Malmesbury to Kent;
EDWARD BUNCE b ca 1545 m ca 1564 KATHAREN_____; 3 children:

JOHN b ca 1565, m._____ 2 known children:	KATHAREN b ca 1567 m ca 1585 JOHN PORDAGE of Rodmersham, Eng.	RICHARD born ca 1569 _____

JAMES b ca 1585 m. ELIZABETH RAYNER — JOHN born ca 1587
had eleven children:

STEPHEN born ca 1605	JAMES, JR. born ca 1606	ELIZABETH born ca 1608	KATHAREN born ca 1610	THOMAS born 1612	SIMON born 1614	RICHARD born 1616	JOHN born 1617
					MATTHEW b 1619	ANN born 1621	MARGARET b 1623

This draft of a pedigree chart assumes the above KATHAREN and THOMAS were the two who emigrated to Hartford, KATHAREN marrying WILLIAM CLARKE and THOMAS marrying SARAH BULL (b 1625 England); and also that the brother JOHN died in Hartford in 1665.

On receipt of the foregoing data and pedigree of the BUNCE family, the report of researcher HARRINGTON of Canterbury was again studied and particularly his reference to "Berry's Kentish Genealogies" which contained a BUNCE pedigree. This was checked out at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City and copies of pages 378-379 were obtained, which also contained a photo of the family coat of arms. This would appear to be the basis of the manuscript found at the library of the Connecticut Historical Society (author unknown) and is similar but slightly different from that manuscript, i.e.

EDWARD BUNCE's dau is CATHERINE (not KATHAREN) and his wife's name is not included; his son, JOHN, had a son named:
JAMES BUNCE of Ottrinden m ELIZABETH da of
ob. 1606,bu at Ottrinden. MAT. RAYNER
They had seven (not eleven) children:

SIMON	RICHARD	MATTHEW	ANN	MARGARET	STEPHEN m. ANN BARNHAM d.1634 — 8 children:			JAMES
MATTHEW	JAMES	STEPHEN	RICHARD 4th son	JANE 1st da.	ANN 2d da.	ELIZABETH 3d da.	KATHERINE 4th da.	

The above pedigree chart from pages 378-379 of WILLIAM BERRY's "COUNTY GENEALOGIES, PEDIGREES OF THE FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY OF KENT" (London 1830) does not include a son THOMAS born 1612 and a daughter KATHAREN born ca 1610 for the couple, JAMES and ELIZABETH (RAYNER) BUNCE! The authority for those two being included in the Connecticut manuscript is missing and, therefore, it must be assumed the published works of WILLIAM BERRY are correct. It is noted that in the following generation, STEPHEN and ANN (BARNHAM) BUNCE did have a daughter they named KATHERINE but that family has no son named THOMAS. It would appear plausible that the THOMAS and KATHERINE BUNCE of Hartford belonged to this family but additional research will have to be undertaken to prove it, and learn just where they fit in.

This seems to be just one more incidence of a family history being found in this country which, when compared with the original published books in England,does not prove to be accurate.

THE BUYS FAMILY FROM HOLLAND

JAN CORNELISSEN BUYS[6], b ca 1628 in The Netherlands, arrived 1648 in New Amsterdam (now New York). His ancestry has been traced back through five generations in that country:

HENDRICK BUYS[1] born ca 1480.

CORNELIS HENDRICKE BUYS[2] born ca 1515, married APPOLONIA (PLOENE) PHILIPS.

WILLEM CORNELISZE BUYS[3] born ca 1545 at Brielle, South Holland, The Netherlands, married FYTGEN MAERTENS.

HENDRICK WILLEMSE BUYS[4] born ca 1580 at Brielle, married AETGEN CORNELIS BECELEE. He was a ship owner; the Sheriff at Brielle; member of the Board of Admiralty at Rotterdam; and Captain of the Militia.

CORNELIS HENDRICKSE BUYS[5] born ca 1604 at Brielle, married HENDRICKJE JANS DAMEN. He was also a ship owner; Town Councilman at Brielle; and member of the Board of Admiralty at Rotterdam. They had but one child and the mother died soon afterwards:

JAN CORNELISSEN BUYS[6] is the subject of our story, being the emigrant who came to New Amsterdam to live with his Uncle JAN JANSEN DAMEN, his mother's brother inasmuch as his father remarried and had another family by the second wife.

JAN JANSEN DAMEN had become a wealthy man and an influential figure in the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam but had no children of his own so he adopted his nephew.

JAN CORNELISSEN BUYS, (hereinafter referred to as JAN BUYS as he apparently retained the BUYS surname rather than taking the name of his adopted father, DAMEN) resided eventually in Flatbush (Midwout) and in Brooklyn, New York. He obtained a patent for 28 morgens of land in Flatbush and also a patent for 25 morgens of land across the river at Bergen (now in New Jersey). He became a member of the Reformed Dutch Church at Brooklyn and in 1657 was listed as having "Small Burghers Right" entitling him to trade and to hold offices.

JAN BUYS married three times and had children by all three wives as follows:

(1st wife) EYBE LUBBERTSE VAN BLARICUM (b ca 1635 Albany, Albany Co., N.Y.) dau of LUBBERT GYSBERTSEN VAN BLARICUM (b Blaricum, North Holland) and DIVERTJE CORNELIS (from The Netherlands); their children were:

(1) CORNELIS JANS BUYS bapt 3 Nov 1652.
(2) HENDRICK JANS BUYS bapt 15 Mar 1654.
(3) HENDRICKJE JANS BUYS.
(4) LUBBERT JANS BUYS bapt 2 Feb 1656, d 1663.
(5) DIVERTJE JANS BUYS.
(6) NEELTJE JANS BUYS.
(7) TRYNTJE JANS BUYS.
(8) JAN JANS BUYS[7] b 1662 at Flatbush, Kings Co., N.Y.

(2nd wife of JAN BUYS) PHAEBEA (FEMMETJE JANS) SEALS, dau of JOHN SEALS and MARIA ROBERTS from Charleton, Devonshire, England; PHAEBEA was the widow of THEUNIS NYSSEN, a magistrate at Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y. They had one son:

(9) JACOB JANSEN BUYS born 1665.

(3rd wife) WILLEMPTIE THYSSEN, widow of ROELEF WILLEMSE. They had two children:

(10) HILLETJE JANS BUYS.
(11) MATTYS JANS BUYS bapt 14 Jan 1674.

JAN JANS BUYS[7] b 1662 at Flatbush, Kings Co., N.Y. removed to Fort Orange (later the City of Albany, N.Y.) and then to nearby Schenectady to join other early settlers in what was then wild and dangerous bush area. He married LYSBET DeGROOT, dau of a Schenectady settler. In 1690 the massacre and burning at Schenectady took place; the French had formed a war party from Montreal, Canada composed of both French and Indians; they attacked Schnectady, left it in ashes, killed many of the inhabitants and captured many more. JAN JANS BUYS and his family escaped the massacre and took refuge in and became permanent settlers of Dutchess County, N.Y. in the area where the city of Poughkeepsie was later built. TRYNTJE BUYS (sister of JAN JANS BUYS) had married Barent BARENZE VAN KLEEK who joined with JANS BUYS and three other "Dutchmen" and all became tenants on land for which VAN KLEEK's brother-in-law, ROBERT SANDERS, held the patent.

Children of JAN JANS BUYS and LYSBET DeGROOT BUYS:

(1) JOHANNES BUYS b 1685.
(2) ABRAM (ABRAHAM) BUYS[8] b 1691, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
(3) LYSBETH BUYS b 1694.
(4) SARA BUYS b 1703.

ABRAM (ABRAHAM) BUYS[8] born 1691 Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N. Y. married RACHEL TER BOS (bapt 8 Sept 1695 at Fishkill, same county) dau of JOHANNES TER BOS and ELISABET HENDRICKSE. ABRAM was in the military forces in that county in 1715 and was an elder in the Dutch Reformed Church at Fishkill.

Children of ABRAM and RACHEL (TER BOS) BUYS:

(1) JOHANNIS BUYS[9] b 1715.
(2) ELIZABETH BUYS b 1717.
(3) JACOBUS BUYS b 1719.
(4) ALICE BUYS b 1721.
(5) ABRAHAM BUYS, JR. b 1725.
(6) HENDERICKUS BUYS b 1726.
(7) JOHANNA BUYS b 1732.
(8) CORNELIS BUYS b 1733.
(9) CATHERINE BUYS b 1737.

JOHANNIS BUYS[9] was baptized at Fishkill 7 May 1715; he married 29 Aug 1742 SARA DeBAEN, dau of JACOBUS DeBAUN and ANNA CANIFF DeBAUN from Middleborah, Netherlands, who settled in the New World; she was also a granddaughter of JOOST DeBAENE (DeBAUN) (who had moved to Middleborah from Beaune, Cote D'Or, Burgundy, France) and his wife, ELIZABETH (DRABBE) DeBAENE. SARA was baptized 5 Feb 1725.

Children of JOHANNIS and SARA (DeBAENE) BUYS:

(1) JOHANNIS (JOHN) BUYS[10] bapt 6 Oct 1745.
(2) JACOB BUYS b 1747.
(3) HENDRICK BUYS b 1750.

JOHANNIS (JOHN) BUYS[10] was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church at Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N.Y. 6 Oct 1745 with names of parents shown on the records as JOHANNIS BUYS and SARA DeBAEN BUYS and sponsor shown to be: JOHANNES TER BOS (father of RACHEL TER BOS). While a small boy he moved with his parents and siblings from Fishkill to Poughkeepsie. JOHN BUYS had seven children but the name of his wife is unknown.

Children of JOHANNIS (JOHN) BUYS; birthdates not known.

(1) ABRAM BUYS.
(2) JOHN BUYS.
(3) JACOB DeBAUN BUYS[11] b 1770.
(4) HENRY BUYS.
(5) ANNA BUYS.
(6) PETER BUYS.
(7) SARA BUYS.

JACOB DeBAUN BUYS[11] was b 1770, Poughkeepsie; he married SARAH HOWARD (b 1774 at Trenton, New Jersey); identity of her parents unknown. He was doubtless named for his Uncle JACOB BUYS born 1747, his father's younger brother. JACOB and SARAH BUYS resided first at Poughkeepsie but prior to 1802 removed to Waterford in Saratoga Co., N.Y. where this Uncle JACOB and his wife, RACHEL BUYS, had resided prior to 1800 in which year RACHEL BUYS had died; she was buried at Waterford.

Children of JACOB DeBAUN and SARAH (HOWARD) BUYS:

(1) AMANDA BUYS b 1801, m JOHN NEWTON; resided eventually in Coldwater, Branch Co.,Mich., where she was a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church; she died there 1879, aged 78 years, having survived her husband by several years. They are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater. AMANDA had no children.
(2) HIRAM DeBAUN BUYS[12] b 22 Oct 1802 at Waterford, m 3 May 1834 ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON (b 10 Feb 1813, d 1873 at Bountiful, Utah) dau of REUBEN CARY HUNTINGTON and CHARLOTTE (HALE) HUNTINGTON of Norwich, Conn. and Albany, New York; ten children; he died 1855.
(3) SMITH BUYS b ca 1805/1806, removed to Michigan.
(4) JACOB H. BUYS b 1808, married and had three children; resided in Chicago, Illinois and in Wisconsin; oldest child, a dau named DELIA A. married _____ HAVERMALE, and lived out her life in Southern California.

(Continuing with children of JACOB DeBAUN and SARAH BUYS:)

(5) HORATIO NELSON BUYS b 1810, resided Painesville, Ohio from 1853; died 19 Apr 1885, aged 75; member Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge. He married and had three children, wife's name unknown; children:

i ANNIE BUYS died unm.
ii JOHN BUYS, was a carpenter in 1895.
iii FRANK BUYS, a physician

HIRAM DeBAUN BUYS[12] was born 22 Oct 1802 at Waterford, New York, and died in 1855 in Bountiful, Utah. He married 3 May 1834 ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON, whose HUNTINGTON ancestry reached back to the emigrant, SIMON[5] HUNTINGTON who was b 7 Aug 1583, Norwich, Norfolk Co., England and was en route to America in 1633 with his wife and children when he died of small pox at sea. His two sons, SIMON, JR.[6] and CHRISTOPHER, were among the first settlers in Saybrook, Connecticut. The ancestry of this HUNTINGTON family has been traced back four generations beyond the emigrant:

THOMAS HUNTINGTON[1] b ca 1435 England; had 3 children, the oldest being:

RICHARD HUNTINGTON[2] b ca 1460 at Hempstead, Essex Co., m 1498 ALICE LORING (b Little Sampford, same county) dau of SIMON LORING; had five sons, the oldest being:

CHRISTOPHER HUNTINGTON[3] b 18 Dec 1500, m 7 Apr 1537 ELIZABETH BAILEY (b London, England) dau of GEORGE; one dau and eight sons, including the son:

GEORGE HUNTINGTON[4] b 9 Jan 1538 England; m 5 Aug 1580 ANNE FENWICK (b England) dau of ROBERT FENWICK; they had six children; 2nd son being:

SIMON HUNTINGTON[5] b 7 Aug 1583 Norwich, m 21 June 1627 MARGARET BARET (b Norwich), dau of CHRISTOPHER. SIMON may have been married once before this marriage "although of this it is impossible to speak with certainty." (HUNTINGTON GENEALOGY, page 11.) MARGARET's father was Mayor of Norwich, England in 1634 and in 1648.

SIMON HUNTINGTON, JR.[6] b 1629 Norwich, England, settled at Saybrook in 1649 where he m SARAH CLARKE Oct 1653 (b 1633), dau of Saybrook pioneer, JOHN CLARKE, (not a brother of the WILLIAM and NICHOLAS CLARKE of Hartford, Conn., although some early records published ventured that possibility); ten children, including oldest son named SIMON HUNTINGTON (3rd), born between Aug 1654 and May 1680, youngest child being:

JAMES HUNTINGTON[7] b 18 May 1680, m PRISCILLA MILLER 3 Feb 1703; they had six children; he d 3 Sept 1727: son

PETER HUNTINGTON[8] was b 18 Mar 1709 Norwich, New London Co., Connecticut; commissioned Ensign First Trainband of Norwich 1742 and Lieut. in 1754; in 1756 was a member of company commanded by Capt. NOAH GRANT in French and Indian War; married 8 Aug

1734 RUTH EDGERTON; he d 10 Apr 1760, Norwich; RUTH d 21 Sept 1761; they had 9 children, the eighth child being:

REUBEN HUNTINGTON[9] b 21 Jan 1753 at Norwich; he served in Rev. War as pvt, 3rd Co. of 3 Regt; enlisted 8 May 1775; he m (1st) JEMIMA CARY WATERMAN (b 22 Oct 1759 Lebanon, New London County, d 26 Mar 1785) dau of WILLIAM and REBECCA (GLADDING) WATERMAN; REUBEN d 1804. He married two more times and had a total of eight children by three wives. The Buys family interest is with the first child, the only child by the first wife:

REUBEN CARY HUNTINGTON[10] b 12 Mar 1785 at Norwich and two weeks thereafter on 26 March his mother, JEMIMA CARY (WATERMAN) HUNTINGTON died. (Both of her lines, the CARY and the WATERMAN families, extend way back into early history and extensive research has been done on both those families.) REUBEN CARY m CHARLOTTE HALE and the oldest of their four children was:

ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON[11] who was b 10 Feb 1813 at Albany in Albany Co., N.Y. and m 3 May 1834 HIRAM DeBAUN BUYS who, according to family tradition, was then a Methodist Minister. They remained in Albany from 1834 until 1840, where their first four children were born.

HIRAM and ELIZABETH BUYS in May 1840 gathered with other Mormon Church members in Hancock Co., Illinois, since he had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints following his marriage, of which church his wife was already a member; he joined on 4 July 1839. In Illinois they resided at LaHarpe near Nauvoo the latter being the most populous city in the state. Here their fifth and sixth children were born. In 1846 the family removed with other church members westward to Pisgah, Harrison Co., Iowa where two more children were born to ELIZABETH. In 1848 Salt Lake City in what became the state of Utah was established as the home for these church members and in 1850 HIRAM and ELIZABETH with their eight children joined a train of 54 wagons to make the long, arduous trek to Salt Lake; the captain of the group was DAVID EVANS and they arrived in September 1850. They settled seven miles north of Salt Lake City and named their community Bountiful (now in Davis County) where descendants of that BUYS family reside today (1986). HIRAM died 28 Aug 1855 and ELIZABETH died 29 Oct 1873; both are buried in the Bountiful cemetery. From their ten children they were blessed with ninety-two grandchildren. A Buys Family Reunion was first held in 1914 and in 1980 another reunion of HIRAM's descendants was held in Bountiful attended by some two hundred family members but of the ninety-two grandchildren, the only one remaining was WILLIAM HYRUM BUYS, the eleventh and youngest child of WILLIAM BUYS who was HIRAM's ninth child and youngest son; the two youngest children of ELIZABETH BUYS were born after they settled in Bountiful.

Children of HIRAM DeBAUN BUYS and ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON BUYS:

(1) CHARLOTTE BUYS b 11 Apr 1835.
(2) MARY BUYS born 15 Dec 1836.
(3) SARA BUYS b 15 Dec 1836, d 1836.
(4) SARAH JANE BUYS b 14 Feb 1839.
(5) EDWARD BUYS b 22 Oct 1841.
(6) AMANDA BUYS b 15 Mar 1844.
(7) HYRUM DeBAUN BUYS b 1 June 1846
(8) JOSEPH BUYS b 22 Mar 1849.
(9) WILLIAM BUYS[13] b 22 Dec 1852.
(10) ELIZABETH BUYS b 12 Mar 1855

WILLIAM BUYS[13] was b 22 Dec 1852 Bountiful, Davis Co., Utah and m SARAH JANE McDONALD (b 23 Jan 1862, d 30 Nov 1934) dau of JOHN and MARY LUCINDA (COLE) McDONALD of Heber City, Utah. They resided in Heber City; WILLIAM was an attorney; a member of the Utah State Constitutional Convention; founder, editor and publisher of the "Wasatch Wave" (the first newspaper in the county of Wasatch); he was President of the Utah Press Association and he and his wife each year would travel around the United States to attend the national meetings of the Press Association. He died 27 Nov 1909; he and SARAH JANE are buried in the BUYS family plot in Heber City Cemetery. Their first child was born at Bountiful and all the others in Heber:

(1) AMANDA ORRILLA BUYS b 9 Aug 1884, m WARREN WADE STRONG.
(2) ELIZABETH PEARL BUYS b 6 Apr 1886, m ALBERT HASTINGS KILBURN.
(3) SARAH LUCINDA BUYS b 16 June 1888, m DIRK JOHN BLOEM.
(4) EVA VERONA BUYS b 1 Oct 1889, m ELDON LYMAN SCHMUTZ.
(5) WILLIAM PAUL BUYS b 8 Sept 1892, m VELMA CROOK.
(6) JOSEPH LAWRENCE BUYS b 22 July 1895, m RETA JONES.
(7) OLIVE VELDA BUYS b 19 Apr 1897, m FRANCIS ROELAN GATELEY.
(8) MARY DeETTE BUYS b 19 June 1900, m ADIEL FITZGERALD STEWART.
(9) FRANCIS BUYS b 22 Apr 1902, m ETHEL SOWBY.
(10) FRANCES BUYS b 22 Apr 1902, twin, d 22 Apr 1902.
(11) WILLIAM HYRUM BUYS b 20 Aug 1907, m (1st) LUANE ROBISON; three children; (div.); m (2nd) DORIS LILLIAN (PALMER) ZIMMERMAN, a widow. They reside in Oceanside, California. (See page 561.)

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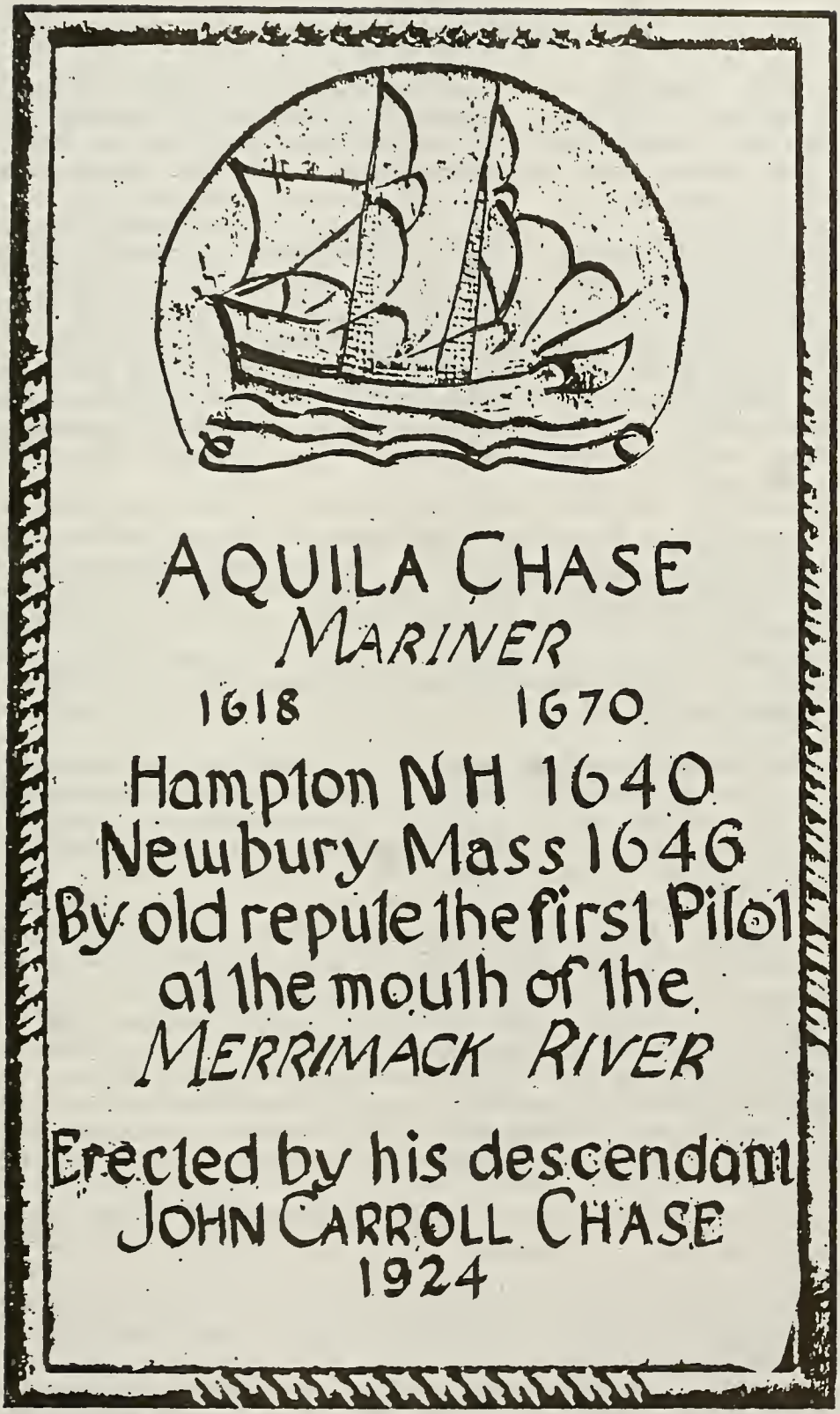
MAP OF
PART OF NEWBURY, MASS.
NOW NEWBURYPORT.

1639 AQUILA CHASE and his brother, THOMAS, settle at Hampton,N.H., then part of the Mass. Colony.
1646 AQUILA removed to Newbury, residing on Federal Street, facing the Merrimac(k) River. He died 1670 in that town on North Atkinson Street. (See areas marked in above map.) The CHASE HISTORY (1928) by JOHN CARROLL CHASE and GEORGE WALTER CHAMBERLAIN reflects the above map on page 32 and on page 42 another map marked "Part of Newbury, Mass., Now West Newbury" marks the spot where four sons of AQUILA and six grandsons all resided.



Tablet of Caen Stone, Thirty-two Inches In Height
Originally in The Entrance Corridor of The
NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY's Building
9 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts

AQUILA CHASE, MARINER

The various records of the arrival of AQUILA CHASE in America are silent on the actual date and name of the ship but commence their account of him "first appearing at Hampton, New Hampshire, by 1640." All seem to agree on that date and explain another unrelated WILLIAM CHASE preceded him to this country. In 1928 a history and genealogy of this family was published at Derry, N.H., compiled by JOHN CARROLL CHASE and GEORGE WALTER CHAMBERLAIN entitled "SEVEN GENERATIONS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF AQUILA AND THOMAS CHASE." They venture 1639 as the year AQUILA may have reached Hampton, being the second company to settle there; the first company under the leadership of REV. STEPHEN BACHILER settled first in Oct 1638 (DOW's "History of Hampton"); the second company was under the leadership of Rev. TIMOTHY DALTON who became associate pastor of the Hampton Church. The 1928 history sets out a lengthy account of "AQUILA CHASE AND HIS DESCENDANTS" commencing on page 29 from which the following is taken:

> "Hampton was incorporated by the General Court at the Mass. Bay Colony 22 May 1639. It is probable that AQUILA and THOMAS (brothers) CHASE settled that year; first town meeting was held 31 Oct 1639 and on 24 Dec of that year land was allotted to fifteen grantees, being small house lots. The following June (1640) other persons became grantees, among them being AQUILA and THOMAS CHASE.
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> "The Hampton Records show that in 1640 there was granted to AQUILA CHASE six acres for a house lot. In 1644 an additional grant was recorded of six acres of 'upland meadow and swamp,' which he sold to his 'brother THOMAS' on his removal to Newbury, Massachusetts.
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> "The home lot of AQUILA CHASE was a part of what has long been known as the Perkins homestead. Here undoubtedly he erected a log house which he occupied until the summer in 1646. The homestead was located south of Meeting House Green near the marshes on the road to the ancient Tide Mill. ... The common lands were granted to the proprietors of house lots 23 Feb 1645/46, THOMAS CHASE receiving two shares and his brother, AQUILA, one share. THOMAS had at this date a wife and two children while AQUILA had probably only a wife."

The marriage of AQUILA to ANNE (ANN) WHEELER took place about 1644; she had been born in England, the dau of the emigrants, JOHN and ANNE WHEELER, from Salisbury, county of Wiltshire; she m (2nd) 14 June 1672 and she died 21 Apr 1687 (TIMOTHY SEYMOUR LULL history compiled by CONNIE LULL FREY and CARMEN W. MISSILDINE, the latter being also a descendant of WALTER PALMER; pp. 36-37, 73-74).

New Hampshire became part of the Massachusetts Colony in 1641 and continued so, with brief interruptions, for about thirty-eight years. In 1679 it became a Royal British Province and remained so until the

Revolutionary War. The boundaries of New Hampshire were not definite until 1764; prior to that there had been many bitter disputes, especially with Massachusetts and New York, as to where the lines should be. According to the "HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS" edited by GEORGE B. EVERTON, SR., Hampton in what is now Rockingham County was an organized town by 1635. It is located a short distance north from the Massachusetts boundary on the Atlantic Ocean; nearby are also the towns of Hampton Beach and Hampton Falls.

The previous sources named contain a similar account of the history of AQUILA CHASE, i.e. he was one of the Hampton petitioners on 7 Mar 1643/44 for a modification of the law regulating military drill which had been in force for three years previously. The petition was presented to the Governor, Deputy Governor, Council and Deputies of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (N.H. Provincial Papers). It contained the names of twenty-nine of the Hampton settlers but the name of THOMAS CHASE does not appear.

AQUILA and ANNE's first child, SARAH, was born in Hampton about 1645 and the following year he was induced to remove to Newbury which is in the county of Essex (an original county created in 1643) and adjoins Rockingham County in N.H., Essex being in Massachusetts. Here their next ten children were born. The Newbury records of 1646 reveal that:

> "Granted to AQUILA CHASE, Anno 1646, fower acres of land at the new towne for a house lott and six acres of upland for a planting lott, where it can be had, and six acres of marsh where it can be had, also on condition that he doe goe to sea and do service in the towne with a boate for four years."

Messrs. CHASE and CHAMBERLAIN have concluded (p. 30) that

> "The inducement to remove to Newbury would indicate that AQUILA CHASE was a mariner or fisherman and JOSHUA COFFIN in his 'History of Newbury' states that it is a CHASE FAMILY tradition that AQUILA was the first person to pilot a vessel across the bar at the mouth of the Merrimack River."

A map of the area (page 32) marks the spot where AQUILA settled in 1646 and it is on what is marked as Federal Street facing out on the Merrimack River; he must have removed later for the spot where he died in 1670 is noted to be on North Atkinson Street, a distance of perhaps two blocks inland from the river. A tablet thirty-two inches in height was at one time in the entrance corridor of the New England Historic Genealogical Society's Building at 9 Ashburton Place, Boston (see copy) dedicated to the memory of AQUILA CHASE, MARINER, (this Society's address is now: 101 Newbury Street, Boston).

Some time before 1659 or early that year he sold his homestead to ROBERT ROGERS of Newbury; the western portion of the adjoining lot was at one time owned by his brother-in-law, DAVID WHEELER. AQUILA was one of the free-holders and had an interest in all commons belonging to the town of Newbury 10 Jan 1653. He was one of fifty-eight Newbury men who petitioned the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay on 14 May 1654 (requesting) that the fine imposed upon LT. ROBERT PIKE of Salisbury be remitted. Following the 1659 sale of his first homestead, it is

assumed he took up residence on the "six acres of upland for a planting lott," which has been located on the north side of Sawyer's Lane, now North Atkinson Street, about 500 feet from its intersection with Low Street. Here AQUILA CHASE died 27 Dec 1670 but the place of his burial is unknown; it is believed to be in the grave yard at Oldtown. His Will was signed by his mark on the 10th day of December "in ye yeare of our Lord 1670" and the witnesses were WILLIAM CHANDLER, STEVEN GREENLEFE and JAMES (I.O.) ORDWAY, the latter one signing by his mark also. The former two witnesses "testified upon oath in Court held at Ipswich the 28 of March 1671 that this is the last will and testament of AQUILLA CHASE & that he was of a disposing mind..."

The 1928 history explains (page 33) "The foregoing is an exact copy of the Will as it appears on the record book in the Salem Registry. The original Will is not to be found but there are reputed copies carying somewhat from the copy herein as regards spelling and the use of superior letters. It is possible that they were copied from the original Will instead of the record book." Pages 32 and 33 contain a copy of the Will in which bequests are made as follows:

> "To my well beloved wife ANN I give... my house, barnes and orchard and all my lands both Eareable pasture and marsh meadows ground, lyeing and being in ye bounds of the Towne of Newbury aforesaid together with all my goods and chattels, both within dores and without, ... dureing the time of her widdowhood, paying unto my daughter ANN CHASE five pounds, in corne or neate cattle, and five pounds more to pay, unto my daughter PRISSILLA CHASE, to be payd within twelve months after the day of their marriages.
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> "Also I will that my wife give unto my sonn THOMAS CHASE at the age of one and twenty Tenn pounds in corne or neate cattle, provided the sayd THOMAS doe abyde and serve with his mother to the sd age.... And at the end of her naturall life, I give ... all my house, housing & lands before mentioned unto AQUILLA CHASE my Eldest sonn, or if ANN my wife marry, my sonne is to possess all my houseing and lands, paying unto his mother three pounds per annum as long as she liveth or three score pounds which shee pleaseth.
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> "Furthermore my will is that AQUILLA my sonn shall pay to his brother JOHN CHASE the Summ of tenn pounds in corne or neate cattle And tenn pounds more the sd AQUILLA, is to pay unto his Brother DANIELL in ye like pay viz. corne, or neate cattle.
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> "Furthermore my will is my sonne-in-law CHARLES (ANNIS) shall have my boate loade of grass or sedge of the lower end of Penny Island as long as he liveth, and nobody to molest him till he hath a boateloade.
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> "Furthermore my will is that my sonn, AQUILLA pay unto his Brother MOSES CHASE Tenn pounds in corne & Cattle... (and) pay unto my daughter SARAH three pounds within two years after her mothers decease and to pay unto my daughter MARY Twenty shillings ... (and) AQUILLA pay unto his sister ELIZABETH CHASE foure pounds (and) ... pay foure pounds in the like paye to his sister RUTH. ... All .. to be payd in two yeares after the de-

cease of ANN my well beloved wife. And I doe apoynt ANN my well beloved wife, to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament & further I doe appoynt Ensigne STEPHEN GREENLEAFE and WILLIAM CHANDLER to be the overseers of this my last will and testament..."

When AQUILA died in Dec 1670 he left six minor children, the other five were aged eighteen and over; the first four children were daughters and AQUILA born 1652 was the oldest son, thus he is given the responsibility in the father's Will of dividing up the estate so that the children would receive something even though the mother, ANN, is named sole executrix and AQUILA had just turned eighteen years of age the September before his father died. In concluding the bequests in his Will, the father remembers the younger children in this way:

"AQUILLA my sonne shall pay to his Brother THOMAS CHASE (aged 16 years in 1670) before mentioned the sum of tenn pounds in the like pay with the rest of my children and if any of my younger children be not of age within two years after the decease of my wife, then they are to stay for their portion till they be of age."

AQUILA CHASE's age at death was about 52 years, his date of birth (1618) being computed from a deposition taken 25 Sept 1666 which mentioned "ACCQUILLA CHAS, aged about forty-eight years." The total valuation placed on his estate from an inventory dated 21 Jan 1671 was £336:14:3. These detailed inventories are interesting to scrutinize in comparison with probate inventories of today when usually all wearing apparel is lumped together under that heading and household furniture and furnishings would be combined together under that title. AQUILLA CHASE's inventory included:

Two remnants of cotton cloth	One new curtaine
Two shirts	Six paire of sheetes
A peice of new cotton	Linen yarne
A piece of home made cloth	Blankett & Curtaines
One feather bed with boulster & pillows	
Three Iron potts, hookes & tramells	
70 bushells of Indian corne	6 bushells of Barley
Wheate, Rye & pease	Old bacon

AQUILA[1] and ANNE (WHEELER) CHASE had children:

(1) SARAH CHASE b ca 1645, m 15 May 1666 CHARLES ANNIS, alias CURMAC ANNIS of Newbury, born Ireland.
(2) ANNE CHASE b 6 July 1647, m 27 Apr 1671 THOMAS BARBER.
(3) PRISCILLA CHASE b 14 Mar 1648/49, m 10 Feb 1670/71 ABEL MERRILL of Newbury.
(4) MARY CHASE b 3 Feb 1650/51, m 9 Mar 1669/70 JOHN STEVENS of Newbury and Haverhill, Mass. (b 19 Nov 1650) son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (prob BITFIELD) STEVENS. WILLIAM was bapt at Caversham, county of Oxford, England 1 Sept 1616, died Newbury, Mass. 19 May 1653. WILLIAM, aged 21 and older brother, JOHN, aged 32 sailed from Southampton 24 Apr 1638 in the ship "Confidence" of

London accompanied by JOHN's wife, ELIZABETH; their mother, ALICE (ATKINS) STEVENS; and two servants. The father of WILLIAM and JOHN and husband of ALICE (JOHN b ca 1575) had died about 1627 and was buried at Caversham. That couple also had three daughters who apparently remained in England.

(5) AQUILA CHASE, JR. b 26 Sept 1652 born Newbury (now Newburyport) died there 29 July 1720, aged 68 years; m ca 1673 ESTHER BOND (b Newbury 25 Sept 1655, and survived her husband) dau of JOHN and ESTHER (BLAKELEY) BOND. They had nine children.

(6) THOMAS CHASE b 25 July 1654, m (1st) in Newbury 22 Nov 1677 REBECCA FOLLANSBEE (b ca 1660, prob in England, d Newbury 27 Dec 1711), dau of THOMAS FOLLANSBEE, SR. of Portsmouth, N.H. and Newbury and his first wife, MARY _____. THOMAS m (2nd) also in Newbury 2 Aug 1714 ELIZABETH MOORES, prob widow of JONATHAN MOORES and dau of WILLIAM and MARY WOODHEAD born Chelmsford, 28 Dec 1674. THOMAS died 25 Feb 1733 at Newbury; he was in King Philip's War, 1675, in Capt. SAMUEL APPLETON's Co. He had ten children by REBECCA and one dau by his second wife.

(7) JOHN CHASE b 2 Nov 1655, m (1st) in Newbury 23 May 1677 ELIZABETH BINGLEY (b Salisbury 24 June 1660, d ca 1685) dau of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (PRESTON) BINGLEY. JOHN m (2nd) in Salisbury 21 Dec 1687 LYDIA CHALLIS (b 31 May 1665, Salisbury) dau of PHILIP and MARY (SARGENT)CHALLIS. JOHN was also a soldier in King Philip's War under Capt. WILLIAM TURNER; he d Newburyport 26 Feb 1739/40, aged 84 years, 4 months. He had two sons by his first wife and nine children bu his second wife.

(8) ELIZABETH CHASE b 13 Sept 1657, m (1st) 27 June 1678 ZACHARIA AYER; m (2) DANIEL FAVOR.

(9) RUTH CHASE b 18 Mar 1659/60, d 30 May 1676, aged 16.

(10) DANIEL CHASE b 15 Nov or 9 Dec 1661, m Newbury 25 Aug 1683 MARTHA KIMBALL (b Wenham 18 Aug 1664, d bef 1728) dau of HENRY and MARY (WYATT) KIMBALL. His widow m (2nd) JOSIAH HEATH of Haverhill 9 May 1713. DANIEL died aged 46 years in 1707 on 8 Feb.

2. (11) MOSES CHASE b 24 Dec 1663, m (1st) in Newbury 10 Nov 1684 ANNE FOLLANSBEE (b prob Portsmouth, N.H. 1668) d Newbury 18 Apr 1708 soon after birth of her youngest son,BENONI CHASE born 5 Apr 1708. Ensign MOSES m (2nd)13 Dec 1713 SARAH JACOBS, dau of THOMAS and SARAH (BROWN) JACOBS. He died Newbury (now West Newbury) 6 Sept 1743 in his 80th year.

MOSES CHASE[2] was born in Newbury (now Newburyport) 24 Dec 1663, the youngest of eleven children born to his parents and all but one had survived to adulthood. He was the first of the CHASE FAMILY to settle in 1689 in the "Upper Woods" as the territory above the Artichoke River was then called. He had been only seven years of age in 1670 when his father died, and the older brother, AQUILA, JR. had inherited the bulk of the father's estate including house, barns, orchards, and all lands.

MOSES CHASE was to receive under his father's Will "Tenn pounds in corne & cattle..." He married (1st)Newbury 10 Nov 1684 ANNE FOLLANSBEE (b prob Portsmouth, N.H., in 1668, died Newbury 18 Apr 1708, aged forty years) dau of THOMAS and MARY FOLLANSBEE, SR. of Portsmouth and a sister to his older brother's (THOMAS) wife, REBECCA FOLLANSBEE. He and ANNE had nine children and he m (2nd) 13 Dec 1713 SARAH JACOBS, (b Ipswich 26 Sept 1674, d Newbury 13 Mar 1739, aged 65 years. They were buried in the old Fern Lane (now Bridge Street) cemetery in West Newbury where their tombstones may be seen (1927) although several rods apart. In addition to the headstone of Ensign MOSES three others may be seen bearing the name of MOSES CHASE in successive generations. These burials in the Plain Cemetery in Newburyport contain that of MOSES' first wife which is the oldest that has been found of the family:

HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF
INSIGN MOSES CHASE
WHO DIED SEP 6th
1743 in Ye 80th
YEAR OF HIS AGE

HERE LYES BURIED
Ye BODY OF ANN
CHASE Ye WIFE OF
ENSIGN MOSES CHASE
AGED 40 YEARS DIED
APRIL Ye 18 1708
BEING Ye LORDS DAY

MOSES and his second wife were admitted to membership in Second Church in 1713 and he signed the covenant and helped form the Fourth Church in 1731. In 1688 he had been taxed on the following:

One head, one house, two acres of plow land, one horse, two cows, one two-year-old, one yearling and seven sheep. (Currier's 'Newbury' 1902, p. 206).

He had acquired a farm of one hundred acres fronting one hundred and six rods on the "Bradford Road" and extending back to the Merrimack River. He was considered a weaver and bore the title "Ensign" which also appeared on his tombstone.

On 13 May 1718 he and others were granted liberty to use the flats near Holt's rocks on condition that they give one salmon per year to Rev. CHRISTOPHER TOPPAN, pastor of the First Church and one to Rev. JOHN TUFTS, pastor of the Second Church of Newbury, "if they catch them." The 1928 history of the CHASE FAMILY then explains (page 43) about MOSES CHASE and also sets out his Will made 3 July 1740, probated 19 Sept 1743:

"MOSES CHASE appears on the Muster Roll of Lt. CALEB MOODY in his Company in Her Majesty's Service in the woods between Amesbury and 'Jamaco' (now Merrimac) in August 1708. This service began 11 Aug 1708 and he was one of 34 soldiers who received powder and bullets under command of LT. MOODY prior to 17 Aug 1708. He next appears as Ensign of Capt. HUGH MARCH's Company which belonged to the North Regiment in Essex County and was in service between 1704 and 1710. There are many deeds of land which he bought and sold in Essex County; also deeds recorded in Suffolk County of lands which he bought and sold in Sutton before Worcester County was organized. The house which he erected stood about 25 rods back from the Haverhill Road in the rear of the house which his son JOSEPH built in 1735 (which house with several additions was still standing in 1927). Here he dwelt from 1689 until his death in 1743.

MOSES CHASE's Will was very lengthy and was typical of most of those of England and New England in that the first paragraph contained a recitation of the testator's wishes regarding his burial and estate:

> "In the name of God Amen I MOSES CHASE of Newbury in the county of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England being sensible of my own mortality and that it is necessary for me to settle my estate for the Peace of my Children and being at present through the goodness of god to me of good memory & disposing mind Do make & publish these presents to be my last will & Testament First committing my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth whence its original was taken, by a decent burial with a good hope thro the merits of Christ as having a happy & a glorious resurrection And as to the good things of this world which it hath pleased God of his great goodness to make me the owner of I dispose of them in the manner following, viz."

MOSES CHASE, SR. appointed his 3rd and 6th sons co-executors of his estate although DANIEL (a twin b 1685) was the oldest surviving son; this may have been due to DANIEL's removing from the area in 1726 to Littleton and later to Sutton. The 3rd son, MOSES CHASE, JR. remained throughout his life in Newbury, and was co-executor with JOSEPH CHASE. The following bequests were contained in the Will of MOSES CHASE, SR.:

> "To my son, DANIEL CHASE, his Heirs or Assigns I give... forty pounds money or in good Bills of Credit... within one year after my Decease ... The other part of my said son, DANIEL's portion being secured to him by Deed.
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> "To my son SAMUEL his heirs or Assigns, I give ... twenty shillings as money ... the other part of his Portion being secured to him by Deed which I hereby ratife and confirm unto him & his heirs & assigns forever; the considerations mentioned in the Deed thereof, he my said son SAMUEL or his heirs or Assigns paying to my son STEPHEN or his heirs or Assigns twenty pounds money or in good Bills of Credit within one year after my decease.
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> "To my son STEPHEN his Heirs & Assigns I give ... twenty pounds in good Bills of Credit... The other part of his portion being secured to him by Deed.
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> "To my son BENONI his Heirs & Assigns, I give ... five shillings in or as money to be paid equally by my executor. The other part of his Portion given him in Lands at Sutton as by the Deed thereof will appear.
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> "To my Daughter ELIZABETH her Heirs & Assigns for ever I give ... all my Land & right in the fourth General Pasture (so called) in Newbury and one half of my Household Goods and fifty pounds money or in good passible Bills of Credit to be paid her, her heirs or assigns, by my son JOSEPH or by his heirs or assigns, within two years after my decease; besides what I have already given her.
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> "To my Daughter HANNAH Her Heirs & assigns I give ... one half of my Household Goods and fifth pounds money or in good Bills of Credit to be paid to her or to her Heirs or Assigns by my son MOSES or by his Heirs or assigns within

two years after my decease; besides what I have already given her.

"To my grandson SETH CHASE & to his Heirs & Assigns forever I give & Bequeath one hundred and thirty acres of land which I purchased of Deacon PASSAFULL HALL in the Township of Sutton as by the Deed thereof will appear which Tract of Land I give to my said grandson SETH as a reward for the faithfull service Done for me in my age.

"To my son MOSES & to his Heirs & Assigns forever I give ... the one half part of my Land in my Homstead with that I have already confirmed to him thereof by Deed on the easterly side of said Homestead with the Buildings thereof said half part being fifty one rods in breadth at the southerly end next the Country Road & forty two rods broad at the lower end near the River, as it is now staked out and my four acres of land at Richardson Hill (so called) be it more or less and the half of my meadow or marsh Land and the half of my other Lands and of my Common Rights in Newbury aforesaid, not herein nor before disposed of which Premises are to be & remain to him & his Heirs and Assigns for ever, upon his due & faithful performing the trust of my executor herein comitted unto him on his part and the one half of my personal estate not herein disposed of otherwise.

"To my son JOSEPH & to his Heirs & assigns I give ...one half part of my Land in my Homstead on the westerly side with what I have already confirmed to him thereof by Deed with the buildings thereon ... and the money which I had for my Rate Lott at the Boggs (so called) and the half of my meadow or marsh Land and the one half of my other Lands & of my common Rights in said Town of Newbury, not herein, nor before disposed of; and the other half of my Personal Estate not herein otherwise disposed of; which Premises are to be & remain to him my said son JOSEPH & to his Heirs & assigns for ever upon his faithfully performing the Trust of an executor on his part as herein is committed unto him.

"And I give all my Apparel at my Decease to all my then surviving sons to be equally divided among them. ...."

MOSES CHASE signed his Will with his mark which was a large "C" and it was witnessed by WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., MOSES CHASE 3d, and PHINEAS HARDY. Unlike present-day witnesses to a Will (who must not be receiving anything under the Will), MOSES CHASE 3d b 1713, son of MOSES, JR., was a witness to his grandfather's Will and yet he is included (above) when the grandfather makes a bequest "To my son MOSES (JR.) & to his Heirs & Assigns forever..." Like so many of the Wills prepared the first hundred years in this country, there is a "double date" in the closing paragraph: "this third Day of July, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & forty, and in the fourteenth year of the reign of GEORGE the second of England." (GEORGE 11 reigned from 1727 to 1760). From the gifts of land to the children it is obvious the testator had amassed considerable acreage.

MOSES and his first wife, ANNE FOLLANSBEE had children born Newbury (now West Newbury):

(1) MOSES CHASE b 20 Sept 1685, a twin; died young.

3. (2) DANIEL CHASE b 20 Sept 1685,a twin, m 2 Jan 1706/07 SARAH MARCH (b Newbury 2 Apr (or 22 or 27) 1684)dau of HUGH.

(3) MOSES CHASE, JR. b 20 Jan 1687/88, d Newbury 17 Sept 1760, m Amesbury 12 Oct 1709 ELIZABETH WELLS (b 17 Dec 1688 in Amesbury, d Newbury 31 May 1755) dau of Rev. THOMAS and MARY (PERKINS) WELLS. They had eleven children.

(4) SAMUEL CHASE b 13 May 1690, m Newbury 8 Dec 1713 HANNAH EMERY, dau of JOHN and MARY (SAWYER) EMERY; he was killed 1743 by falling from a horse; she m (2nd) 30 Oct 1762 Dea. JAMES SHUTE of Rowley. SAMUEL had ten children.

(5) ELIZABETH CHASE b 25 Sept 1693, m 14 Dec 1708 JOHN CARR; she d 4 Apr 1764 in Newbury, aged 71 years.

(6) STEPHEN CHASE b 29 Aug 1696, m in Newbury 17 Dec 1717 SARAH HALE (b Newbury 21 Oct 1698, d Hudson, N.H. 26 Dec 1753) dau of HENRY and SARAH (KELLEY) HALE; he died in Nottingham (now Hudson) 14 June 1756; at least 9 children.

(7) HANNAH CHASE b 13 Sept 1699.

(8) JOSEPH CHASE b 9 Sept 1705.

(9) BENONI CHASE b 5 Apr 1708.

DANIEL CHASE[3] was b 20 Sept 1685, married at Newbury 2 Jan 1706 SARAH MARCH (b 2 Apr (or 22 or 27) 1684), dau of CAPT. HUGH+MARCH, JR.and SARAH (MOODY) MARCH (Newbury VR, Vol. 1, p.307) and DANIEL CHASE died in Sutton (now Millbury) 28 Mar 1769, aged 84 years. They resided in West Newbury until 13 April 1726 when they sold the farm and removed to Littleton; here the youngest child was born; all the others had been born in West Newbury. Thereafter he removed to that part of Sutton which is now Millbury, where he erected a grist mill on the Blackstone River and became known as "MILLER" CHASE. DANIEL and his wife were admitted to the Second Church of Newbury in July 1715 and in 1726 they were "dismissed" to the church at Littleton.

DANIEL and SARAH CHASE had the following children:

(1) SAMUEL CHASE b 28 Sept 1707.

4. (2) DANIEL CHASE, JR. b 18 Sept 1709, m (1st) ca 1729 HANNAH TUTTLE of Littleton (d in Sutton 18 Feb 1781, aged ca 80) and he m (2nd) in Sutton 24 Jan 1782 MARTHA FLETCHER of Grafton, prob a widow. He d in Sutton 1788; 7 children.

(3) JOSHUA CHASE b 19 Nov 1711, d 4 Nov 1740 in Harvard, without issue.

(4) ANNA CHASE b 13 Nov 1713; resided Sutton; m (1st) 25 May 1736 DAVID LILLEY whose estate was administered 20 Aug 1740; she m (2nd) 25 June 1761 JONATHAN PUTNAM.

(5) SARAH CHASE b 22 Apr 1716, d unm, age 20.

(6) NEHEMIAH CHASE b 27 June 1718, d unm 1742.

(7) JUDITH CHASE b 7 Sept 1720, m 30 June 1737 Dea. THOMAS _____ of Sutton.

(8) CALEB CHASE b 29 Nov 1722.

(9) MOODY CHASE b 23 Sept 1723.

(10) MOSES CHASE b 3 Mar 1726/27, in Littleton.

DANIEL CHASE, JR.[4] was born in Newbury 18 Sept 1709, married (1st) ca 1729 HANNAH TUTTLE of Littleton (whose parentage has not yet been identified)born ca 1701 who appears to have been some eight years younger than her husband. They had seven children born in Sutton and

HANNAH (TUTTLE) CHASE died in Sutton 18 Feb 1781, aged about eighty years. A year later on 24 Jan 1782 DANIEL (aged 73 years) m (2nd) MARTHA FLETCHER of Grafton, prob a widow. DANIEL died in Sutton in 1788, aged 79 years. For some reason "the inventory of his estate was taken 30 May 1793" some five years after his death.

DANIEL and HANNAH (TUTTLE) CHASE (JR.) had seven children all born in Sutton:

(1) HANNAH CHASE b 15 Oct 1733, d 11 Dec 1733.
(2) PAUL CHASE b 13 Mar 1734/35.
5. (3) HANNAH CHASE b 11 Jan 1736/37, m 3 July 1759 ELIAKIM GARFIELD b 3 Oct 1732 of Leicester, Mass. (See GARFIELD.)
(4) LUCY CHASE b 30 Jan 1738/39, m 15 Nov 1764 BENJAMIN GARFIELD of Grafton.
(5) ANNA CHASE b 1 May 1741, twin, d 1 Nov 1745, age 4 yrs.
(6) JUDITH CHASE b 1 May 1741, twin, d 1 Nov 1745, age 4 yrs.
(7) EUNICE CHASE m NATHANIEL GARFIELD, b 1730, believed to be a brother of ELIAKIM GARFIELD (above); date of birth of EUNICE (CHASE) GARFIELD not known.

HANNAH CHASE[5] was b 11 Jan 1736/37 in Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts and married 3 July 1759 ELIAKIM GARFIELD (b 3 Oct 1730/32 in Leicester, Worcester Co.) the eighth child of SAMUEL+GARFIELD and his wife, MARY+BOWMAN (also BOURMAN). It is believed they had five children and that HANNAH died in 1767 or 1768. Her husband married (2nd) 6 Feb 1769 at Grafton, Mass. SARAH SHERMAN, dau of EPHRAIM and THANKFUL (TEMPLE) SHERMAN by whom he had six more children. ELIAKIM served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War (D.A.R. Patriots' Index, p. 260) as a Pvt. from Mass., wife's name SARAH; birthdate given as 1730; died Dec 1813 at Batchellerville, Saratoga Co., New York, where he and second wife, SARAH, are both buried in the Batchellerville Cemetery. The list of children of HANNAH (CHASE) GARFIELD and her husband will be found in the GARFIELD FAMILY chapter in this volume (Allied Families).

The second child of HANNAH and ELIAKIM GARFIELD was named ANNA, bapt 3 Jan 1762, married ca 1780 PHINEAS+LAMB, also a RW soldier. ANNA and PHINEAS LAMB had twelve children, including the oldest daughter, DOLLY born ca 1781/82 who married NATHAN PALMER, and their fifth child, NANCY born 1791 who married NATHAN's younger brother, JOHN C. PALMER, whose family was then living in Granville, Washington Co., New York.

In concluding this chapter on the CHASE family, an explanation is in order as to the absence of its history before emigrating to the New World. There is a discrepancy as to the particular families and as to the counties in England where they resided, in published records in this country. JOSEPH DOW's "History of Hampton, N. Y." (1893) Vol. 2, p. 634 has this:

> "Among the early inhabitants of Hampton were THOMAS and AQUILA CHASE, <u>from Cornwall, England</u> ... here as early as 1640. ... AQUILA, the younger brother, born ca 1618 married ANNE, dau of JOHN WHEELER and had eleven or more children.... THOMAS, the elder of the brothers married ELIZABETH, dau of THOMAS PHILBRICK and settled opposite the PHILBRICK homestead... and had five sons.

"It has been said: 'A large majority of all the CHASES in the United States are his (AQUILA's) descendants'."

The large genealogy compiled by Messrs.CHASE and CHAMBERLAIN (supra) entitled "SEVEN GENERATIONS of the DESCENDANTS of AQUILA CHASE" has many pages at the beginning devoted to the CHASE families of Chesham, Buckingham County, England, which is a very great distance removed from Cornwall; Chesham is in close proximity to London whereas Cornwall is the most southwesterly county of England. These two compilers refer to the "CHASE literature" printed 1869 by GEORGE BIGELOW CHASE of Boston wherein he assumes the American CHASE family descended from the Chesham family but which they explain "our investigations fail to confirm it." They explain "It was assumed or claimed that the brothers AQUILA and THOMAS CHASE were sons of the AQUILA CHASE who was baptized in Chesham 7 Aug 1580. The name and dates are entirely consistent with the supposition, but the facts studied at close range show that the assumption is not correct."

Messrs. CHASE and CHAMBERLAIN commence the earliest genealogy with one"THOMAS CHAASE, the patriarch ... b ca 1520" and it is noted that first name and also AQUILA appear frequently throughout many generations of the Chesham family; their genealogy ends with the baptism in 1619 which is about the same time the American AQUILA CHASE was also born (1618); yet those compilers conclude he was not a descendant of the Chesham CHASE family.

Sources:

1. "Seven Generations of the Descendants of AQUILA and THOMAS CHASE" (1928) compiled by JOHN CARROLL CHASE and GEORGE WALTER CHAMBERLAIN.
2. "Charles Gardner Chase, His Ancestry and His Descendants" by FREDERICK EARL CHASE, published 1973.
3. "History of Hampton, New York" by JOSEPH DOW (1893) Vol. 2, pp. 634-637.
4. NEHGR Vol. 1, pp. 68-71 (Jan. 1847)
5. "Chase-Seely Family" by MARY HENRIETTA CHASE (1963) re the Texas Chase Family.
6. TAG pub Albany 1869 by JOEL MUNSELL p. 256

Attention is called to the following conclusions which appear in the above listed sources:

No. 2 - page 5: "1967 - ARTHUR H. NOBLE in THE CHASE FAMILY published by 'HERALDRY TODAY' in London traces THOMAS and AQUILA to THOMAS OF HUNDRIDGE through RICHARD: 'The line from RICHARD is important because two of his grandsons emigrated to America in 1640 and founded families there from which many distinguished men came.' "

No. 5 - pp. 156-158 sets out the pedigree of THOMAS CHASE[1] of Hundrich, parish of Chesham, Bucks. Co. following down his son, RICHARD bapt 23 Aug 1542, bur there 1610/11 had son AQUILA bapt 7 Aug 1580 whose sixth child is listed as son AQUILA (JR.) bapt 9 Apr 1618, came to America in 1639,

"m ca 1644 ANNE WHEELER; had eleven children; d 1687 in Newbury, Massachusetts." The Authority for this "CHASE-SEELY FAMILY" by MARY H. CHASE is the CHASE-CHAMBERLAIN volume pub 1928 which distinctly repudiates the descent of AQUILA and THOMAS CHASE from the THOMAS of Chesham. No. 6 - p 256: This is a book review of "A GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR OF THE CHASE FAMILY OF CHESHAM, BUCKS IN ENGLAND AND OF HAMPTON AND NEWBURY IN NEW ENGLAND" by GEORGE B. CHASE. Reprinted from the 'Heraldic Journal,' Boston, 1869. This is the genealogy referred to by Messrs. CHASE and CHAMBERLAIN in which they explain their "investigation fails to confirm" the allegation made by GEORGE B. CHASE, to wit:

"The peculiar christian name of AQUILA CHASE, who with his brother THOMAS settled here in 1636, renders the labor of identification easy. In Chesham, co. Bucks, England, there is a record of AQUILA CHASE born in 1580, son of RICHARD and grandson of THOMAS CHASE of that parish. There can be no doubt that the emigrant belonged to this family, and but slight question that he was the son of this AQUILA. ...."
This is followed by a description of the CHASE family arms.

The foregoing is an excellent example of the numerous variations found from time to time in searching family histories and especially in tracing the emigrants back to their homeland and ancestral families. Errors made in research in the early years of this century or the latter part of the nineteenth century have been repeated over and over again.

The plaque shown at the commencement of this chapter on AQUILA CHASE is still in the possession of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. However, they are now located at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, and the plaque is no longer on display although at some future time it may possibly again be displayed.

HUGH CLARK OF WATERTOWN and ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

1. HUGH CLARK was born in England about 1613 according to his own testimony but the date of his arrival in America has not been noted nor on which ship he and his wife, ELIZABETH, journeyed to the New World. He is included in "Pioneers of Massachusetts" by CHARLES HENRY POPE (p.101) and by JAMES SAVAGE in "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England" (p.393). Very little information about him is revealed in either of these records. Perhaps the best information about this emigrant is from JOHN CLARK's 1866 publication "RECORDS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF HUGH CLARK OF WATERTOWN 1640-1866."

HUGH and his wife were in Watertown ca 1640 where their first child, JOHN, was born the following year. Here they lived for about twenty years. He is referred to in legal documents as a "husbandman," but there is no record that he ever held any elective offices. However, his admission as a freeman on 30 May 1660 and to the Artillery Company in 1666 evidenced his standing in the community as one who had held respectable positions. In 1666 he was appointed appraiser of the estate of one ROBERT HAWES of Roxbury to which community he and his family had moved in 1660. His wife died 11 Dec 1692 and he died the following year at Roxbury on 20 July 1693, aged about eighty years.

Although they may have had other children who did not survive there is a record of only three, all born at Watertown: (TR pp.9,11,13.)

(1) JOHN CLARK b 13 Oct 1641, m ABIGAIL _____ who died 2 Jan 1682; he m (2nd) 18 Dec 1684 ELIZABETH NORMAN of Boston who survived him when he died in Newton 1695, aged 54 years. He was not blessed with the longevity accorded his parents as his death was just two years after his father's. He received from his father in 1681 67 acres of land in Newton, then called New Cambridge, and moved there from Roxbury the same year.

(2) URIAH CLARK b 5 June 1644.

2. (3) ELIZABETH CLARK b 31 Jan 1648, m 1665 JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER of Roxbury, son of THOMAS and JOANNA BUCKMINSTER. They had two children:

i JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER b 31 July 1666.

ii ELIZABETH BUCKMINSTER bapt 10 Nov 1668.

ELIZABETH's husband, JOSEPH died in Roxbury the same year their dau was born, and it was in Roxbury she met and married her second husband, ABIEL LAMB, whose family had been members of First Church Roxbury since its founding in 1631; ABIEL's father, THOMAS LAMB, with his first wife and children born in England had been part of the Winthrop Fleet which reached America in 1630. However, ABIEL's mother was DOROTHY HARBITTLE, 2nd wife of THOMAS LAMB; they married 16 July 1640. THOMAS' first wife whom he married in England died in Roxbury and was buried there 28 Nov 1639 after having had six children. ABIEL LAMB and the widow ELIZABETH (CLARK) BUCKMINSTER were married in 1674. ELIZABETH became a member of First Church Roxbury by 1666, and the register for 1677 lists her older brother, URIAH CLARK as a member.

The membership register in 1684 for First Church Roxbury included: JOSEPH BUCKMASTER (BUCKMINSTER) probably the son of ELIZABETH and her first husband, JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, SR.; also ABIEL LAMB, her second husband.

"Town of Roxbury: Its Memorable Persons and Place," by FRANCIS S. DRAKE (1889) lists on page 17:

ABIEL LAMB as one of the company in the "famous Fort Fight" 19 Dec 1675 during King Philip's War.

ELIZABETH[2] (CLARK) BUCKMINSTER LAMB and ABIEL LAMB had the following children all born at Roxbury:

(1) DOROTHY (DOROTHEA) LAMB bapt 28 Feb 1675.
(2) HARBITTLE LAMB bapt Roxbury 26 Feb 1675.
(3) ABIEL LAMB, JR. b 23 Dec 1679 (VR of Roxbury pp.208/209)
3. (4) JONATHAN LAMB b 11 Nov 1682 (VR) m 9 July 1708 LYDIA+DEATH (D'AETH), dau of JOHN DEATH of Framingham, Mass. Their grandson, PHINEAS+LAMB b 6 May 1756, was a Revolutionary War soldier (D.A.R. Patriot Index p. 398) residing then at Rutland, Worcester Co., Mass. He was taken prisoner by the British under Burgoyne. PHINEAS married ANNA +GARFIELD and two of their daughters, DOLLY and NANCY, married the two+PALMER brothers of Granville, New York: NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER. ANNA+GARFIELD's ancestry descends from the same family as that of the late President JAMES GARFIELD.
(5) SAMUEL LAMB ba 12 Apr 1685, d 1728.

(SEE: In Allied Families: DEATH, GARFIELD and LAMB Families.)

Source:

"330 YEARS IN AMERICA 1635-1965" by Gertrude Genevieve Duel Icks, A.B. pp. 142-165 (1966).

WILLIAM CLARKE OF HARTFORD AND HADDAM, CONNECTICUT

Throughout numerous published records this surname even for the same individuals will be spelled variously CLARK and CLARKE. In this instance our subject's name will be spelled CLARKE although it has appeared both ways in various documents. The difficulties encountered in searching our particular CLARKE were due to the numerous individuals who took on this surname from the English word clerk or clerke; in addition there were numerous with the first name of WILLIAM. As an example, JAMES SAVAGE's "GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND" based on JOHN FARMER's earlier "REGISTER" has some fifteen pages devoted solely to early pioneers surnamed CLARK(E)! On page 404 SAVAGE devoted three lines to "WILLIAM, Hartford 1639, serv. of JOHN CROW, rem. to Haddam, d 1681, leav. WILLIAM, JOHN, JOSEPH, THOMAS, and sev. ds."

Two others surnamed CLARKE by SAVAGE were:

> "JOHN CLARKE, Saybrook 1640, may have bef. been at Wethersfield, and later at Milford, rep. for Saybrook 1651 to 1664, is named in the royal charter of 1662 and was some yrs. rep. for Milford; had s. JOHN; JOSEPH, who d. bef. his father and perhaps others beside sev. daus... and (page 391)

> "NICHOLAS CLARKE, Cambridge 1632, arr. at Boston 16 Sept. in the 'Lion', rem. to Hartford, where tradition says, he built 1635 the first frame house for capt. TALCOTT... He d 2 July 1680 leav. s. THOMAS and one or two daus." (page 399).

The latter two are being mentioned here inasmuch as some published references in this country have asserted, without proof, that the three were brothers, mainly because they were all at one time in Hartford. In 1985 for the year's celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Old Saybrook Colony in Connecticut, the sponsoring committee issued a book setting out the history of these founders which included JOHN CLARKE, SR., from Ipswich, Suffolk County, England who arrived here 1631 on the "Lyon" settling first at Cambridge; in 1636 he was at Hartford as an original settler; and by the mid-1640's was among first settlers at Saybrook; later he removed to Norwich and then to Milford where he died about 1673. There is no reference here to his being a brother to any of the others surnamed CLARKE who were early pioneers to New England. The youngest of his four children was SARAH who married in October 1653 SIMON HUNTINGTON, JR.[6] (b 1629 Norwich, England) another early founder of Saybrook. A descendant of that couple, ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON (b 1813 Albany, N.Y.) married 1834 HIRAM DeBAUN BUYS and that family is included in this volume as an allied family. (See THE BUYS FAMILY FROM HOLLAND.)

It is of interest to note that according to JULIUS GAY's "RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN CLARK OF FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT" (1882) he mentioned various early settlers named JOHN CLARK including the one at Saybrook and explains that the Saybrook "JOHN CLARK was a man of note in the Colony, a patentee named in the Charter of King Charles 11 in 1662."

Finally, we learn from "COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE U.S.A." by GEORGE N. MACKENZIE, LL.B., Vol. V1, page 157, that JOHN CLARK of Saybrook was "from the Parish of Great Munden, Hertfordshire, England;" and from "Connecticut Nutmegger" Vol. 2, No. 3 (1969), p. 200 he "removed to Saybrook prior to 1640;" and from NEHGR 128:23: he was "perhaps from Braintree,Essex.

In order to sort out the relationships of WILLIAM, NICHOLAS and JOHN CLARKE, the compiler enlisted the aid of her "SCHREEDER cousin" EARLE WOOD who resides in Newington, Connecticut. He has been doing research on his own family lines which includesthe SCHREEDER family, and in 1983-1984 undertook to search at Hartford and other communities in that state regarding the three CLARKE pioneers. In view of the numerous conflicting accounts regarding the three different JOHN CLARKEs residing at one time in what is now the Greater-Hartford area and the statements that WILLIAM, NICHOLAS and JOHN of Saybrook were brothers, the results of this researchers' findings are worthy of being recorded here:

> "JOHN CLARKE ("of Saybrook") is the one so named who is recognized as one of the Founders of Hartford and his name is carved on the Founder's Monument in the ancient cemetery of the town of Hartford. Some writers claim he was a Puritan who emigrated from Great Munden near Ware in Hertfordshire, England. .... he fought the Indians in the Pequot War of 1637. In 1662 he was one of nineteen settlers who jointly petitioned Charles 11 for a Royal Charter formally establishing a Connecticut Colony. Eventually the Charter was issued mentioning him by name. ... This original Charter is held in the Memorial Hall at the Connecticut State Library; in it he is referred to as JOHN CLERKE. ...
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> "I have gone through all of the land records, surveys, deeds, sales, etc. and while JOHN CLARKE owned many parcels -- and sold many -- I never found one described as his home-lot. ... I then wondered if JOHN might have had dealings in Wethersfield,settled in 1634, claiming to the disputed distinction of being the 'oldest town' in Connecticut. Wethersfield abuts the Hartford southerly boundary.
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> "... a map of Wethersfield showing settlers' homesteads between 1634-1644 shows JOHN CLARKE's dwelling house. I drove over there; it is without doubt one of the most select sites in town; then I read HENRY STILES' 'HISTORY OF WETHERSFIELD,' the highly regarded definitive record in which he indicates that JOHN CLARKE arrived with the 'First Twelve Adventurers' (and) helped settle the community and then a few years later relocated to Saybrook."

The foregoing is in accordance with the above mentioned Conn. Nutmegger reference to JOHN CLARKE "removing to Saybrook prior to 1640," from Wethersfield. This is found in a talk given by JOHN C. WILLARD before the Society on 18 Oct 1969 in Wethersfield.

EARLE WOOD's report of his research contains the following about the alleged relationship of JOHN (of Saybrook) and NICHOLAS CLARKE:

> "I am aware of the written statements that JOHN and NICHOLAS CLARKE 'probably were' or 'could have been' brothers but I have not seen a single shred of evidence to support this."

EARLE WOOD, however, raises the query: "Was the JOHN CLARKE of Hartford-Saybrook identical to the JOHN CLARKE of Wethersfield?" He indicates that perhaps further research should be carried on to definitely establish this, explaining his uncertainty in this way:

> "On 5 Dec 1636 JOHN CLARKE (of Saybrook) was made 'hog reeve' (enforcer of the swine laws) in Newtowne, Mass., but in 1637 he was one of the Hartford volunteers assigned to put a stop to the Pequot Indian raids.
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> "Now in 1635/36 a JOHN CLARKE was in the first small company of ten adventurers who settled Wethersfield--the oldest town in Connecticut. In 1638, this JOHN CLARKE moved to the Quinnipiac suburbs of New Haven Colony and, according to STILES' 'History of Ancient Wethersfield,' this JOHN remained there ten years prior to relocating to Saybrook in 1649. JOHN CLARKE 'of Saybrook' was fortifying the Connecticut River inlet and training militia at Saybrook seven years prior to 1649. ... When JOHN 'of Hartford/Saybrook' retired he eventually removed from Saybrook to Milford, West of New Haven and died in Milford."

EARLE WOOD also feels more research is needed for proof that the JOHN CLARKE of Saybrook had a brother, GEORGE (who had settled at Milford) which has been alleged. He explains:

> "In Milford there lived two GEORGE CLARKES (simultaneously), both had spouses with same first name; both men died the same year. One of these GEORGE CLARKES did name a son, JOHN, whereas there is no evidence that JOHN CLARKE 'of Saybrook' reciprocated in honoring his alleged Milford 'brother' by naming a son GEORGE."

The Palmer descendants are indeed indebted to EARLE WOOD for his many hours volunteered to search the CLARKE families. His residence in Newington near Wethersfield and not too distant from Hartford enabled him to undertake this task; his background of employment in the State Highway Department and being a student of history and government and an excellent genealogist all combined to benefit us in our search for WILLIAM CLARKE and THOMAS BUNCE of Hartford.

The "DAWES-GATES ANCESTRAL LINES" in Volume 2, pp. 207-209 by MARY WALTON FERRIS include the following about WILLIAM CLARKE of Hartford:

> "WILLIAM CLARKE is first inauspiciously recorded in Hartford on 2 Jan 1639, while he was in the relation of servant to JOHN CROW of that place 'was fined 40s. for misdemeanor ... was remitted vppon his prmise of his care for future to avoyd such occations.' ... his career, as will be seen, ended with no small honor and success. His term of service to JOHN CROW was evidently completed by 1642, for in December of that year Hartford granted him ... one half of a tract earlier allotted to JOHN PEARCE on the east side of the road to the cow pasture and adjacent to the home of THOMAS HUNGERFORD. ... In 1643 MATTHEW ALLEN brought suit against NICHOLAS CLARKE and WILLIAM CLARKE, and the jury found for the plaintiff a verdict of damages in the sum of £3-3-4 and costs."

WILLIAM CLARKE's sojourn in Hartford appears to have been filled with problems, fines imposed on him as well as mill rates which he was unable to pay. By 14 Mar 1660 one ROBERT REEVES sued him in court but the decision went in favor of WILLIAM. All of this may have influenced him to remove to Haddam in 1662, a considerable distance south of Hartford, nearer the coast. His home there lay next north of that of GEORGE GATES and here WILLIAM became a helpful and respected member of the community. In 1669 he was appointed special commissioner from Haddam to the General Court with power to employ counsel if necessary regarding the boundary dispute with Saybrook. The FERRIS account continues:

"WILLIAM was also one of the building committee for the first meeting-house at Haddam and in Nov 1674 he assisted in taking an inventory of the estate of THOMAS SMITH.

"WILLIAM married probably by 1645 but the name of his wife, who survived him, has not been learned. His Will was dated 30 June 1681 and witnessed by GEORGE GATES and the Reverend NICHOLAS NOYES and gave to his 'wife 4 a year during her natural life ... the use of my Dwelling house & the little Orchard, half the Garden so long as she live a Widow. Moreover I give unto my wife a Cow, which my son THOMAS shall winter for her during his Mother's life. Also I give unto her half my Household Stuff, & that in her half she be suited with a Bed & Bedding & such things as are most suitable for her, which she shall dispose of at her death to which she please of her Children.' That document named each of his children except MARY who had died leaving a son, DANIEL HUBBARD, JR., eight days old. The testator gave this grandson a goodly portion of land, directed that he be 'learned to read & to write,' and added, 'I declare him to the dispose of my wife so long as she liveth'.."

WILLIAM CLARKE died 22 July 1681; inventory of his estate was taken 19 Aug that year by GEORGE GATES, WILLIAM VENTRES, SIMON SMITH and JOHN SPENCER, Selectmen, and showed a valuation of £412-18-00 which was considerable for that period.

Another account of this WILLIAM CLARKE is found in "Americana" Vol. 36, pp. 478-479 taken from the "WINDECKER-GROSS AND ALLIED FAMILIES" and includes the following:

"In 1662 he with twenty-seven others bought land at'Thirty Mile Island' (now Haddam) from the Indians, who received in payment thirty coats. WILLIAM CLARK's share was in back of the town meadows on Walkley Hill. He saw service in the war with King Philip. His Will showed that he was a man of wealth, leaving an estate appraised at £418 18s. More than half of this was made up of land around Haddam. He married, but there is no record of the name of his wife as yet discovered.

WILLIAM R. CUTTER's "GENEALOGICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT" Vol. 3, pp. 1297-1299 likewise asserts, "The name of the wife of WILLIAM CLARK is unknown."

Inasmuch as it appears the subject WILLIAM CLARKE arrived in this country as a servant of JOHN CROW, he doubtless was unmarried.

Finally in 1974 an article in NEHGR of Jan, Vol. 128, No. 1 by PRENTISS GLAZIER (pp. 22-25)we find identification of the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE. (This article has a brief paragraph about 25 different CLARKS.)

1. "WILLIAM (b ca 1610-1681) of Hartford and Haddam, was probably a brother of JOHN (of Saybrook) and NICHOLAS (of Hartford). His wife, KATHERINE BUNCE, bore at least eight children, order assumed:

(1) WILLIAM CLARKE, JR. (of Wethersfield).
(2) JOHN CLARKE (of Middletown).
(3) ELIZABETH CLARKE (married probably JAMES WELLS or WHEELER).
(4) JOSEPH CLARKE.
2. (5) SARAH CLARKE (married JOHN FENNER or TIMOTHY SPENCER?).
(6) MARY CLARKE (married DANIEL HUBBARD).
(7) THOMAS CLARKE (married ELIZABETH BAILEY).
(8) HANNAH CLARKE."

(References cited: TAG Vol.27:165,170 and "Americana" Vol.36:478 but neither of these refer to WILLIAM's wife, KATHERINE BUNCE!)

The compiler has a photocopy of the handwritten Will of WILLIAM CLARKE; it is difficult to decipher in some instances due to the very fine handwriting and the use of "early American" spelling, i.e. using the "f" for the "s" etc. However, it is clear the Will makes bequests to his wife (who is always referred to as such and her name is never given) and to the following children, including four daughters:

(1) fonne WILLIAM
(2) fon JOHN
(3) daughter WELLES (ELIZABETH)
(4) fon JOFEPH
(5) daughter FFENNER (SARAH)
(6) daughter SPENCER
(7) fon THOMAS who is also named executor
(8) daughter HANNAH (still unmarried)
(9) son HUBBARD (who is actually his son-in-law, who had married dau MARY who predeceased her father.)
(10) grandchild, DANIEL HUBBARD.

From the foregoing it seems probable WILLIAM and KATHERINE had a total of nine children, five daughters and four sons and that one daughter, MARY HUBBARD predeceased her father. Next we have the conflict presented in TAG 27:170 (above mentioned) (pub ca 1950) in an article entitled "THE FOUR SPENCER BROTHERS" compiled by the Editor-in-Chief, DONALD LINES JACOBUS where on page 170 he lists the following descendant of the emigrant, GERARD SPENCER:

"TIMOTHY SPENCER^{2} (GERARD^{1}) born ca 1652, died at Haddam, Conn., in 1704; inventory, 6 May 1704; married by 1675 SARAH CLARK, who died before him or about the same time, daughter of WILLIAM OF HADDAM. Children were named: TIMOTHY, SARAH, HANNAH, DEBORAH, RUTH and JONATHAN."

It is difficult to understand how these two discrepancies came about, i.e. (1) above the author GLAZIER listing either of two husbands for the dau SARAH - JOHN FENNER or TIMOTHY SPENCER? and (2) JACOBUS' listing TIMOTHY SPENCER's wife, dau of WILLIAM CLARK OF HADDAM, as SARAH when the father's Will clearly lists his two daughters married

to the two surnamed FENNER and SPENCER; the Will is dated in 1681; the JACOBUS article appeared about 1950; and the PRENTISS GLAZIER article on the numerous CLARKEs appeared in 1974. Thus far the compiler has not found the first name of this fifth dau of WILLIAM and KATHERINE (BUNCE) CLARKE who did marry TIMOTHY SPENCER and it is unlikely that family had given the first name of SARAH to both daughters. The Will of the father clearly spells out the married surnames of three of his daughters: WELLES, FFENNER and SPENCER; the youngest dau, HANNAH was unmarried when her father made his Will and the dau, MARY who married DANIEL HUBBARD, SR., predeceased her father.

Returning to the"GATES and ALLIED FAMILIES" (p. 208) the author, FERRIS sets out her research about the Will of WILLIAM CLARKE as follows:

(1) WILLIAM (of Wethersfield)
(2) JOHN m. ELIZABETH WHITE
(3) JOSEPH m. RUTH SPENCER[2] (GERRARD[1]) (therefore, a sister of the TIMOTHY SPENCER who married one of the CLARKE daus) RUTH was b ca 1654; her bro TIMOTHY was b ca 1652.
(4) THOMAS. executor of his father's Will.
(5) MARY b ca 1650, d 1673; m. 1670 DANIEL HUBBARD.
(6) ELIZABETH m ca 1667 JAMES WELLS, SR.of Haddam.
(7) _____ dau named in father's Will m._____ FENNOE
(8) _____ dau m _____ SPENCER, undoubtedly TIMOTHY SPENCER.
(9) HANNAH CLARKE, prob unm at time of father's death.

The references listed by FERRIS are numerous but apparently none of them clarified this problem of which dau married TIMOTHY SPENCER and which married JOHN FENNER. The daus of TIMOTHY SPENCER and his wife were named SARAH, HANNAH, DEBORAH and RUTH; perhaps the unidentified dau bore the name DEBORAH or RUTH CLARKE?

It is surprising now to note a page (19) in TAG Vol. 17 by CLARENCE A. TORREY, Ph.B., of Dorchester, Mass. (quite some time prior to their Vol. 27 with which we have been dealing) which specifically spelled out that SARAH, wife of Capt. JOHN FENNER, of Saybrook was the dau of WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam; the article entitled "JOHN FENNER's WIFE" contains the following:

> "WILLIAM CLARKE, senior, of Haddam, died July 11 1681 leaving a Will dated June 30, 1681 in which, according to MANWARING's Digest of early Hartford probate records, vol. 1, page 290, he mentioned his 'daughter FENNOE.'
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> "A re-examination of the original will by MR. JACOBUS revealed the fact that the name of this daughter was misread by MANWARING, the correct reading being 'daughter ffenner.'
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> "... WILLIAM CLARKE died at Haddam. The records of the adjoining town of Saybrook mention CAPT. JOHN FENNER... (NEHGR vol. 4, p. 137). In his Will dated 22 Oct 1709 JOHN FENNER mentions wife SARAH, son JOHN, daus SARAH, PHEBE and HANNAH (TAG Vol. 11, p. 104). The writer has a record of the marriages of male FENNERS before 1701. The maiden name of JOHN FENNER's wife SARAH has not previously appeared in genealogical publica-

tions. The family names of the wives of the other FENNERS who married between 1660 and 1682 are known. Evidently, the 'daughter FFENNER' mentioned by WILLIAM CLARKE in his Will of June 10, 1681 was SARAH, wife OF CAPT. JOHN FENNER. (See TAG vol. 15, pp.83-4)."

The last reference in TAG Vol. 15 contains an article by MARY LOVERING HOLMAN of Watertown, Mass. entitled THE FENNER, BROWNE AND TULLY ANCESTRY but a lengthy, detailed write-up about Captain JOHN FENNER fails to even list his wife although his children are named!

It is not surprising that so many present-day genealogists have such difficulty identifying the wives and mothers of our early families; it is sad today to realize that so many of these women were either ignored or merely their first name recorded with no clue as to their own family background. As we are seeing with this article the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE was unknown for a long period of time and the same was true of the wife of Captain JOHN FENNER,now identified as one of the daus of WILLIAM CLARKE. This situation continued in this family through subsequent generations. The reader will find in the chapter on Captain FENNER PALMER (grandson of CAPTAIN JOHN and SARAH FENNER) that proof of the identity of his wife, LYDIA, still has not been found although efforts toward that end have been going on for seventy-five years. Then one of their sons, NATHANIEL, married in or near Granville, Washington County, New York, during the Revolutionary War one SARAH whose identity is still not known although the compiler has been searching for fifteen years.

The reference in "Americana" Vol. 36, p. 478 (supra) lists the children of WILLIAM CLARKE which seems to disagree with those listed on the preceding page in that the dau HANNAH CLARKE is alleged to have "married MR. SPENCER." If so, why did her father's Will refer in one place to "daughter SPENCER" and in another place to "daughter HANNAH"? This is part of the WINDECKER-GROSS AND ALLIED FAMILIES write-up but does not coincide with the father's Will.

Having learned that KATHERINE BUNCE was the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam, several years have been devoted to ascertaining her family background, her arrival in this country, and her parents. She has not been found on any passenger list. Finally in 1980 one of the few references to an early settler named BUNCE was found in CUTTER's Connecticut histories, Vol. 1 (supra), p. 535. The subject of that history was THOMAS BUNCE, emigrant, born 1612 England, and was of "English or Scotch ancestry" died before Aug 1682; he had been a "proprietor of the town of Hartford by courtesie of the town." His Will mentions "his wife, SARAH; cousin, ELIZABETH WHITE; and <u>sister KATHARINE CLARK</u>." The results of extensive research done the past five years on the BUNCE family will be found in that section of this volume under THOMAS BUNCE. It appears to the compiler that the brother and sister, THOMAS and KATHERINE BUNCE, emigrated to this country alone without any other members of their family.

Finally, in an effort to prove or disprove that the three Hartford pioneers, JOHN, NICHOLAS and WILLIAM CLARKE, may have been brothers, a researcher in England was employed to check parish records.

Although the status of WILLIAM CLARKE who came to America as a servant is obviously quite different from that of the JOHN CLARKE of Saybrook, and the only clue at hand in the early search for their relationship was that the latter had been born at Chelmsford, England (Col. FAMILIES OF THE USA,supra), the compiler employed researcher JACK H. BAXTER to undertake a search for a CLARKE family who may have had three sons with the names JOHN, NICHOLAS and WILLIAM, the latter one born ca 1610. (The compiler is a descendant of this WILLIAM CLARKE and her husband is a direct proven descendant of the JOHN CLARKE of Saybrook which provided the incentive for this search.) It was realized at the start that success was unlikely with such a common surname as CLARKE and the two sons likewise bearing such common first names as JOHN and WILLIAM. However, the report of the researcher, though unsuccessful, was interesting:

> "The Registers for the parish of Braintree prior to 1660 are lost.... No Bishops' Transcripts survive, either. The possibility of Chelmsford was pursued. A search was made of a transcript of Chelmsford Registers by R. H. BROWNE (Essex Record Office Reference T/R 5/1/1-2). The actual Registers are not yet accessible to searchers and no micro-film of them is available; no Bishops' Transcripts survive. Although the names JOHN, NICHOLAS and WILLIAM all occur in this parish in the period searched, the only NICHOLAS CLARKE reference is that of a father; none of a son.... (the following with these names were noted):
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> 1603 Jul 18 JOHN, son of BARTHOLOMEW CLARKE
> 1606 Oct 18 NICHOLAS (crossed through and overwritten with RICHARD) son of NICHOLAS CLARKE
> 1608 Oct 18 ELIZABETH, dau of WILLIAM CLARKE
> 1610 Nov 20 JOHN, son of WILLIAM CLARKE, taylor
> 1612 Apr 5 JOHN, son of JOHN CLARKE
> 1612 May 10 ELIZABETH, dau of WILLIAM CLARKE, taylor
> 1613 Jan 3 WILLIAM, son of WILLIAM CLARKE
> 1614 Feb 21 JOHN, son of WILLIAM CLARKE, glasier

It appears NICHOLAS CLARKE may have reached New England first of the three CLARKEs and confirmation of this (see Savage's record, page one) is also found in NEHGR Vol. 14 p. 301 (1860): "NIC CLARK June 1632, transported to New England to the Plantacon there p'r Certf. from Capten MASON have taken the oath of allegeance according to the Statute; (copied from Rolls Office, Chancery Lane, London, Aprill, 1634 list of passengers departing from Ipswich)."

It is also significant that the Will of JOHN CLARKE of Saybrook mentioned only his son, JOHN (JR.), dau ELIZABETH PRATT (who had married WILLIAM PRATT), grandchild SARAH HUNTINGTON, dau SARAH HUNTINGTON (who had married SIMON HUNTINGTON) and his wife (without using her name) and "son WILL: PRATTS" and also "my cousin WILLIAM PRATT" referring to his son-in-law; and "Rev. Mr. ROGER NEWTON", "Bro: SAM: COLEY" and BRO: SAM Eells". The Will is dated 1672 in Milford; he died 1673/74 and no mention in it of a brother NICHOLAS or WILLIAM; the latter did not die until 1681. From the probate papers the name of the widow is revealed to be MARY CLARKE.

In conclusion it now appears obvious that WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam and Hartford was not a brother of JOHN CLARKE, SR. of Hartford, Saybrook and Milford; however, as to whether or not WILLIAM and NICHOLAS both of Hartford at one time were brothers is still not proven or disproven. What little additional information found about NICHOLAS CLARKE is set out below:

"By an unknown wife, NICHOLAS CLARKE, sired son, THOMAS, and two daughters. He apparently had New London connections. The unpublished 'Early Families of Hartford' in the Connecticut State Library trace some descendants but contain errors. This family included large landholders in East Hartford-Bolton area. Intensive research is needed here." (NEHGR Vol. 128, No. 1, p. 24 Jan 1974).

"NICHOLAS CLARKE died 2 July 1680. Early member of First Church, Hartford; name on Founders Monument. He arrived at Boston in the 'Lion' 16 Sept 1632; was one of the earliest settlers of Hartford. Lt. Col. JOHN TALCOTT states in his memorandum book that his father's home was the first built in Hartford and was done by NICHOLAS CLARK the first winter any Englishman rought or built in Hartford which was the year 1635. An original proprietor; his home lot was in 1639 bounded on the N.E. by the road to the Soldier's Field and on the S.W. by the road to the Neck. He served in the Pequot War. His children:

(1) THOMAS CLARKE, Hfd: freeman 1658; d 1695 Inv 456-15-9.
(2) _____ CLARKE, dau married ALEXANDER DOUGLASS.
(3) _____ CLARKE, dau married _____ LEISTER of New London."

("FAMILIES OF EARLY HARTFORD, CONN." by LUCIUS BARNES BARBOUR,p.179.)

BANKS' "TYPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF 2885 ENGLISH EMIGRANTS" lists the following and p. 95 of his "Planters" has the same listing:

"NICHOLAS CLARK from parish of Nazing aboard 'Lyon' bound for Cambridge" and this ship left London ca Aug 23 1631, arrived Nantasket 2 Nov 1631. Other passengers included Rev. JOHN ELIOT also from Nazing bound for Roxbury and several families all from county of Essex, except the WINTHROP family from Groton, Suffolk County, bound for Boston.

The lives of WILLIAM and NICHOLAS CLARKE were similar in many respects; both may have come from the county of Essex; both were in Hartford at the same time; both fought in the Indian Wars; both were named defendants in a suit brought in 1643 by one MATTHEW ALLEN; both lived in close proximity to each other in Hartford, and maybe on the same street; and they died a year apart: NICHOLAS in 1680 and WILLIAM in 1681.

(See: Allied Families: CAPTAIN JOHN FENNER OF SAYBROOK, CONN.)

NICHOLAS DANFORTH FAMILY

NICHOLAS DANFORTH was baptized in Framlingham, Suffolk County, England 1 Mar 1589 and married ELIZABETH _____ ca 1618 as their first child was baptized in August 1619 in Framlingham. They had seven children the last one being baptized in Mar 1627/28 at Framlingham. One dau, MARY, the second oldest child died young. Following the birth of the seventh child ELIZABETH DANFORTH died and was buried 22 Feb 1628, at Framlingham. In these parish records this family's surname is spelled variously as DANFORTH,DANFORTHE, DANFORD, DANFORDE, DANEFORD, DARNFORD, DARNEFORDE, DAMPFORD, DAMPFORDE, DERNFORD and DERNEFORTH. In this country the emigrant appears to have maintained the spelling of DANFORTH.

The thread of persecutions woven throughout the lives of most of our English ancestors during this period are graphically recalled in each individual genealogy and even three hundred and fifty years later make interesting reading although almost unbelievable to realize our ancestors endured then what so many around the world are enduring today--in the name of religion. This tragic lengthy struggle of those opposing the "new" English Church is spelled out in so many of these family genealogies the compiler has studied the past ten years in preparation of this volume but none more succinctly than in the story of this family in the Introduction to the DANFORTH GENEALOGY compiled by JOHN JOSEPH MAY (1902) and published at Boston by Charles H. Pope.

This genealogy explains the arrival in this country in 1634 in the ship "Griffin" of a company of emigrants "who had left their homes in England to seek new homes in a foreign land--a land strange and wild, inhabited by fierce and formidable animals and by men even fiercer and more formidable." NICHOLAS DANFORTH, then aged 45 years, and his six motherless children were part of that group. (CHARLES BANKS "Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650" lists (page 153) the two DANFORTHS, NICHOLAS and THOMAS, from Framlingham bound for Cambridge, Massachusetts citing as a source NEHGR Vol. 57, p. 193.) Many of these emigrants during the period 1630-1640 especially had left behind them comfortable homes, family members, personal possessions of value and many their profession or trade, such as teachers, ministers, merchants. This great body of non-conformists throughout England struggled year after year during several reigns but the greatest exodus between 1620-1640 was attributed to this lack of freedom in religion; an Act was passed imposing a heavy fine on all who failed to attend the services of the established church on Sundays and holidays. The non-conformists were demanding that the church be purified from all forms and doctrines left behind by the Roman church. However, the principle that "church and state were inseparable" resulted in those refusing to uphold the church being persecuted as rebelling against the government. Compiler JOHN MAY explains (page ix):

> "A special court was established to try such rebels. Both Roman Catholics and Puritans were imprisoned and some put to death. ... King James (who followed Queen ELIZABETH) hated the Puritans. When a deputation of ten of them waited upon him with a petition for some measures of reform, he put them in prison. ... His arrogance and extortion seemed limitless

and when Archbishop ABBOTT showed disapproval of his tyranny, he was suspended from his office, and Bishop LAUD (from Bath and Wells) who had been a member of the Court of High Commission for trial of heretics or rebels, became prominent in administration. Following JAMES, his son CHARLES the first promoted LAUD to be Archbishop of Canterbury and he used his almost unlimited power to compel the Puritans and other dissenters to conformity with the church. ... Macaulay says that under his direction every corner of the realm was subject to constant inspection. Every little congregation of Separatists was tracked out and broken up ... The Convocation compiled a book of canon law, church law, whereby all who refused to conform were excommunicated and cast out as heathen; they were made incapable of bringing an action at law for recovery of legal debts, and were liable, by action of court, to be imprisoned for life or until they gave satisfaction to the church. They were exposed to indignities of every sort during life and denied Christian burial after death."

Thus the answer to the question of why the Pilgrims, Puritans, Separatists, non-conformists of every name, fled England for the New World! NICHOLAS DANFORTH's son, SAMUEL, became "one of the celebrated ministers of early Massachusetts" and both are mentioned in an account by the Rev. COTTON MATHER (Magnalia, 11, 59): (p.23 DANFORTH GENEALOGY.)

"MR. N. DANFORTH, a gentleman of such estate and repute in the world that it cost him a considerable sum to escape the knighthood which King Charles the first imposed on all of so much per annum; and of such figure and esteem in the church that he procured that famous lecture at Framlingham in Suffolk, where he had a fine mannour (manor); which lecture was kept by MR. BURROUGHS and many other noted ministers in their turn; to whom especially to MR. SHEPARD, he prov'd a Gaius, and especially when the LAUDIAN (Archbishop LAUD) fury scorched them. This person (NICHOLAS DANFORTH) had three sons, whereof the second was our SAMUEL, born in September in the year 1626, and by the desire of his mother, who died three years after his birth, earnestly dedicated unto the 'schools of the prophets.' His father brought him to New England in the year 1634, and at his death, about four years after his arrival here, he committed this hopeful son of many prayers unto the paternal oversight of REV. THOMAS SHEPARD who proved a kind patron unto him."

At one time NICHOLAS DANFORTH was a "church warden" in 1622 and "a member of the 'Court Baron' or 'Borough Leet Jury' in 1629". The marriage registers are missing for the period 1615 to 1620 which period would include his wedding; thus the baptismal registers merely give the Christian name of his wife as ELIZABETH and "no other documents yet discovered show her family name (1902)."

The DANFORTH GENEALOGY (page 3) has set out the DANFORTH family pedigree dating back four generations before our subject and then includes his seven children. This appears on the following page.

PEDIGREE OF NICHOLAS DANFORTH of Framlingham, Suffolk County, England

1. WILLIAM DANFORTH m. ISABELL
d. 1512

(Their children:)

2. PAUL m. Katheryne (8 Children) d. 1538 | JAMES | REYNOLD bur 1572 | ISABELL | ELIZABETH

(Eight Children of PAUL & KATHERYNE DERNEFORD)

3. i. NICHOLAS m. Alice (6 children) | ii. THOMAS | iii. ROBERT | iv. RICHARD | v. ISABELL DERNEFORD (or DANFORTH) | vi. MARGARET | vii. AGNES | viii. OLIVE

(Six Children of NICHOLAS & ALICE DERNEFORD)

4. i. THOMAS m. Jane Sudbury dau of Thomas Sudbury, on 24 Jan 1585; she was bur. 21 Mar 1601 (6 children) | ii. ANNE ba 19 Mar 1563 bur 2 Jan 1578 | iii. JOHANE | iv. MARGARET | v. ELIZABETH ba 29 Jan 1569 | vi. OLIVE m. 6 Feb 1581 Wm. Smallage

(Six Children of THOMAS & JANE DERNEFORD)

5. i. NICHOLAS ba 6 Nov 1586 bur 6 Feb 1588 | ii. NICHOLAS ba 1 Mar 1589 m. Elizabeth _____ she was buried Framlingham, Eng. 22 Feb 1628 - 7 children - one dau died in England. He came to Cambridge, New England with children in 1634. | iii. ROBERT bur. 3 Jan 1592 | iv. ROBERT ba 11 Nov 1592 | v. MARY | vi. JANE

(Children of NICHOLAS and ELIZABETH DANFORTH)

i ELIZABETH DANFORTH bapt Framlingham, Eng. 3 Aug 1619 m. Cambridge, Mass. 1 Oct 1639 ANDREW BELCHER (a mariner, trader, vintner, painter who was at that time a proprietor at Sudbury.

ii MARY (MARIE) DANFORTH bapt Framlingham 3 May 1621. d.y.

6. iii ANNA DANFORTH bapt. Framlingham 3 Sept 1622, m. MATTHEW BRIDGE ca 1644 (of Cambridge) b. Eng. 1615, d. 28 Dec 1700. Son of Dea. JOHN BRIDGE, one of the founders of Cambridge; was a resident of Cambridge until about 1668 when he removed to what is now Lexington, Mass. where he became a leading citizen. Member Artillery Company 1643; his wife survived him and died 2 Dec 1704.

iv THOMAS DANFORTH bapt. at Framlingham, Eng., 20 Nov 1623.

v LYDIA DANFORTH bapt. at Framlingham, Eng., 24 May 1625.

vi SAMUEL DANFORTH bapt. at Framlingham, Eng., 17 Oct 1626.

vii JONATHAN DANFORTH ba. at Framlingham, Eng., 2 Mar 1628.

(SEE: BRIDGE FAMILY herein for children of ANNA DANFORTH BRIDGE and MATTHEW BRIDGE.)

"MR. NICHOLAS DANFORTH is mentioned in the town records of Cambridge, Mass. as a proprietor in 1635. He bought lands from JOHN WHITE, JOHN TALCOTT, WILLIAM SPENCER, EDWARD STEBBINGE and REV. THOMAS HOOKER in Oct. 1635 and in May 1636, these gentlemen all having removed to Connecticut." Further about NICHOLAS DANFORTH:

1635 (Page 4)

"He was chosen a deputy or representative to the General Court.

1636

"He was, with others 'deputed to sett out the bounds of the newe plantacon above Charles River' (Concord).

"In Sept. following he was appointed 'to measure and sett the bounds of Roxbery' and to sett those between Dedham and Dorchester

"When the committee to 'take order for a colledge at Newetowne' was selected 20 Nov 1637 MR. DANFORTH was one of those selected."

"Another land boundary was submitted to him with associates. (1638)

12 Mar 1637

"He was also one of the eleven men (one in a town) whom the court by its vote allowed 'to sell wine and strong water--no man else to sell by retaile without license from the counsell.' So great was the pressure upon the government to provide places where these articles could be bought and so many the abuses of the retail traffic, that they sought to place the traffic in the hands of their first citizens. (page 5)

2 May 1638

The records of the court show that another man was appointed to attend to the Dedham and Dorchester business 'INSTEED OF MR. DAMFORD WHO IS DEAD'; a subsequent reference to the matter gave his name in a better spelling--MR. DANFORTH." April 1638

"NICHOLAS DANFORTH died. No record of distribution of his estate remains, except the statement in the Proprietors' Records that one piece of land purchased by NATHANIEL SPARROWHAUKE was "bought of the ffeoffees of NICHOLAS DANFORTH deceased." It is undated. Cambridge documents do not give a list of his children. THOMAS DANFORTH sold land in 1654 which he stated he "had inherited from his father, NICHOLAS DANFORTH." The Wills of sons THOMAS and SAMUEL connect the children; SAMUEL mentions brothers THOMAS AND JONATHAN.

1 Oct 1639

"In his church record the Rev. Jonathan Mitchell (reveals) that ANDREW BELCHER and ELIZABETH, "daughter of the Late NICHOLAS DANFORTH, were married 1 October 1639; and further that ANNA, wife of MATHEW BRIDGE was also a daughter (of NICHOLAS DANFORTH).

"LYDIA DAMFORTH is asserted by Hinman in his work on the Founders of Connecticut, to have been the wife of WILLIAM BEAMAN or BEAMONT of Saybrook, Conn., but he gives no note of her family. DR. SAVAGE states squarely that she was a daughter of NICHOLAS (DANFORTH) of Cambridge but gives no authority for this statement.

(See also: "A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England" by JOHN FARMER, pp. 77-78.)

NICHOLAS DANFORTH's second son, Rev. SAMUEL, was in the second graduating class from Harvard College in 1643. He was ordained assistant to the noble "Apostle to the Indians," -- Rev. JOHN ELIOT of Roxbury, on 24 Sept 1650, and continued in that office until his death 19 Nov 1674. His father did not live long enough to know all this as he died in April 1638. SAMUEL and THOMAS both left Wills although the youngest brother, JONATHAN left no Will. The father was aged forty-nine years when he died and apparently never remarried in this country. Having reached America in 1634 he had but a few years remaining to him over here.

The compiler of the DANFORTH GENEALOGY feels the naming of NICHOLAS DANFORTH's wife, ELIZABETH, as the daughter of the REV. WILLIAM SYMMES of Canterbury, England is without foundation. Some writers have alleged this without giving authority and have asserted that ELIZABETH's brother was the REV. ZACHARIAH SYMMES who emigrated to America and was the second minister of the First Church at Charlestown, Massachusetts. JOHN MAY concludes: "Future explorations of Wills and parish registers in old England may reveal, however, what we so much desire to know--her (ELIZABETH DANFORTH's) family history."

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This compiler has encountered this identical problem in so many instances in research of her own PALMER FAMILY -- the maiden names of so many of the wives; and even if this is known, what about her own family's history and ancestry? This lack of information about the wives is the subject of an article in the ADDENDUM by the compiler with particular reference to the wives of WALTER PALMER, Captain FENNER PALMER and the latter's son, NATHANIEL PALMER.

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(See: BRIDGE FAMILY in Allied Families.)

THE D'AETH (DEATH) FAMILY

This is perhaps the most "unusual" of all surnames of our allied families but the history of the families and explanation of the name need to be recognized. In 1897 an "Investigation of the Case of THOMAS D'AETH of Knowlton Court, Bart. (Baronet)" was made by one J. H. MORRIS. This nineteen-page document is available for study at the Salt Lake City Library of the Mormon Church. The author explains:

> "Burk's Peerage says in 1802.--Sir THOMAS D'AETH of Knowlton Court is of Ancient standing and derives its surname from AETH in Flanders--but long since located in the county of Kent, England."

J. H. MORRIS' had been employed to ascertain if the three Americans with this surname (WILLIAM, JAMES and JOHN) were mentioned in the Will of THOMAS D'AETH (DEATH) who died in England. His search included all available D'AETH Wills in London and/or areas where the family lived; searching church records, tombstone inscriptions, family pedigrees and then devoting several pages of his report to the marriages and offspring of the male members of the family during the 1700's and 1800's. He searched for Wills in Somerset House in London and then the Probate Registry for Wills and Administrations at Canterbury in county of Kent "from which place Wills were not compelled by law to be sent up to Somerset House until 1858." He found that "from 1600 to 1857 no scratch of pen concerning D'AETHs. From Canterbury I went to Knowlton. The Parish Records there reveal no more than is shown in copies of Legends on tombstones which I carefully copied..."

This investigator visited next to the last occupant of the house at Knowlton and from there to Dartford to check the old church records which dated back to 1565 but the earliest records had been injured by water which at one time flooded the church and engulfed the records spreading the ink through the entire parchment. He was searching for the Will of the recent deceased and for a history of the family which would include the three Americans. He explained:

> "Knowing that not all men leave Wills or property to be administered yet it is true that among all the prominent D'AETHs found, there must be more Wills somewhere than appear."

His plan was to continue searching all known records and to visit and converse with any known descendants of the D'AETH family. He located and visited a MISS LYDIA N. DEATH at The Cedars, Bossingbourne, Royston, Hertfordshire, who resided there with her sister, SARAH DEATH. From them he learned that their father was WILLIAM DEATH but their grandfather had said the true name was D'AETH and their great-grandfather, WILLIAM D'AETH had lived and died six miles away at Braintree; their father had been baptized by a Congregationalist and was married to one LYDIA NUWIN by an Episcopal clergyman--thus the daughter being named LYDIA DEATH. The two sisters were interested in the search being made to ultimately obtain some money from the estate of THOMAS D'AETH for his American clients but could offer no helpful information about the

family's earlier history. He visited one FREDERICK DEATH in Norfolkshire who explained that he and his brother, EDWARD DEATH, were the last of their two families left in England; they always lived in the county of Norfolk and always spelled the name DEATH -- never D'AETH -- and all the rest of the family had emigrated to Canada. J. H. MORRIS concludes his report admitting failure to prove the case for his clients:

> "I am compelled to believe that the imperfect records at Dartford (and elsewhere) have forever estopped the building of a Family Tree that the Court of Chancery would entertain for a moment. ... I can learn of no others of the family who are in the least degree likely to add to my knowledge of the family nor is it of the slightest use if I could for without a Will of Record bequeathing property to WILLIAM, JAMES or JOHN, nothing could be recovered in any case.
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> "The family settled in Kent not far from 1540; the name of the family was known for a long time as D'AETH; there is no room to doubt that the D'AETHS and the DEATHS of England all sprang from the vicinity of Dartford and North Cray; the family contained elements of great physical and mental vigor and a vaulting ambition;
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> "... the missing Records have effected the history of the family ... and even destroyed forever the possibility of building a family tree that can ever legally connect the American D'AETHs with their English ancestry which fact points almost unerringly on intent; the family seems to have sent its boldest members to London about the year 1690 where they became rich and influential amid the sharp competition of the world's greatest commercial capital; ... the parties wronged in this case are WILLIAM, JAMES and JOHN DEATH (in America) and their heirs."

With this background data at hand about this allied family, we continue with sources published in this country about members with the surname of DEATH, changed by some branches to DEARTH.

"History of Framingham, Massachusetts" by WILLIAM BARRY (1847) page 220 contains a paragraph about the American emigrant, JOHN DEATH, but lists only five children for him whereas other sources list seven children. This history has JOHN in Sudbury, Mass. in 1672 and the year following explains he bought of BENJAMIN RICE 40 acres on the Connecticut Old Road near Beaver Dam by Jacob's further meadow and a little pond. He was in Sherborn 1 Jan 1677/78 and in Framingham by 1710 where he was on the Town Committee.

In 1972 ARTHUR E. SILVER of Montclair, New Jersey, issued a history of "THE DEARTH FAMILY LINEAGE OF REBECCA, LOUISE, ELMER AND FANNIE DEARTH ... WITH BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES." He explains he relies heavily on the "extensive research and compilation completed in the early 1930's by WILLIAM H. DEARTH of Framingham, Mass., whose work culminated in a DEARTH FAMILY GENEALOGICAL MANUSCRIPT in longhand. ... It begins with WILLIAM D'AETH 1527-1590 of Dartford, County Kent, England." The researcher, WILLIAM H. DEARTH was of the eighth generation in America and died in 1961. ARTHUR SILVER had access to this

rare manuscript for his 1972 history although he also obtained his material from many other sources. The history of this family dating back in England commences with one WILLIAM D'AETH, Gentleman, of Dartford, County of Kent who was bur in the church there 1 Mar 1590, aged 63 years; born 1527. Following is the pedigree of this family from that WILLIAM which is of particular interest to the members of the Palmer History:

1. WILLIAM D'AETH b 1527, bur 1590 Dartford Church, Kent, England. m (1st) ELIZABETH THATCHER, dau of a merchant of The Staples. She was bur 1582, aged forty years; he m (2nd) ANNE VAUGHN, dau and heir of WILLIAM VAUGHN of Erith (b 1560, bur 30 Nov 1601). WILLIAM was a man of standing and property whose Will was probated 5 May 1591 in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; executor was his son, THOMAS. He had six children by his first wife and nine children by the second wife.

2. THOMAS D'AETH m (1st) JOAN HEAD, dau of WILLIAM HEAD who was "footman to Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth" and he m (2nd) MAGDALINE, dau of _____STOKES of London; children by first wife:

(1) THOMAS D'AETH who m MARY BARTON, dau of SARGENT BARTON; his two oldest sons, ADRIAN and ABEL DEATH both died without issue; his youngest son, THOMAS, was a merchant who, in turn, had son Sir THOMAS D'AETH; he also had a dau KATHERINE D'AETH.

(2) WILLIAM DEATH of Laversham, m SUSAN COLE, dau of WALTER.

3. (3) JOHN DEATH (SR.)m GRACE TALCOTT, dau of JOHN+TALCOTT of Warwickshire. The Chart in the SILVER history indicates the assumption is that they were the parents of a son named for his father:

4. i JOHN DEATH (JR.) m ABIGAIL _____ and had two children:

5. (a) JOHN DEATH (3rd) (the emigrant) who m MARY PEABODY, dau of FRANCIS PEABODY (also an emigrant) of Topsfield, Mass.

(b) MARY DEATH who married SAMUEL EAMES.

(4) JOAN D'AETH m. ROBERT OFFIN of Kent, England.

(5) MARGARET D'AETH m. GOFFREY SNEDNETT of Kent.

JOHN DEATH[5] (3rd) with his widowed mother, ABIGAIL DEATH, and young sister, MARY, landed in Ipswich Harbor (later called Topsfield) in Massachusetts between 1645 and 1650. He married prob in 1669 MARY+PEABODY who would have been but thirteen years of age since all records here give her birthdate as 1656! She was the 8th child of the emigrant FRANCIS PEABODY by his second wife, MARY FOSTER, dau of REGINALD+FOSTER.

The SILVER history follows that found in the Framingham History regarding JOHN DEATH being in Sudbury in 1672 and later in Framingham; however, it places him in Natick and by 1678 in Sherborne; in the latter place he was a selectman from 1688-1690, 1693-93 and 1696. The dates and places of his residency seem in conflict in different

records in this country. The seven children listed in the Silver History were:

(1) OLIVER DEATH b 21 May 1670 at Framingham; m 17 Apr 1697 MARTHA FAIRBANKS; d 3 Mar 1704; he was a twin.
(2) THOMAS DEATH b 21 May 1670, twin, died young.
(3) JOHN DEATH (IV) b 2 Jan 1676 at Topsfield, d 15 Dec 1754.
(4) HEPZIBAH b 5 June 1680 at Sherborn, m 26 Dec 1700 DAVID HOW at Sudbury; he d 9 Aug 1759; seven children.

6. (5) LYDIA DEATH b 26 Mar 1682 at Sherborn, m 9 July 1708 at Watertown JONATHAN+LAMB (b 11 Nov 1682 Roxbury, Mass., died 1749, aged 67 years), son of ABIEL LAMB (SR.) and ELIZABETH (CLARK)BUCKMINSTER LAMB. LYDIA m (2nd) 11 Nov 1749 JOHN HOW. She and JONATHAN had nine children. The Silver history has this about JONATHAN: "owned the 'old Trowbridge' farm and the 'JOSEPH PARKER' farm. He was selectman of Framingham for three years from 1716; also a lieutenant in the militia."
(6) SAMUEL DEATH b 12 Sept 1684 at Sherborn, Mass.
(7) RUTH DEATH b 20 July 1688 at Sherborn, m SAMUEL HOW.

The "Framingham History" (p. 220) does not list the above named twins as children of JOHN and MARY (PEABODY) DEATH.

ARTHUR SILVER's history explains that in colonial records the surname of this family was spelled variously as D'AITH, D'ARTH, and, as shown herein, D'AETH, DEATH and DEARTH. Those who emigrated to this country had apparently already commenced using the spelling of DEATH but in later generations in America the spelling DEARTH was adopted. Those living in Norfolk county, England in the late 1870's were using the spelling DEATH.

The list of children of LYDIA (DEATH) and her husband, JONATHAN LAMB (SR.) and their continuing history will be found in this volume in the section devoted to the THOMAS LAMB FAMILY and the sections pertaining to other related allied families. Her son (JONATHAN LAMB, JR.) was the grandfather of the two sisters, DOLLY and NANCY LAMB residing in Wells, Rutland County, Vermont, who married the two brothers, NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER residing in the adjoining town of Granville in Washington County, New York. It was her grandson, PHINEAS LAMB, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War (D.A.R. Patriot Index p 398) who was taken prisoner by the British under BURGOYNE.

THE DENISON FAMILY

This family has a DENISON FAMILY ASSOCIATION of several hundred members headquartered at Mystic, Connecticut, and issues an interesting and informative quarterly Newsletter. It maintains the "Denison Family Homestead" at Mystic which is open to visitors and recently spearheaded a renovation project for the grave marker of Captain GEORGE DENISON who died in Hartford, Connecticut where he was buried in the Old Burying Ground located in the heart of downtown Hartford, a few steps from the Tourist Information Center in the Old State House.

Numerous family genealogies have been published through the years about the DENISON FAMILY and several articles in genealogical publications. To members of the family association, the Denison history is very familiar but for the benefit of those PALMER descendants who are not aware of this family connection, an outline of it is essential in this volume. There were numerous intermarriages between these two families, perhaps the first one being the marriage of WALTER PALMER's youngest son, GERSHOM, to ANN DENISON on 28 Nov 1667; it is their line of descendants which is emphasized in this volume (see pp. 100-110 herein). ANN was the fourth child of Captain GEORGE DENISON of Roxbury, Mass. and Stonington, Conn. and was the second child by his second wife, ANN BORODELL; his first wife, BRIDGET THOMPSON had died in 1643.

The history of this family commences in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, where the record shows that JOHN DENISON (born ca 1530) married 1554 AGNES WILLIE according to a "Denison Genealogy" by E. GLENN DENISON, et al.,(pub 1963). However, the date of 1561 for this marriage appears in the NYGBR page 49 (Jan 1936) in an article by DR. SPENCER MILLER, member of NYGB Society setting forth his most recent research in the Parish Registers in Bishop's Stortford. Inasmuch as the date of birth of their first child is not until 1567, it would appear the latter date is more likely to be the correct one. AGNES was the dau of JOHN WYLLIE and his wife, JOAN (MARSEAD) WYLLIE of Thorley, Hertfordshire. The following appears on page 49 (supra) explaining about the Will dated 1 May 1574 of this JOHN WYLLIE: (later appears as WILLIE)

> "This Will mentions wife JOAN and three children--EDWARD, GEORGE and GRACE WYLLIE; (also) daughters MARY, BRIDGET and GRACE (are to) receive twenty pounds each, but fails to mention his daughter, AGNES, wife of JOHN DENISON, whom she married in 1561, altho he appoints as his overseer 'my son-in-law, JOHN DENISON'. ... Evidently AGNES had previously received her share."

In 1563 JOHN and AGNES DENISON purchased a home in Stortford of JOHN and JOAN CHANDLER. During the next twenty years their seven children were baptized in St. Michael's Church at Bishop's Stortford (copied from Parish Register by Dr. SPENCER MILLER), the seventh child being baptized 1 Mar 1582. On 4 Dec that year the father, JOHN DENISON, died of the Plague and his widow m (2nd) JOHN GACE on 3 May 1584.

1. Children of JOHN and AGNES (WILLIE) DENISON born Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England:

(1) JOHN DENISON (JR.) mentioned in his father's Will.

(2) LUCE DENYZEN bapt 3 Aug 1567 ("9 Dec 1582 LUCE, daughter of JOHN DENISON buried" five days after her father who had "died of the Plague on 4 Dec" which doubtless caused LUCE's death also at age fifteen.

2. (3) WILLIAM (WILL'M.) DENYSON bapt 3 Feb 1571, m 7 Nov 1603 MARGARET CHANDLER, widow of HENRY MONCK; emigrated to New England 1631.

(4) EDWARD DENISON bapt 6 Apr 1575; moved to Ireland.

(5) MARY DENISON bapt 28 Apr 1577, prob. mar. GEORGE GRENE.

(6) ELIZABETH DENISON bapt 25 Aug 1579, m _____ CROUCH.

(7) GEORGE DENISON bapt 17 Mar 1582.

2. WILLIAM DENISON[2] born ca 1570 Bishop's Stortford, m 7 Nov 1603 the widow of one HENRY MONCK, MARGARET (CHANDLER) MONCK[5] (bapt 13 Oct 1577 in England and died 3 Feb 1645 Roxbury, Mass.) whose line in Bishop's Stortford was traced back four generations: (See NEHGR Jan 1978, pp.19-20).

THOMAS CHANDLER[1] b Bishop's Stortford ca 1475 was warden of St. Michael's Church 1521-1522-1536; wife's name unknown.

THOMAS CHANDLER, JR.[2] b 1500, m ca 1525 AGNES _____.

JOHN CHANDLER[3] b ca 1525, m JOAN and they in 1563 sold a home in Stortford to JOHN and AGNES DENISON. It was their granddaughter, MARGARET, who eventually married as her second husband the son (WILLIAM) of this JOHN and AGNES DENISON!

TOBIAS CHANDLER[4] b ca 1551 m 21 Sept 1574 JOAN MUMFORD and were the parents of:

MARGARET CHANDLER[5] bapt 13 Oct 1577, m (1st) HENRY MONCK who died 1602; m (2nd) WILLIAM DENISON.

WILLIAM and MARGARET DENISON's children were baptized in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford:

(1) JOHN DENISON bapt 5 Oct 1605 (Denison Genealogy) but bapt 7 Apr 1605 (NYGBR, p. 49, supra). He was educated at Cambridge University; received his A.B. and A.M. from Queens College 1623 and 1627; was vicar of Staunton, Hertfordshire 1660-1670; remained in England.

(2) WILLIAM DENISON, JR. bapt 5 Oct 1606; went to Holland as a soldier at age eighteen and never heard from again.

(3) GEORGE DENISON bapt 15 Oct 1609; bur 18 June 1614.

(4) DANIEL DENISON bapt 18 Oct 1612; graduated Cambridge University; accompanied parents to Mass., where he became a major-general of the militia; was Speaker of the House of Representatives for twenty-nine years and one of the assistants to the Governor; m PATIENCE DUDLEY, dau of Governor THOMAS DUDLEY; died 1682.

(4) SARAH DENISON bapt 8 Oct 1615; bur 15 Oct 1615.

(5) EDWARD DENISON bapt 3 Nov 1616; accompanied his parents to America; 1648 was made a freeman and in 1652 and 1655 was a representative to the General Court; he

married 20 Mar 1641 ELIZABETH WELD; eleven children. EDWARD DENISON died 26 Apr 1668.

3. (6) GEORGE DENISON born 1618 ("Americana" Vol. 36, p.489 (1942) was bapt 10 Dec 1620, d 23 Oct 1694 Hartford, Connecticut.

In the 1963 publication of the "DENISON GENEALOGY" by E. GLENN DENISON, assisted by JOSEPHINE MIDDLETON PECK and DONALD L. JACOBUS, reference is made to the earlier publication in 1881 of "THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON compiled by Messrs. BALDWIN and CLIFT." The 1963 book contains a more current list of descendants of the three sons (GEORGE, DANIEL and EDWARD) who accompanied WILLIAM and MARGARET DENISON to America on board the "Lion", arriving in 1631 and settling at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM was a merchant and must have been a man of means with a good education. He was a deacon in First Church of Roxbury and had a great influence in the new colony; it is believed his wife did not unite with the church until some years later. The house he built in Roxbury was still standing in 1882. Traveling on the same ship was Rev. JOHN ELIOT (p. xxi Denison Genealogy); however, CHARLES EDWARD BANKS' "Planters of the Commonwealth" fails to list the Denison family as passengers (pp. 94-95) on the "LYON,"leaving London about Aug 23 (1631) and arrived at Nantasket Nov 2 bringing in all about sixty persons (and) the following named are known to have come in her: Rev. JOHN ELLIOT of the parish of Nazing, Essex County, bound for Roxbury; MRS. MARGARET WINTHROP, wife of the Governor, ADAM and ANNE WINTHROP bound for Boston and a few others all from Essex County bound for Cambridge.

However, BANKS' other passenger list ("2885 English Emigrants, etc.") on pp. 70-71 lists the four members of this DENISON family from county of Herts., Bishop's Stortford, bound for Roxbury as well as one GEORGE DENISON from the parish of Preston, Northamptonshire, also bound for Roxbury (p. 127).

WILLIAM being a well educated man desired the same for his three sons and the Rev. JOHN ELIOT was engaged to be a tutor of the youngest son, GEORGE. WILLIAM died 25 Jan 1653 his wife having predeceased him on 3 Feb 1645. They are both buried in Old Eliot Street Cemetery at Roxbury.

3. GEORGE DENISON[3] married (1st) BRIDGET THOMPSON in 1640 (b 11 Sept 1622, died 1643) dau of JOHN and ALICE THOMPSON of Preston, Northamptonshire. During their brief marriage they had two daughters born to his wife, SARAH in 1641/42 and HANNAH in 1643, at Roxbury. Following his wife's burial, his life too changed forever. In the 1963 family genealogy (p. ix) WILLIAMS HAYNES, a Stonington chronicler, has recorded for posterity what happened:

> "At the sound of the hollow thud when the first shovelful of earth fell on the rough pine box, he swung about and elbowed his way through the throng of friends and neighbors; ran quickly out of the churchyard to his home; ... galloped off to Boston and embarked on the first ship for England.

"In England he enlisted in CROMWELL's Ironsides to fight the Royalist forces and was commissioned a captain of the cavalry. During the battle of Naesby he was taken a prisoner but he escaped and at Marston Moor he was severely wounded. For his recovery he went to Cork doubtless to be near his cousin JOHN DENISON and there stayed in the home of a well-to-do leather merchant, JOHN BORODELL. Like many another widower, he fell in love with his beautiful nurse, ANN BORODELL, his host's daughter. They were married and just short of three years after his precipitous flight they returned to Roxbury."

The fabulous career of Captain GEORGE DENISON and ANN (BORODELL) DENISON had just commenced. It is much too lengthy to repeat here and their descendants should seek out the complete story which parallels the history of the other emigrant ancestor, WALTER PALMER. Captain GEORGE was elected Captain of the Train Band; he served as census taker and tax assessor; inspector of the port; deputy to the General Court at Hartford and "for services to the community" was given a land grant of 200 acres (and was fined for selling rum to one of his Indian friends in the amount of 24 shillings). His land was east of New London on the southern coast which was quite a distance from Roxbury but the new land was in the area of the Pequot Indians. Even in 1654 when he moved his family to reside on this new land in a pleasant valley, the Indian attacks continued. It was thus in this new homeland that his path crossed those of the Stonington pioneers, THOMAS STANTON, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and WALTER PALMER, and the latter's son-in-law, THOMAS MINOR.

Here on the coast of Connecticut these pioneers continued fighting the Indians, sustaining casualties, loss of loved ones, burned houses, a part of which has been called "King Philip's War." Captain GEORGE DENISON was a leader in all these skirmishes and even initiated some of the moves necessary to discourage the Indian attacks. History records some of these as "the Deerfield Massacre" and the "Great Swamp Fight" 19 Dec 1675 near Kingston, Rhode Island; two of the Connecticut captains, JOHN GALLUP, JR. and JAMES AVERY were killed and some twenty of their men; many were wounded and more were crippled by frozen feet and hands. (WILLIAMS HAYNES' "CAPT.GEORGE & LADY ANN" 1963.)

His plans were well laid and carried out under his orders resulting in the capture of the Indian sachem CANONCHET, the most able lieutenant of King Philip; Captain GEORGE DENISON approved the manner of execution for CANONCHET, "that he die without being tortured and according to the Indian custom at the hands of three sachems of rank as high as his own. Within six months thereafter the power of King Philip was broken, the Narragansett War was over; thus ended the last great Indian uprising in New England and Captain GEORGE was one of the great heroes of that desperate struggle," (HAYNES' HISTORY above).

The house Captain GEORGE had constructed for his family was named Pequotsepos Manor but unfortunately burned in 1717 on the eve of the wedding of GEORGE DENISON, 3rd, the grandson who had inherited it and the adjoining 200 acres of the original land grant; he at once had the house rebuilt.

The rebuilt home referred to as the Denison Homestead has remained in the same family until in 1941 on the death of ANN BORODELL DENISON GATES in the 9th generation the property was deeded to the DENISON SOCIETY, INC. The house has been restored accurately and presents a vivid, authentic picture of American homelife during two and a half centuries, and is an outstanding tourist attraction today.

The second wife of Captain GEORGE DENISON was quite a contrast to the daring, impetus soldier. On her arrival in Roxbury she charmed everyone. "She was tall with brown hair and blue eyes and very pretty. She was kindly and gracious, so true a gentlewoman that the neighbors called her 'Lady Ann,' an affectionate nickname that she carried all of her long life. She was well born; her father was probably a younger son of a junior branch of the family of the Lords BORRODALE; nor was she penniless; her brother, as was the custom of the time, settled upon her a dowry of three hundred pounds; ... later she inherited in her own right several houses on a good residential street in Dublin." Her reputation for graciousness and kindness, like the nickname 'Lady Ann' remained with her from Roxbury, Mass., to New London in Conn., and finally to Stonington (Williams Haynes' 30-page booklet entitled "Captain GEORGE &LADY ANN").

During his latter years while they resided in Stonington GEORGE represented that town during nineteen sessions of the General Court held at Hartford, almost continuously from 1682 until the second session of 1694 during which latter session he died in Hartford on 24 Oct and was buried there. He divided his vast property equitably and unlike the English custom (or law) that the home place or estate must go to the eldest son, Pequotsepos Manor was inherited by WILLIAM DENISON, the youngest son with a provision that his wife would have use of "half of the mansion place" so long as she lived.

In his description of the beautiful "Lady Ann" WILLIAMS HAYNES included the phrase "with a peaches-and-cream Irish complexion..." which might be indicative that she and her family were Irish. The compiler searched for more background on this BORODELL (BORRODALE) family to clarify this and noted at page 571 of the 1963 Denison Genealogy that the BORRODALE family seemed prominent in Essex, England in the 16th century and that in the 15th century, they were in the county of Cumberland which list included "ANN BORRODALE b 1615 who married GEORGE DENISON." An explanation on the same page "from C. A. HOPPIN, 75 Chandery Lane, London, 11 Apr 1934" seems to explain how certain of the English obtained this land in Ireland:

> "As to the house in Cork, Ireland, which ANN BORODALE inherited, it may have been acquired by her father, as was a large amount of Irish real estate which was confiscated by CROMWELL and handed over to his soldiers and also acquired by Englishmen in England to whom a vast number of parcels of real estate were sold at nominal prices by CROMWELL's government. These purchasers were called 'Irish Adventurers' and a list of many of them is extant in State Papers here."

A three-page pedigree of the THOMPSON family included in the 1963 Denison Genealogy commences with the first wife of Captain GEORGE

DENISON, BRIDGET THOMPSON (pp. 569-571 and traces back to "CLOVIS THE RIPARIAN, Frankist King of Cologne, living 420, kinsman of CLOVIS the First of France.

The Roxbury Vital Records (1915) in two volumes concluding in 1849 contain numerous records of the DENISON family including the marriages of the two brothers, GEORGE and EDWARD; the following burials for this family are included on page 453:

BRIDGET DENISON, w. GEORGE, fever and consumption, bur Aug 1643.
DEBORAH DENISON, dau EDWARD, bur 18: 4: 1663 (18 June)
EDWARD DENISON, son EDWARD bur Jan 1645.
EDWARD DENISON bur 26 Apr 1668.
MARGARET DENISON "old mother" w. WILLIAM bur 3 Feb 1645.
WILLIAM DENYSON "old" bur 25 Jan 1653.

"History of the First Church in Roxbury" by WALTER ELIOT THWING (1908) pp. 9-10: Among the "Founders of the free schoole in Roxburie were: WILLIAM DENNISON, THOMAS LAMBE..." (See Allied Families, THOMAS LAMB.) The list of "Members between 1631 and 1650"included the following:

EDWARD DENNISON, in Roxbury before 1637, m ELIZABETH WELD; p.56.
BRIDGET DENNISON, wife of GEORGE DENNISON; p. 57
DOROTHY HARBITTLE, a maide servant, married THOMAS LAMB;
REBECKAH SHORT, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632, married WALTER PALMER of Charlestowne Church.

Although at the time these individuals were all early members of the same church and had come from different areas in England, it is noteworthy now to realize that in the generations ahead descendants of these three families (DENISON, LAMB and PALMER) would all intermarry.

Captain GEORGE and ANN DENISON lived in Roxbury from 1646 until some time in 1650; a son was born in 1646 and a daughter (named ANN) was born there in 1649. He was too disappointed not to be elected Commander of the Train Band in Roxbury and this caused his removal to the area of New London; the young men of Roxbury favored him but the older more conservative men voted against him. Settling in New London he was promptly named Captain of their Train Band where they remained until 1654 when he decided to settle in the Mystic-Stonington area.

Children of Captain GEORGE DENISON and his first wife:

(1) SARAH DENISON bapt 20 Mar 1641/42; m THOMAS STANTON, JR. in 1658 (b 1638, son of THOMAS STANTON, SR., Stonington Founder, and his wife, DOROTHY LORD); seven children.
(2) HANNAH DENISON bapt 21 May 1643, m (1st) NATHANIEL CHESEBROUGH (bapt Boston, England, 28 Jan 1630, son of another Stonington Founder, WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH and his wife, ANNA STEVENSON); eight children; NATHANIEL died 22 Nov 1678; HANNAH m (2nd) 15 July 1680 Capt. JOSEPH SAXTON and they had three daughters.

Children of Captain GEORGE and ANN (BORODELL) DENISON:

(3) JOHN DENISON bapt Roxbury 16 June 1646; m PHEBE LAY.

4. (4) ANN DENISON bapt Roxbury First Church 20 May 1649, m at Stonington 28 Nov 1667 GERSHOM PALMER, the eleventh child of a Stonington Founder, WALTER PALMER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER. (See page 100 of this volume.)

(5) BORODELL DENISON b prob New London 1651, m SAMUEL STANTON (b 1657) on 16 June 1680, younger brother to THOMAS STANTON, JR. who had married her older half-sister, SARAH DENISON; she d 11 Jan 1702.

(6) GEORGE DENISON, JR.b 1653, New London, m MERCY GORHAM, dau of JOHN and DESIRE (HOWLAND) GORHAM; MERCY died 24 Sept 1725 and GEORGE died 27 Dec 1711; 8 children.

(7) WILLIAM DENISON (2nd) b 1655 Stonington, married (as her second husband) SARAH (STANTON) PRENTICE, widow of THOMAS PRENTICE. SARAH's second husband was a brother to the wives of her own brothers, THOMAS, JR. and SAMUEL who had married SARAH and BORODELL DENISON. SARAH had four children by her first husband and three children by WILLIAM DENISON; she d 7 Aug 1713 and WILLIAM died 2 Mar 1715.

(8) MARGARET DENISON b Stonington 1657, m JAMES BROWN, JR.

(9) MARY DENISON b Stonington 1659, d 10 Mar 1671.

Religious services were commenced in Stonington by 1657, the first one being held in the home of WALTER PALMER. The formal organization of the church occurred in 1674 and on 10 September that year the Rev. Mr. JAMES NOYES was ordained as Minister; the "pertakers" listed for that occasion included MRS. ANNE DENISON. By 1677 other members of the DENISON family had been admitted to this church: (p. 91 Road Church 300-Year Chronology)

29 July 1677 - JOHN DENISON admitted
19 Aug 1677 - GERSHOM PALMER and his wife ANN (DENISON) PALMER
14 Oct 1677 - JOHN DENISON's wife, PHEBE.
24 Aug 1684 - Captain DENISON was took into full communion.

The records of The Road Church through the succeeding years contain the names of many of the DENISON family. Captain GEORGE's widow, "Lady ANN" survived her husband some sixteen years and died 26 Sept 1712, aged 97 years; she was buried in Elm Grove Cemetery in adjoining Mystic.

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THE EXELBY FAMILY

GEORGE EXELBY born 1805 in England married there MARY THACKRAY in 1831 who was born 1808. He died 1861 in Britton, Michigan, and she died there in 1880. The following is a brief sketch of their lives together furnished by their descendants in the 1970's still residing in Lenawee County, Michigan:

"The young couple decided to leave their native land and come to America to share their lives together. The voyage was rough and tedious and took ten weeks and three days. Provisions and water gave out because of the unusually long stormy passage. They met families who were heading for the Michigan Territory and they decided to follow along. It was the the year 1832 when the dreaded cholera was raging in the East, killing thousands a day. When they landed in Detroit the disease had already hit that city, so they journeyed on westward. People shunned them and tried to drive them away for fear of contagion even though they had not caught the disease. As they neared Tecumseh one of their horses was shot down and since it was Saturday they went into the village to find a place to spend the Sabbath, but no one would take them in. A young lady saw the little group standing as in doubt and she, being able to tell by their dress, knew they were strangers and foreigners. She told them of a log house near her home and there these homeless ones stayed till they found homes of their own. GEORGE took up 40 acres from the government, now on Centennial Highway, southwest of Britton. Here they built their first log home and before it was completed with windows and doors, their first child was born. The child's name was HANNAH EXELBY and she was the first white child born in Ridgeway Township. She was followed by eleven more; two sons died in childhood. Shortly after the completion of their first home, they moved to Britton Highway, and built their second log home. Here they labored together making their own furniture, cooking over an open fireplace and walking to Tecumseh with butter and eggs to trade for necessities. Never did they regret that first move. The year the Civil War began the children at the neighboring school had been given flags to wave. GEORGE (SR.), singing as he went, passed by this school on his way to a neighbors for potatoes when the waving flags made his horses bolt, throwing him from the wagon and ending his life."

The children of GEORGE EXELBY (SR.) and MARY THACKRAY were:

(1) HANNAH EXELBY b 1832 m _____ LINN.

(2) JOSEPH EXELBY b 1835 m LATITIA (LETITIA) LINN in 1855 (b 1837 dau of SAMUEL and ABIGAIL (ARCHIE) LINN of Ridgeway-Britton, Michigan; d 1914); he d 1890. They had six sons and one dau; a son and dau died young.

  i WESLEY EXELBY b 1863, m 1884 IDA WIGGINS (b 1863, d 1941); he d 1928; had son LEON b 1888, d 1962.

  ii CORNELIUS EXELBY b 1857, m 1881 DORA BEAMISH (b 1858, d 1885)had dau DORA; he m (2nd) FLORA BORDEN in 1889 (b 1864, d 1941; his dau DORA m 1905 RAYNOR BENEDICT (b 1881, d 1955) and had two sons: GERALD and CHARLES BENEDICT.

iii CLARENCE EXELBY b 1874, m 1897 FANNIE WIGGENS (only child of JOHN and MARTHA (CHEEVER) WIGGENS who m in 1876, son of emigrants from Yorkshire, England: DANIEL WIGGINS (b 1828, d 1903) and JANE BRITTON (b 1826, d 1876); they had one child only, DONALD who married HARRIET BRITTON.

iv EVERETT EXELBY who married GERTRUDE PILBEAM

v LENNIE EXELBY m MABEL KNIFFIN in 1906 (b 1885, died 1940); he m (2nd) RENEE GOETHE; in mid-1970's he was residing on the EXELBY family homestead in Britton.

(3) GEORGE EXELBY, JR. b 1836, m 1862 ANN PALMER (b 4 Aug 1841, d 3 May 1918) dau and oldest child of FENNER PALMER and wife, PHEBE (PALMER) of Ridgeway; they had three children: WALTER, EDGAR and ELLA EXELBY. He died 1899; he and ANN are buried in EXELBY-GRIPTON Plot at Ridgeway Village Cemetery.

(4) JANE EXELBY b ca 1837/38 m CHARLES UNDERWOOD (b 1834), oldest child of JOHN and ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD who settled near the village of Britton, across the road from the EXELBY homestead. They had three children:

i CYRUS UNDERWOOD m. ANNA GIBSON; five children.

ii LAVINA UNDERWOOD m GEORGE WINSHIP;

iii JENNIE UNDERWOOD m. DAVID GIBSON; one child, GLENDORA.

(5) JOHN EXELBY born 1840.

(6) WILLIAM EXELBY

(7) SARAH EXELBY

(8) RICHARD EXELBY

(9) JESSE EXELBY

(10) ELIZABETH EXELBY m _____ HAYNES.

Following the death of GEORGE EXELBY, SR., his widow, remained in the EXELBY home and lived out her years in Britton with her son, GEORGE, JR. and his wife, ANN (PALMER), dying in 1880. Following the deaths of the son in 1899 and his widow, ANN, in 1918, the home was the residence of their second son, EDGAR EXELBY who died in 1939. Descendants of the family still owned the home in the mid-1970's.

The history of the village of Britton has been similar to the history of so many other towns and villages throughout this country; and in most instances the earliest families, such as this EXELBY family, are still living in the village many generations later. This family was active in various phases of the development of the area which subsequently was called Britton. The cutting of timber and operation of a saw mill for wood to construct houses and buildings was usually one of the first priorities; in Britton "the saw mill on the north side of Centennial Road west of the Wabash Railroad on Section 4 was owned and operated by JOSEPH EXELBY." By 1880 JESS EXELBY was operating the "EXELBY MILL."

JOSEPH EXELBY "built a wooden store for RAUCH and NEWCOME which was a general store selling groceries, hardware, drugs, drygoods, shoes, etc." Usually the families resided in rooms or apartments over the stores and often fires would erupt which would destroy an entire block; in the mid-1880's such was the case with the store buildings in Britton and a building owned by

JOSEPH EXELBY... was also destroyed. The families living above the store building barely escaped with their lives. By October JOSEPH EXELBY was busy erecting a new store building, this time being made of brick. Eventually each village or town would find it necessary to have a hotel; in Britton it was the EXELBY family in the forefront of this improvement. JOHN EXELBY, son of the emigrant pioneers, built the first hotel. He married 1860 MARY McCANN; in 1861 he enlisted in Co. "F" of the 26th Michigan Infantry under the command of Captain SEVERS. He went first to Washington, then to Virginia and was honorably discharged at the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865. He at first resumed farming for eighteen months in nearby Clinton County and then returned to Ridgeway Township where he assisted his brother, JESSE, in running the saw mill for four years. JOHN eventually sold the hotel to his brother, GEORGE, JR. who had married ANN, daughter of FENNER PALMER.

The village of Britton had a population of only 345 in 1900 and in the next thirty years increased only by about thirty; however in the next thirty years the population doubled to 622. From 1896 a President was elected to oversee the running of the town matters and WALTER EXELBY was the second President serving 1907-1909. Soon after 1896 the first wall-type telephones were put into use in the Britton area and WALTER, WESLEY and NEIL EXELBY were among the first seeking to have telephones in their homes. By 1900 it became necessary to expand the telephone system, form a company and have a switch-board operator; the first one was ELLA MAE EXELBY GRIPTON, wife of LaVERNE; the switchboard was located in her home across the street from the hardware store.

In the nineteenth century the people of the villages of Britton and Ridgeway had little opportunity for social activities outside their own communities. "Roads were very poor; horse and buggy travel was slow and time-consuming. Most families had so many home duties just to maintain their own existence that there was little time for social activities; horses had to be fed and watered and their stalls cleaned and bedded; cows had to be milked twice daily and the milk strained and cooled; later the cream was skimmed from the milk and churned into butter which had to be washed, salted, and put into crocks or rolls. The chickens had to be fed and the eggs gathered. Heating the home was no small problem; fuel and kindling must be brought in and the ashes emptied. Kerosene lamps and lanters required filling, wicks trimmed, and chimneys washed. Bread had to be baked. There were no labor saving devices available." Daily household tasks and outside chores left very little leisure time; yet life went on; the young people married and set up housekeeping on their own and thus they almost always married within their own or the adjoining village. Thus it was for several generations that members of these early Britton-Ridgeway families intermarried: the JOHN PALMER who arrived first in 1827 a year after the LAMBERSONs who arrived in 1826 and the LOWE family which arrived 1829; the GRIPTON, HOAGLAND, EXELBY, LEWIS, CADMUS, LINN, SCHREDER, SMITH, SUTTON and UNDERWOOD families which arrived in the 1830's; the PILBEAM, GETTY and POCKLINGTON families which arrived in the 1840's; the WIGGINS, BRITTON, CHEEVER, McCARBERY families which arrived in the 1850's; the STEELE, STEWART, ZELUFF and WILLIS families which arrived in the 1860's; and the GIBSON family which arrived in 1870.

Source: "Bygone Days" (1975) (supra)
"Palmer MSS." page 1068.

CAPTAIN JOHN FENNER OF SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

1. THOMAS FENNER was born probably in the county of Surrey, village of Horley, England ca 1540 and married (1st) ca 1565 MARY _____; they had six children. He m (2nd) ELIZABETH _____ (who was bur 4 May 1614); he was bur at Horley 18 Dec 1601. He later resided in Horne and the family name was also spelled VENNER; however, he was brought to Horley for burial. His name appears in the Lay Subsidy for Horne in 1593/94 although he still owned land in Horley which he bequeathed in his Will. The family had lived in Horley a long time and in 1531 one WILLIAM VENNER was a Church warden. The Registers of Horley contain records of baptisms, marriages and burials for the FENNER family dating from 1578. A comprehensive article about this family was contained in TAG Vol. 15, pp.80-84 compiled by MARY LOVERING HOLMAN of Watertown, Massachusetts; she included with it a history of the BROWNE and TULLY families (they intermarried with the FENNER family) and some of the early pedigrees.

THOMAS FENNER, yeoman, had his Will drawn up 14 Dec 1601, four days before his burial; he had three daughters and three sons and considering the land he had to dispose of must have been of the "landed gentry" and a wealthy individual. His Will provided the following:

> "To SAMUEL FENNER, youngest son, messuage and lands called Tye Meadow and Tye Grove in Burstow and messuage and lands in Horne now in his tenure, called Little Harrowby and also lands in Horley called Tanners and land called Cox croftes in Worth, county of Sussex;
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> "To ARTHURE FENNER, eldest son, land called Lakeland with all lands in Horley now in tenure with certain other lands and tents. in Horley and Horne;
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> "To SARAH FENNER, youngest daughter, 100[li];
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> "To his widow, ELIZABETH, to be executrix and the residuary legatee to occupy his farm called Harrowsby als Harrosby and to bring up the children."

Litigation ensued over the Will between the relict and executrix (his widow) and the three sons and three daughters on the other hand; however, eventually the Will was confirmed and administration was granted to the widow, ELIZABETH FENNER, on 30 June 1603. (P.C.C. Bolein, fo.44.) (See Surrey Archeological Society, 11:112.)

There is no further information in this TAG article about any other bequests and why the third son, THOMAS FENNER, JR. and the other two daus, LUCY and SUSANNA, were not included, or at least mentioned, is not explained. Inasmuch as all six of the children joined in opposing the widow in the administration of their father's estate, it is thought they were all children by the first wife, born probably in Horne:

(1) LUCY FENNER b ca 1568, m _____ EDSHAWE.
(2) SUSANNA FENNER b ca 1570, m 25 Nov 1588 at Horley, JOHN FALKNER.
2. (3) ARTHUR FENNER b prob ca 1575, m ca 1613 SARAH BROWNE.

(4) THOMAS FENNER, JR., b ca 1578, bur 16 Sept 1638, Horley.
(5) SARAH FENNER b ca 1581, m _____ HEATHFIELD.
(6) SAMUEL FENNER b ca 1583.

2. ARTHUR FENNER was probably born about 1575 in Horne, county of Surrey, England but did not marry until he was about 38 years of age ca 1613. His wife was SARAH BROWNE (bapt Rusper, county of Sussex 22 Oct 1592; date of death unknown), dau of the Rev. JOSEPH and MARGERY (PATCHING) BROWNE. SARAH's father was Vicar at Horley for fifty years from 1563 to 1613. She was some seventeen years younger than her husband. Her date of death is unknown but inasmuch as she is mentioned in her father's Will of 1633, it would have been after that date. Little has been learned about ARTHUR and SARAH FENNER and no Will for either has been found. He may have resided at one time in Charlewood, the next parish directly south of Horley; the village of Horne is next east of Horley. The Will of one RICHARD SEAVENOAKE of Charlewood dated 23 Sept 1601 names "frendes WILLIAM JORDON of Charlwood, gentleman, and ARTHUR FFENNER of the same, Overseers." The witnesses to that Will included "ARTHUR FFENNER the wryter."

In a lengthy (15 pages), interesting account of the FENNER/VENNER GENEALOGY by Mrs. MARGARET (BUCKRIDGE) BOCK of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, we read an excerpt from FRANK SMITH's "A Genealogical Gazetteer of England, An Alphabetical Dictionary of Places With Their Location, Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, ... and the Date of the Earliest Entry in the Registers of Every Ancient Parish in England (1977)" as follows:

> "Horley was a parish in the county of Surrey five and three-fourth miles southeast of Reigate in the Archdiocese of Surrey and the diocese of Winchester, the records dating back to 1578. Horne was a parish in Surrey, five and one-half miles southeast of Godstone, same dioceses as Horley, records dating back to 1614."

Although ARTHUR and SARAH FENNER were married in Rusper their seven children were baptized in Horley, county of Surrey:

(1) SARAH FENNER bapt 26 Nov 1615, m (1st) at Horley 17 Oct 1637 JOHN TULLY (bapt there 20 Oct 1605, bur there 14 June 1644), son of NICHOLAS TULLY; she emigrated to Saybrook, Connecticut, with her siblings except one brother, JOSEPH, apparently remained in England. SARAH m (2nd) in Saybrook Dec 1647 ROBERT LAY (b 1617 England, d 9 July 1689, aged 72, Saybrook); he was a brother of JOHN and EDWARD LAY of that village. SARAH d 25 May 1676 Saybrook. The BOCK Genealogy lists four children for SARAH (FENNER) TULLY LAY:
  - i JOHN TULLY bapt 9 Sept 1638, d Conn. 1701.
  - ii SARAH TULLY bapt 27 Sept 1640, m ____ DENISON.
  - iii PHEBE LAY b 5 Jan 1650/51, m 1667 JOHN DENISON, son of Captain GEORGE and ANN (BORODELL) DENISON of Stonington.
  - iv ROBERT LAY b 6 Mar 1654, m ca 1680 MARY STANTON.

  (See 1985 publication "Founders of Saybrook Colony and Their Descendants 1635-1985" compiled for the 350th

Anniversary Celebration of the Saybrook Colony during the year 1985. Histories of both ROBERT LAY and JOHN TULLY, two of the Saybrook Colony founders, are included. In addition to listing histories of all the Saybrook founders, numerous descendants of those founders are also listed. This 1985 book can be obtained from the "Celebration $3\frac{1}{2}$" Post Office Box 1635, Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475.)

(2) THOMAS FENNER (2nd) bapt 20 July 1617, d 15 May 1647 Branford, Connecticut; he was a merchant and trader with the Indians and may have emigrated before the rest of his siblings.

(3) ARTHUR FENNER, JR. bapt 17 Oct 1619, m (1st) prob in Connecticut, ca 1646, MEHETABEL WATERMAN, dau of RICHARD WATERMAN, another pioneer family; she d ca 1682; he m (2nd) in Providence, Rhode Island 16 Dec 1686 HOWLONG HARRIS, dau of WILLIAM and SUSAN _____ HARRIS; she d in Providence 19 Nov 1708 without issue. ARTHUR is called the progenitor of the Rhode Island FENNERS and reached there as early as 1650 and purchased land there. He had been an officer in Lord CROMWELL's Army in England as a youth and later was a Captain in King Philip's War and Chief Commander of the King's garrison at Providence. He was also a surveyor and expert engineer and served as Magistrate. He had seven children by his first wife, born Providence:

i SAMUEL FENNER b ca 1650.
ii THOMAS FENNER b 27 Oct 1653 through whose lineage a FENNER served as Governor of Rhode Island, a United States Senator and a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
iii SARAH FENNER b ca 1655, d Nov 1676.
iv ARTHUR FENNER (3rd) b ca 1658 (called Governor of Rhode Island in R.I.Colonial Records).
v FREELOVE FENNER b ca 1660.
vi BETHIA FENNER b ca 1662.
vii PHEBE FENNER b ca 1665.

(4) WILLIAM FENNER bapt 11 Sept 1625, d between 30 Aug and 6 Sept 1680 at Newport, R.I. without issue. However, the Will he had signed left bequests to his siblings and to their children which easily established the relationships of the FENNER emigrants and their offspring, (See p. 83, TAG, Vol. 15).

(5) JOSEPH FENNER bapt 22 June 1628 appears to be the only one of the children of ARTHUR FENNER, SR. and his wife, SARAH (BROWNE) FENNER who remained in England.

3. (6) JOHN FENNER bapt 13 Feb 1630/31, settled in Saybrook, Connecticut where he lived out his life although the burial place for him has not been ascertained. He was at Haddam, Conn. first where he met and married his wife, SARAH CLARKE (b ca 1640) dau of WILLIAM CLARKE of Hartford and his wife, KATHERINE (BUNCE) CLARKE.

(7) PHOEBE (PHEBE) FENNER bapt 5 Jan 1633/34.

3. JOHN FENNER (Captain) was bapt 13 Feb 1630/31 in Horley, county of Surrey, England and died 1709 in Saybrook, Connecticut. In early published records in this country the identity of JOHN's wife, SARAH, was not known and on page 83 of the TAG article (Vol. 15) her surname is missing. Likewise, the "Snow-Estes Ancestry" published in the 1930's includes the FENNER family as an allied family but SARAH FENNER's maiden name (page 470) is not given. Finally this is clarified in TAG Vol. 17, p. 19 in an article by CLARENCE ALMON TORREY, Ph.B., of Dorchester, Mass. which indicates the identity of Captain JOHN FENNER's wife, SARAH, is established through a careful reading of the Will of her father, WILLIAM CLARKE, SR. of Haddam, Connecticut who d 22 July 1681, whose Will was dated 30 June 1681. From several records we know JOHN FENNER's wife was named SARAH and they named a dau the same. The following explanation is given us by CLARENCE TORREY:

> "WILLIAM CLARKE's Will, according to Manwaring's Digest of early Hartford probate records, vol. 1, page 290, mentioned his 'daughter FENNOE.' A re-examination of the original Will by Mr. JACOBUS (DONALD LINES) revealed the fact that the name of this daughter was misread by MANWARING, the correct reading being 'daughter FFENNER.'...
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> "The writer has a record of the marriages of male FENNERS before 1701. The maiden name of JOHN FENNER's wife SARAH has not previously appeared in genealogical publications. The family names of the wives of the other FENNERS who married between 1660 and 1682 are known. Evidently, the 'daughter FFENNER' mentioned by WILLIAM CLARKE in his Will was SARAH, wife of Capt. JOHN FENNER. ..."

As recently as 1974 SARAH FENNER's identity is repeated in an article written by PRENTISS GLAZER of Sarasota, Florida, which appeared on pp. 24-27, Vol. 128 of NEHGR, entitled CLARK-CLARKE FAMILIES OF EARLY CONNECTICUT. The paragraph pertaining to WILLIAM CLARKE of Hartford (1610-1681) and Haddam, lists their eight children including the following daughters:

ELIZABETH CLARKE who married prob JAMES WELLS or JAMES WHEELER;
SARAH CLARKE who married JOHN FENNER or TIMOTHY SPENCER(?);
MARY CLARKE who married DANIEL HUBBARD;
HANNAH CLARKE, no husband listed.

"Americana" Vol. 36, pp. 478-479 re WINDECKER-GROSS AND ALLIED FAMILIES has a chapter on WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam, listing the following daughters for him:

"A dau married MR. FENNOE.
A dau married MR. WELLES.
A dau HANNAH married MR. SPENCER.
A dau MARY married DANIEL HUBBARD.

"Genealogy and History of Connecticut" by WILLIAM CUTTER, Vol. 3, page 1297 lists the three daus of WILLIAM CLARKE married to (surnames only) WELLS, FENNOE and SPENCER.

The DAWES-GATES ANCESTRAL LINES Vol. 2, page 207 (by MARY WALTON FERRIS) lists nine children for WILLIAM CLARKE of Haddam "but the name of his wife, who survived him, has not been learned" and of these five were daughters--not four; married surnames of daus were: FENNOE (FENNER), HUBBARD, WELLS and SPENCER with the youngest, HANNAH "unmarried at time of her father's death (1681)." (This will be dealt with in the chapter herein on WILLIAM CLARKE.) The compiler has accepted the references indicating that the wife of Captain JOHN FENNER was SARAH CLARKE. The identity of SARAH CLARKE's mother in some published records in this country was also unknown for a period (see above quotation). However, the 1974 NEHGR article in Vol. 128, p. 25 identifies the wife of WILLIAM CLARKE of Hartford and Haddam as KATHERINE BUNCE.

It appears that only JOHN FENNER and his sister, SARAH, widow of JOHN TULLY, settled in Saybrook, Connecticut; the brother, THOMAS, resided at Branford, Conn. and ARTHUR, JR. and WILLIAM were in Rhode Island. When WILLIAM died 1680 without issue, his brother JOHN "inherited one-half of WILLIAM's property and apparently most of WILLIAM's estate" although bequests were made to the older brother, Hon. ARTHUR FENNER, JR. and most of WILLIAM's nephews and nieces, including those of "my Late Sister Lay (SARAH FENNER TULLY LAY) her two children she left and my Sister PHEBE WARD ther Children each of them twenty shillings ... as they shall Come to Age." PHEBE FENNER had married one surnamed WARD although there seems to be confusion whether it was JOHN WARD of Newport, R.I. or WILLIAM WARD of Middletown, Connecticut.

WILLIAM's Will named "my Loving Brothers ARTHUR and JOHN FFENNER Executors..." In addition, ARTHUR signed the following relinquishment of anything he was to receive from WILLIAM's estate:

> "I, ARTHUR FENNER of Providence executor to the last will of WILLIAM FENNER doe by this subscription pass away all my right title & interest in all the lands and meadows abovementioned from me the aforesaid ARTHUR FENNER and my heirs executors or assignes to be the proper right of JOHN FENNER. (dated at) Potopauge 3d of October 1681. ARTHUR FENNER." (Saybrook Records, 1:135.)

The BOCK resume on the FENNER FAMILY (supra) informs us as follows about JOHN FENNER:

> "The Will of JOSHUA UNCAS, an Indian, who lived near Eight Mile Island on the Connecticut River (now Nott's Island) dated 29 Feb 1675 and probated 29 Apr 1684, mentioned JOHN FENNER as one of the recipients of large land grants on the Connecticut River (Register 13:235). ...Called 'Captain' he was named as one of the proprietors of the Potapaug Quarter of Saybrook (Essex) in 1694. ... JOHN FENNER was on the payroll on 24 March 1675 in King Philip's War under the command of Captain JOHNSON and Captain JOHN JACOB of Hingham (Register 39:76)."

Of the sixteen tribes of Indians in early Connecticut, the two in the area in close proximity to Saybrook were the Hammonassets and the Pequots (Pequotoogs) according to "Connecticut Yesteryears" by ALFRED P.

KNAPP (1985) published to commemorate Connecticut's 350th Anniversary. Early in the 17th century, UNCAS and his followers separated from the Pequot Indians and formed their own--the Mohegan tribe, the undisputed rulers of southeastern Connecticut for years. In the "Pequot War" Uncas in 1637 joined with the English captains and the troops from Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Saybrook; UNCAS and his followers doubtless contributed a great deal toward the defeat of the Pequots. He was a firm friend of the Saybrook founders.

JOHN FENNER is mentioned several times in SAYBROOK AT THE MOUTH OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER, The First 100 Years by GILMAN C. GATES (1935) along with the other Saybrook pioneers (pp. 230-234) and on page 233 we read that "Capt. JOHN FENNER (was one of the) proprietors of the Potapaug Quarter in 1694."

An interesting account of how SAYBROOK was named appears in FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN SAYBROOK 1646-1946 privately printed 1947 in New Haven and edited by EDWARD M. CHAPMAN, i.e. by taking the two surnames of Lord SAYE and Lord BROOKE of England. However, some have suggested "that the SAYBROOK name is a mere corruption of the name 'ZEEBRUGGE' which the Dutch had placed upon their map; (pages 24-25). EDWARD CHAPMAN insists he has at least five reasons for the village having been named for the two Englishmen. His book also contains an informative account of the distinction of the Pilgrims who were, he explains, Separatists, while the Puritans who settled the Massachusetts Bay were not; the latter were escaping the persecutions of the Archbishop (LAUD) of Canterbury and merely "wanted to purify the English Church from the errors into which it had fallen."

The compiler employed a professional genealogist in England (Miss DAPHNE HILLS of Wimborne, Dorsetshire) to search the P.C.C. for early FENNER family Wills to obtain possible family history of our Captain JOHN FENNER. There were many surnamed FENNER in the shires of Buckingham, Kent, Middlesex and Sussex as well as Surrey. Most of them had the usual familiar first names of JOHN, EDWARD, HENRY, THOMAS and RICHARD, and dated from 1508. Only three are being included herein although the exact relationship of the first two to the last one has not been ascertained:

1- JOHN FENNER of Crawley, Sussex, diocese of Chichester. 28 May 1513 - probated Nov 1517= Buried at St. John the Baptist Church at Crawley; To all my godchildren (unnamed) 4d. To JOHANNE, ALICE and ELIZABETH FENNER, daus of THOMAS FENNER, my son, lately deceased twenty pounds each on marriage or age 20 years, (and)

2-To JOHN FENNER senior and JOHN FENNER junior, sons of my son, THOMAS FENNER, at twenty-one (and) To the children of JOHANNA GRATEWYKE my daughter, and Residue to ANNE, wife of THOMAS, my son. Overseer JOHN SKYNNER the elder and JOHN SKYNNER, the younger. To RICHARD FENNER, my son, lands in Crawley, Iffeld and Horney. .... (and)(the grandfather of the emigrant,Capt.JOHN)

3-THOMAS FENNER of Crawley, Sussex, dated 7 May 1513 ... residue to JOHN FENNER, my father, and to ANNE FENNER, my wife, executors. Proved 7 Sept 1513 to ANNE FENNER. .....

(The last one is that of Captain JOHN FENNER's grandfather):

THOMAS FENNER the elder of Horne, Surrey, yeoman, dated 14 Dec 1601, probated Dec 1601- Lands in Burstow and Horne, Surrey in Occupation of THOMAS FENNER the elder, and Tanners in Horley, Sy and Worth, Sussex, to SAMUEL FENNER, my youngest son. Lands in Horley, Surrey, to ARTHUR FENNER, my eldest son.
100 marks to SARA FENNER, my youngest daughter. My wife, ELIZABETH executrix. .... (Wit: JOHN FENNER, my kinsman.) Proved 4 March 1601/02.

Captain JOHN FENNER died in 1709 and his wife survived him. His Will was dated 22 Oct 1708 and the probate file was No. 1988. See p. 104 TAG Vol. 11 for item regarding this probate:

FENNER, JOHN of Saybrook. wife, SARAH; son, JOHN; daus. SARAH and PHEBE, who have had part of portions, to have twenty pounds each; dau. HANNAH, sixty pounds. Wit. SAMUELL HOUGH, ANDREW WARNER, SAM[ll] WILLARD.
Inventory of estate of Capt. JOHN taken 21 June 1709.
GERSHOM PALMER, husband to SARAH, and DAVID BUELL, husband to PHEBY, daus of Capt. FENNER, object to Will.

Captain JOHN FENNER and his wife, SARAH, had the following children, all born in Saybrook: (TAG Vol. 15, p. 84)

(1) JOHN FENNER, died unmarried.
4. (2) SARAH FENNER, married GERSHOM PALMER,JR.*
(3) HANNAH FENNER married Sept 1709 THOMAS STARKIE (also STARKEY) and had children: (Saybrook Vital Records)
i JOHN STARKIE b 14 June 1711.
11 THOMAS STARKIE b 25 May 1714.
(4) PHEBE FENNER b 6 Sept 1673, m 11 May 1701 Major DAVID BUELL. (Saybrook Vital Records, p. 67 and "History of the BUELL FAMILY in ENGLAND and in AMERICA" by ALBERT WELLES (1881), pp. 35-36). Major BUELL was the son of SAMUEL and DEBORAH (GRISWOLD) BUELL of Killingworth and a grandson of the emigrant, WILLIAM BUELL, (See Allied Families: BUELL FAMILY.) of Windsor, Connecticut. They had children:
i PHOEBE BUELL b Killingworth 7 Apr 1702.
ii JEDEDIAH BUELL b 2 Dec 1704.
iii SARAH BUELL b 28 Feb 1710.
iv LUCIA BUELL b 13 Feb 1713.
(5) _____ (dau) m ca 1693 as his second wife, JAMES HAZELTON.

*See Page 121 herein for chapter on GERSHOM PALMER and wife, SARAH (FENNER) PALMER, and their three children: GERSHOM PALMER,(3rd), JOHN PALMER and ANN (ANNA, HANNAH) PALMER.

REGINALD FOSTER OF DEVONSHIRE, ENGLAND

1. The emigrant, REGINALD FOSTER, according to tradition, was the first of the name to emigrate to America and came from the town of Exeter, Devonshire, England "and to have crossed the water in one of the ships embargoed by King CHARLES the First: but of this, nothing certain is as yet known," (THE FOSTER FAMILY by GEORGE E.FOSTER in his 1897 history and pedigree of JESSE W. FOSTER).

The NEHGR Vol. 1, pp. 352-354 (1847) in writing of the FOSTER family explains the following:

> "REGINALD FOSTER was the venerable patriarch of the family in America. He was descended from an ancient and respectable family settled in the west of England, connected with those of the name in the north of England who wrote their name FORSTER and were distinguished for their exploits against the Scots mentioned in 'The Lay of the Last Minstrel' and in 'Marmion.' .... He settled at Ipswich in the county of Essex, coming from England in 1638 at the time so many emigrated to Massachusetts. He was accompanied by his wife, five sons and two daughters.

The Introduction by EDWARD J. FOSTER, M.D., to the first mentioned "THE FOSTER FAMILY" explains that

> "He brought with him his wife, JUDITH FOSTER, ... and was one of the earliest inhabitants of Ipswich. He lived near the 'East Bridge,' which stood where the stone bridge now (1897) is. It is supposed that the remains of what is known as the 'old FOSTER house,' may have been the site of his residence....
>
> "Of his life we know very little; the following facts, gleaned from town and county records indicate, however, that he was an active citizen.
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> "The danger from Indians in these early times was such that in the year 1645 a law was passed requiring the 'youth from ten to sixteen years to be exercised with small guns, half pikes, bows and arrows,' and also that 'every town is to have a guard set a half hour after sunset, to consist of a pikeman and musketeer, and to prepare for any sudden attack from the Indians.'
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> "REGINALD FOSTER on the 19 Dec 1645 subscribed with others his proportion of 3sh. towards the sum of £24. 7sh. 'to pay their leader Major DENNISON,' who then commanded the military forces of Essex and Norfolk Counties.
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> "REGINALD FOSTER on 8 March 1647/48 bought of RALPH DIX of Ipswich 'all his six acre lothe bought of WM. WHITE, lying in the common field on the north side of the river bounded on land of THOMAS SMYTH HUMPHREY BROADSTREET and ROBERT LORD.'
>
> "We find no mention of him again until 1652 when it was 'Granted THOMAS CLARK and REGINAL FOSTER, that when they shall have cut through a passage from this river into Chebacco River of ten feet wide and soe deepe as a lighter may pass through laden, and to make a ford and footebridge over, that then the town have given unto them £10 towards said passage."

On 3 June 1652 REGINALD FOSTER was a witness to the Will of WILLIAM AVERILL of Ipswich. On 11 Mar 1657/58 he purchased of ROGER PRESTON for 50 his dwelling house, house lot, barn and other buildings and also another house lot, with gardens, orchards, etc. which PRESTON had previously bought of ROBERT WALLIS situated on the north side of the river and one planting lot of three acres, on the north side of Town Hill; the houses were on the "High Street," at the east end. REGINALD also had a house lot near the "meeting house green."

On 29 Sept 1663 REGINALD was an appraiser of the estate of ROBERT ROBERTS. REGINALD's first wife, JUDITH, died at Ipswich in Oct 1664; they apparently have no more children of record born after their arrival in this country. He married (2nd) in Sept 1665 SARAH, the widow of JOHN MARTIN of Ipswich; she survived REGINALD and on 21 Sept 1682 married as the second wife of WILLIAM WHITE of Haverhill. SARAH (MARTIN) FOSTER died 22 Feb 1682/83.

The seven children of REGINALD and JUDITH FOSTER, all born in England, were:

2. (1) MARY FOSTER b 16__, married (1st) _____ WOOD; she married (2nd) FRANCIS+PEABODY (b ca 1612/14 at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, d 19 Feb 1697/98, in Topsfield, Essex Co., Massachusetts). There is a discrepancy whether MARY was his only wife (and the mother of his fourteen children) or the second wife of FRANCIS and the mother of only the younger ones. This seems difficult to reconcile too in that the youngest child was b 1669 at which time MARY would have been aged 51 years if born in 1618 which is indicated (though not stated) in listing her as the oldest of the seven children born to her parents. (See FRANCIS PEABODY of HERTFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND, in Allied Families for more on this.)
(2) SARAH FOSTER b 1620, m WILLIAM STORY.
(3) ABRAHAM FOSTER b 1622, m LYDIA BURBANK, dau of CALEB and MARTHA BURBANK of Rowley, Mass; nine children.
(4) ISAAC FOSTER b 1630.
(5) WILLIAM FOSTER b 1633.
(6) JACOB FOSTER b 1635.
(7) REGINALD FOSTER (JR.) b 1636.

The exact date of the death of REGINALD FOSTER is unknown but his Will was proved 9 June 1681 and was dated "the last day of April Anno Dom one thousand six hundred eighty" (1680), (Essex Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 403). In his Will he mentions his wife, SARAH, by giving her the "use of the house I now dwell in and the orchrd and gardens and five pounds yearly dureing her naturall life & 2 cows which she shall chuse out of my stock & the keeping of them both summer and winter yearly. Also I give her the bedstead with bedding in the parlor and the rest of the linen, and woolen yarne that she hath made and provided unto the house. Also the use of a brass pot ... the utentils in the Lean Too, and the great kettle and two skillets during her natural life. Also y (I) give her three sheepe... also two piggs and what provision shall be in the house

at my decease, also the table and form for her natural life. ffurther my will is that the household stuff, and such things as my wife brought into the house when y (I) marryed her be at her dispose in life and at death."

It is noted that the second wife, SARAH, is given merely the "use" of the house, orchard, and gardens and the use of the kitchen utensils until her death and the household things (stuff) which she had before she married REGINALD and which she brought with her into the household he allows or permits her to continue using and apparently to dispose of same during her lifetime or at her death. Following her decease the son, ABRAHAM FOSTER, inherits the dwelling house, orchard and ground surrounding same along with other bequests.

REGINALD also makes bequests to his other four sons, "RENOLD FFOSTER", ISAAC, WILLIAM and JACOB and to his two daughters, SARAH, the wife of WILLIAM STORY, and MARY, the wife of FRANCIS PEABODY. The five sons would all receive much land; the daughters merely receive a small sum of ten pounds "part of it to be payd in a payre of sheets and a paire of pillow biers and a feather bed after my wives decease." In this family the daughters did not have too long to wait for their inheritance to be paid as their step-mother SARAH MARTIN died the first of the following year, February 1682.

REGINALD's two sons, ABRAHAM and JACOB FOSTER, were named the executors of his Will and his "beloved friends" SIMON STACE and NEHEMIAH JEWETT were named the overseers with the responsibility that "if any difference arise amongst my wife and children, or amongst them about any particulars in my Will, my Will is that my two overseers shall end it...." quite contrary from differences arising amongst heirs to a Will which are probated today; disagreements are settled by the probate court and the appointment of "overseers" is no longer followed.

THE GARFIELD FAMILY

The history of this family is especially interesting to some of the WALTER PALMER descendants as they may learn for the first time that the lineage of the late President JAMES A. GARFIELD (twentieth President of the United States) and that of their ancestor, ANNA GARFIELD LAMB, comes down from two GARFIELD brothers, THOMAS born 1680, and SAMUEL born 1690, grandsons of the emigrant, EDWARD GARFIELD born 1575 in England and died 14 June 1672 at Watertown, Massachusetts, aged ninety seven years.

JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD was born 1831 Cuyahoga County, Ohio, son of ABRAM and ELIZABETH (BALLOU) GARFIELD; made fatherless at an early age he worked as a farmer and on canal boats; graduated from Williams College; became a teacher at and principal of Hiram College in Ohio; and became a lawyer. He distinguished himself as an officer of Ohio volunteers during the Civil War and was made a major general in 1863; then he resigned to take his seat in the House of Representatives. There, as a Republican leader, he fought inflation, advocated severe measures against the South and called for full freedom for the Negro, stressing the need for universal education to stem "the dangerously high tide of illiteracy" and he recommended a sound currency based on gold and silver. "The 1880 election, however, was not a spirited one as neither GARFIELD nor his Democratic opponent, General WINFIELD HANCOCK, would take firm stands on the really important issues, i.e. tariff revision, civil service reform, silver coinage, paper currency and Chinese immigration." GARFIELD received 9,464 more votes than his opponent out of 9,225,252 votes cast. Reading this one would almost think it was the election of 1980 and not that of one hundred years ago; the problems are still there.

Less than four months after his inauguration on 4 March 1881, as he walked through the Washington, D.C. railway station the President was shot from behind by a disappointed and deranged job-seeker named CHARLES GUITEAU; the President died ten weeks later on 19 Sept 1881; although GARFIELD was almost totally incapacitated for eleven weeks, the Vice President, CHESTER A. ARTHUR, flatly refused to assume presidential powers as long as GARFIELD was alive. ("New Univ.One-Volume Encyclopedia" FRANKLIN DUNHAM, Editor-in-Chief, U.S.Office of Education, Washington, D.C. and "Presidents of Manifest Destiny" pub 1972 by the Los Angeles Times.)

In 1883 the New England Historic Genealogical Society published at Boston "The GARFIELD FAMILY in England" by WILLIAM P.W.PHILLIMORE,M.A., B.C.L., of London, England, from which the following is quoted:

> "The interest which necessarily belongs to everything connected with the family history of the late PRESIDENT GARFIELD will be a sufficient reason for placing before the reader the results of an inquiry into the early history of the GARFIELD FAMILY IN ENGLAND which was undertaken with the hope of tracing the connection between the American and English branches. The exact information given by Messrs. BOND and SAVAGE in their pedigrees of the GARFIELDS of Massachusetts (from which it appears that EDWARD GARFIELD of Watertown, the original emigrant, died in 1672, aged 97 years) made it reasonable to

think that there would be little difficulty in tracing his parentage and ascertaining the English origin of the family. Unfortunately this hope was not fulfilled, and nothing more definite has been discovered than that the American GARFIELDs probably descended from a respectable yeoman family settled in the sixteenth century at the adjacent villages of Kilsby and Ashby St. Ledger in Northamptonshire. A strange fatality seems to have attended the records which it was hoped would throw light on the Kilsby GARFIELDS during the reign of Elizabeth the First. The early church register of Kilsby from 1571 to 1636 has been lost since BAKER wrote his history of the county during the years 1822-1830; the Bishop's transcripts at Peterborough, which might have supplied the want, do not begin until the eighteenth century. The ancient parish registers of St. Sepulchres, London, were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 ..... and the court rolls of the Manor of Kilsby are extant only for the reign of Edward the Sixth (1547-1553).

"Notwithstanding searches made through the indexes of many early records, no instance of the name GARFIELD has been discovered of an earlier date than 1524. ... The derivation from GAERFILI or CARRPHILLY Castle in Wales, which is referred to in a letter from the late President, printed in the Rev. Mr. PORTER's pamphlet of 'President GARFIELD's Ancestry,' appears to have nothing to support it beyond a vague similarity of form. Certainly there is no evidence whatever to connect the GARFIELDs with that part of the country.

"The Lay Subsidy Rolls, now preserved in the Public Record Office, supply the earliest at present known mention of the name. From these records we learn of a THOMAS GARFELDE of Ashby Legers in 1524/25... which village and Kilsby are contiguous."

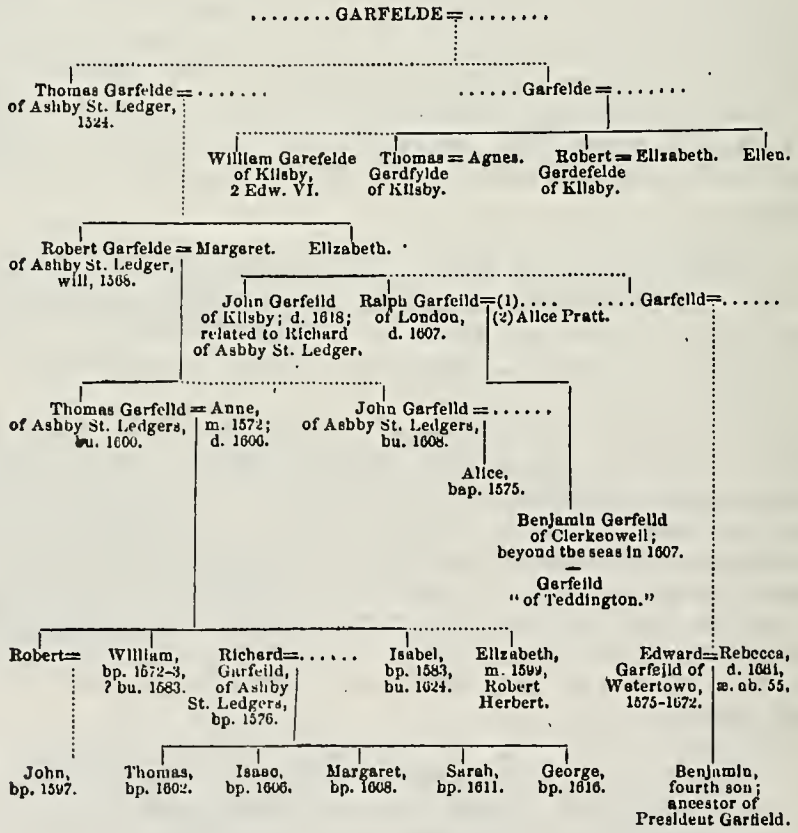
This very lengthy (twelve pages) article by the eminent English researcher and genealogist, WILLIAM PHILLIMORE, has to be carefully read to be appreciated by GARFIELD descendants but the pedigree chart he has included (see next page) is interesting in two respects: first it is uncertain about the grandparents and ancestors of the President's first known American-born ancestor, BENJAMIN GARFIELD; and second, it has no indication (as has been sometimes alleged in this country) that there were two EDWARD GARFIELDS, senior and junior, and that BENJAMIN from whom the late President and ANNA GARFIELD LAMB descend, was the son of EDWARD, JR.

"The Life ... of JAMES A. GARFIELD," by RUSSELL H. CONWELL (1881) pub at Portland, Maine asserts "EDWARD GARFIELD, SR., had two sons, viz., EDWARD, JR., and SAMUEL. The latter lived a bachelor's life but EDWARD, JR. ... married a lady of Newton, Mass. (who d 16 Apr 1661) by whom he had three sons and two daughters, viz.,

(1) SAMUEL GARFIELD, born _____ d 20 Nov 1684.
(2) JOSEPH GARFIELD, born 14 Aug 1631 or 1634 (Watertown Records). (NEHGR Vol.7, p.159) give his birth as 11 (7) 1637 or 11 Sept 1637.
(3) REBECCA GARFIELD b 10 Mar 1640 (same as Watertown Records).
(4) BENJAMIN GARFIELD born 1643, d 28 Nov 1717.
(5) ABIGAIL GARFIELD b 29 June 1646."

Relying on the "History of Watertown" by Bond, another family history continued the error of the CONWELL book by assuming there were two EDWARD GARFIELDS "father and son, who came from England together, and who both died on the same day 14 June 1672, the father at the age of ninety-seven." The wife of EDWARD, JR. is said to have been REBECCA, the mother of all his children (which is contrary to the PHILLIMORE record) including the son of special interest to this history, BENJAMIN GARFIELD. (See "Genealogy of the JOHN BRIDGE Family in America 1632-1924" by the Rev. WILLIAM DAWSON BRIDGE, A.M., D.D. (1924) pub.Cambridge; p. 414.)

The Orange County, New York, Genealogical Society's Quarterly for May 1985 has an explanation for a previous query inserted therein regarding the two EDWARD GARFIELDS. The answer was submitted by HELEN TRAVER ANDERSON of Pavilion, New York, with whom the compiler has previously corresponded as they found they were both descendants of the Revolutionary War soldier, ELIAKIM GARFIELD, but by two different wives. The ANDERSON explanation will be found on the following page.



From page 8 of THE GARFIELD FAMILY IN ENGLAND by WILLIAM P.W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., B.C.L. of London, England, published 1883 by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.

THE GARFIELDs of the Parish of KILSBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, IN ENGLAND

"There is no EDWARD (2) son of EDWARD (1) as assumed by MR. BOND in his 'Watertown, Mass.' Boston, 1860, pp. 232/4. Rev. EDWARD PORTER's Paper, read at the Oct Meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society following the assassination of President GARFIELD the previous July, 1881, proves the notion 'false.' A Booklet was printed from same Paper, same year at Cambridge, of which writer has microfilm copy 1972. Neither the quaint Will of EDWARD GEARFIELD (therein carried) nor town records of old Watertown mention a son EDWARD.... EDWARD GAARDFIELD (GERFELD, GEARFIELD) came to America in the stout, but strangely-shaped ship, 'The Arbella' arriving 30 June 1630. His children by REBECCA were: SAMUEL, JOSEPH who inherited the homestead, REBECCA, BENJAMIN (the writer's ancestor) and ABIGAIL. (Submitted by HELEN TRAVER ANDERSON, Box 160, Pavilion, N.Y. 14525.)"

The earliest date in most published records in this country for the emigrant EDWARD GARFIELD is 1635 in Watertown, Massachusetts. His name is missing from several passenger lists checked by the compiler for those arriving during the period 1630-1635; CHARLES BANKS does list him in his "TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF 2885 ENGLISH EMIGRANTS..." on page 126 as coming from the parish of Kilsby bound for Watertown, his source being NEHGR Vol. 27, p. 253. The early registers of first settlers to New England by JOHN FARMER and CHARLES HENRY POPE both list EDWARD GARFIELD. "HISTORY OF FRAMINGHAM, MASS." by WILLIAM BARRY (1847) pp.191-200 records the marriage of EDWARD GARFIELD of Watertown on 1 Sept 1661 to the widow of THOMAS BUCKMINSTER (BUCKMASTER), JOHANNA. On 16 June 1661 the first wife of EDWARD, REBECCA GARFIELD, had died at age fifty-five; she was the mother of his five children.

During the years 1900-1927 DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER of Palmyra, New York devoted all his years to researching his PALMER family and its allied lines. From his research it is noted (page 1051) he lists the parents of JOHN C. PALMER's wife, NANCY LAMB as PHINEAS and ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB of Wells, Vermont; they were also the parents of DOLLY LAMB who married earlier NATHAN PALMER, brother of JOHN C. PALMER. Following BYRON's death in 1927 his Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER, of New York City continued the research and was responsible for having typed some 10,000 pages of their combined research during which years (1927-1954) HORACE and his wife, NELLIE, continued their research throughout the United States. The compiler feels the veracity of these two long-time genealogists in placing ANNA GARFIELD as the mother of the two daughters who married NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER cannot be questioned.

By 1966 another genealogist of Elmhurst, Illinois, GERTRUDE GENEVIEVE (DUEL) ICKS, A.B. was devoting years of time and money to the search of her DUEL family which culminated in the publication of a book that year entitled "330 YEARS IN AMERICA 1635-1965". She explained it was a "Narrative and Genealogical History of the DEVOL-DUEL Families" with allied families which included the LAMB and GARFIELD lines; it was the LAMB family into which her ancestor, HIRAM DUEL, married in 1849. She explains the research into this history "took my husband and me over ten years, the assistance of three paid researchers, three

trips East and a considerable sum of money. Her husband, Col. ROBERT J. ICKS,(USA Ret.) was the author of several books and assisted her in the research for her book. This search encompassed the usual histories, vital records and genealogies of Massachusetts and "THE STORY OF THE GARFIELDS 1630-1919" compiled by MARY GARFIELD RAYMONDS and numerous census records. The conclusion GERTRUDE ICKS came to (page 185) corroborates the statement on the previous page herein of HELEN T. ANDERSON that there was only one EDWARD GARFIELD, the emigrant, who married one REBECCA and that they did not have a son named EDWARD; that their children were SAMUEL, JOSEPH, REBECCA and BENJAMIN and (according to the ANDERSON statement) a dau ABIGAIL; however, the ICKS paragraph suggests the following about a fifth child: "and BOND names another called maid ANN". With the foregoing resume of GARFIELD research of the past seventy-five years, the following pedigree of the family down from the emigrant appears to be:

1. EDWARD GARFIELD b ca 1575 Kilsby Parish, Northamptonshire, England, emigrated ca 1630 to Watertown, Massachusetts; married one REBECCA _____ (b ca 1606, d 16 June 1661, aged ca 55); he was admitted a freeman 1635; was a selectman in 1638, 1655 and 1662; and (according to CONWELL's research, p. 28)"had his house built on a beautiful spot in Watertown overlooking the Charles River, and the site is still (1881) pointed out to visitors, near the railroad station of the Fitchburg railroad. In this house he lived but a few years before he was able to purchase a much larger estate in the western part of Watertown, near the present location of the Waltham town line. On this land he erected a capacious mansion, and surrounded himself with all the comforts and elegance of the 'gentleman' of that period; and the estate now known as the 'Gov. GORE place,' still holds its position as one of the most beautiful and valuable estates in Massachusetts."

From other sources we learn that EDWARD GARFIELD was "one of the earliest proprietors of Watertown, a grantee of eight lots and a purchaser of four lots before 1644. He had thirty acres set to him in the division dated 25 July 1636. About 1650 he purchased of the heirs of the Rev. Mr. PHILLIPS a lot of forty acres, since well known as the Governor GORE place, or COPLEY GREENE place."

EDWARD and REBECCA GARFIELD had the following children:

(1) SAMUEL GARFIELD who m (1st) SUSANNA _____ who died 2 July 1652; two children; m (2nd) MARY BENFIELD on 28 Nov 1652; thirteen children.

(2) JOSEPH GARFIELD b 11 Sept 1637 (given as 11 (7) 1637 in Watertown, "Early Records of Boston" reprinted NEHGR Vol. 7, p.159, 1853), died 14 Oct 1681.

(3) REBECCA GARFIELD b 10 Mar 1640 (given as 10 (1) 1640 in NEHGR Vol.7, p.159), m ISAAC MIXER, JR. 10 Mar 1661/12.

2. (4) BENJAMIN GARFIELD b 1643, m (1st) 1673 MEHITABLE HAWKINS who died 9 Nov 1675 "in childbed" aged 25 years; m (2nd) 17 Jan 1677/78 ELIZABETH BRIDGE (b 17 Aug 1659) dau of MATTHEW and ANNE (DANFORTH) BRIDGE of Cambridge, Mass. Two children by MEHITABLE and seven by ELIZABETH.

(5) ABIGAIL GARFIELD b 29 Aug 1646, m ca 1670 JOHN PARKHURST.

EDWARD GARFIELD married (2nd) 1 Sept 1661, JOHANNAH BUCKMASTER, widow of the emigrant THOMAS BUCKMASTER who had come from Wales at least by 1640, (as the name is given in all records of the first and second generations; however, in a deed to JOSEPH, son of THOMAS, dated 23 July 1660, the name first appears as BUCKMINSTER). JOHANNAH and THOMAS had had several children including a son, JOSEPH BUCKMASTER, their eighth child, who married 1665 ELIZABETH CLARK (b 31 Jan 1648, Watertown) dau of HUGH and ELIZABETH CLARK, the emigrants (see pp. 684-685 herein). JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (CLARK) BUCKMASTER had but two children and he died in Roxbury in 1668; his widow married (2nd) ABIEL LAMB (SR.), son of the emigrant, THOMAS LAMB, of Roxbury by his second wife, DOROTHY (HARBITTLE) LAMB.

This marriage of the daughter-in-law OF JOHANNAH and THOMAS BUCKMASTER (JOHANNAH being the second wife also of EDWARD GARFIELD) is of interest to this PALMER history. The widow of their son, JOSEPH, married as her second husband ABIEL LAMB and they had five children, the fourth child being JONATHAN LAMB born 11 Nov 1682 who married 9 July 1708 LYDIA DEATH (D'AETH) and their grandson, PHINEAS LAMB married ANNA GARFIELD. (See pp. 700-703 herein.)

EDWARD GARFIELD was the great-great-grandfather of ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB whose two daus, DOLLY and NANCY LAMB married brothers, NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER. EDWARD died 14 June 1672, aged about ninety-seven years, at Watertown.

2. BENJAMIN GARFIELD was born at Watertown in 1643, married (1st) MEHITABLE HAWKINS who died 9 Nov 1675 "in childbed" aged 25 years; they had two sons; he married (2nd) 17 Jan 1677/78 ELIZABETH BRIDGE (b 17 Aug 1659) dau of MATTHEW and ANNE (DANFORTH) BRIDGE of Cambridge, Mass. by whom he had seven children. He was admitted Freeman 18 Apr 1690; and served Watertown as a Representative nine times between 1689-1717; he held numerous other municipal appointments and was Captain of the Militia; he was a Selectman twenty years; Town Clerk twelve years and on the Committee to locate the boundary between Watertown and Newton, Massachusetts 1 Mar 1704/05 (see pp. 413-414 BRIDGE GENEALOGY, supra). The BRIDGE history, page 28, writes of Captain BENJAMIN GARFIELD:

> "He was a notable citizen of Watertown in his day... from (him) and from ELIZABETH (BRIDGE) GARFIELD descended, in the seventh generation, JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, the late President of the United States ... from THOMAS, their oldest son..."

Children of BENJAMIN AND MEHITABLE GARFIELD:

(1) BENJAMIN GARFIELD, JR. b 8 July 1674, m BERTHA HOWE.

(2) BENONI GARFIELD b 12 June 1675, m ABIGAIL STEARNS (died 11 Sept 1710); he m (2nd) MARY _____; one dau by each.

Children of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH (BRIDGE) GARFIELD:

(3) ELIZABETH GARFIELD b 30 June 1679, died 1700.

(4) THOMAS GARFIELD b 12 Dec 1680, m 24 Jan 1706/07 MERCY BIGELOW (b 1686, d 28 Feb 1744/45) dau of JOSHUA and ELIZABETH (FLAGG) BIGELOW. They had at least ten children including THOMAS GARFIELD, JR. (Lieut.) bapt 5 Apr 1713 when aged five weeks, who m 21 Oct 1742 REBECCA JOHNSON (b 2 Nov 1719, d 3 Feb 1763) dau of

Deacon SAMUEL and REBECCA JOHNSON. This is President GARFIELD's line. Lieut. THOMAS GARFIELD,JR. died 3 Jan 1774 in Lincoln; his father died 4 Feb 1752 in Weston. This branch of the GARFIELDS were established in that part of Watertown which afterward became Weston which was later incorporated into parts of Concord and Lexington as the 2nd precinct of Concord and on 19 April 1754 became the town of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

(5) ANNA (ANNE) GARFIELD b 2 June 1683, m 1702/03 Dea. BENJAMIN BROWN (b 27 Feb 1681, d 11 Mar 1753), son of JONATHAN and MARY (SHATTUCK) BROWNE of Weston; ANNA d 13 Sept 1737.

(6) ABIGAIL GARFIELD b 13 July 1685.

(7) MEHITABLE GARFIELD b 7 Dec 1687, m 8 Dec 1714 JOHN JONES (b 9 Mar 1686/87, son of Capt. JOSIAH and LYDIA (TREADWAY) JONES.

3. (8) SAMUEL GARFIELD b 3 Sept 1690 Watertown, m ca 1714 MARY BOWMAN (also BOURMAN) (b 22 Dec 1693) dau of Captain NATHANIEL+BOWMAN (the second) and his wife, ANNA (BARNARD) BOWMAN (see pp. 637-639 herein). They had nine children.

(9) MARY GARFIELD b 2 Oct 1695.

The ICKS history (supra) alleges "Capt. BENJAMIN GARFIELD is buried in the Old Burying Ground near Beaver Brook in Old Waltham." He died 28 Nov 1717, aged seventy-four years and his widow married as her second husband DANIEL HARRINGTON on 25 Oct 1720 (b 1 Nov 1657, d 19 Apr 1728); he was the son of ROBERT and SUSANNA (GEORGE) HARRINGTON.

3. SAMUEL GARFIELD b 3 Sept 1690 Watertown, m ca 1714 MARY BOWMAN (also BOURMAN) (b 22 Dec 1693) dau of Captain NATHANIEL BOWMAN (the 2nd) and ANNA (BARNARD) BOWMAN (see pp. 637-639 herein), of Cambridge. At some period SAMUEL removed to the adjoining county of Worcester and settled at Leicester. The ICKS history contains the following about SAMUEL:

"He died perhaps in Leicester some time after his land was confiscated by Sheriff's deed on 13 Sept 1754 and some time before his wife (then a widow) released her interest in the land on 3 Nov 1761. The Leicester Church records previous to 1790 have disappeared long ago. They may have contained the record of his death.

"Note. The deeds alone (would) fill in details of SAMUEL GARFIELD and his son ELIAKIM, their residences, locations, status (i.e. SAMUEL rose from labourer in 1748 to Gentleman in 1754, even in spite of reverses in the 1750 inflationary period). His residences were in Weston, Leicester and Sutton, all in the county of Worcester in Massachusetts.

"Worcester County Deeds contain the following:

"Vol. 27, p. 428 - GRAFTON FEVERYEAR, Boston, baker, and SAMUEL GEARFIELD of Weston, labourer, 80 acres in the West precinct of Leicester, 26 Nov 1748.

"Vol. 34, p. 340 - SAMUEL GARFEILD, Leicester, Gentleman, and JOHN CUSTIS, Gentleman, 4 acres, 11 May 1754.

"Vol. 34, p. 395 - SAMUEL GEARFEILD, Leicester, Gentleman (and wife MARY) and ELIAKIM GARFEILD, husbandman 70 acres,

in Leicester, 31 May 1754.
"Vol. 34, p. 436 - SAML GARFEILD, Leicester, Gentleman and ELIAKIM GARFEILD, husbandman 10 acres, 21 June 1754.
"Vol. 35, p B251 - SAMUEL GARFEILD, Leicester and NATHANIEL GREEN, Worcester, 30 acres of land in Leicester 13 Sept 1754.
"Vol. 46, p. 12 - ELIAKIM GARFEILD, Sutton, yeoman (and MARY GARFEILD of Leicester, widow) and GARDINER CHANDLER, Worcester, esq., quit claim on 50 acres in Leicester 30 Nov 1761."

SAMUEL and MARY (BOWMAN) GARFIELD had the following children:

(1) BENJAMIN GARFIELD (the 2nd) b 1715/16.
(2) MARY GARFIELD b 1718.
(3) ELIZABETH GARFIELD b 1721.
(4) SARAH GARFIELD b 1723.
(5) LUCEA GARFIELD b 1725.
(6) SAMUEL GARFIELD, JR. b 1727.
(7) NATHANIEL GARFIELD b 1730.
4. (8) ELIAKIM GARFIELD b 3 Oct 1732 at Watertown, m (1st) on 3 July 1759 HANNA CHASE who died between 1767 and 1769; m (2nd) on 6 Feb 1769 at Grafton, Mass., SARAH SHERMAN. He had five children by HANNAH and six by SARAH.

4. ELIAKIM GARFIELD was born in Watertown 3 Oct 1732, m 3 July 1759 HANNAH+CHASE (b 11 Jan 1736/37 in Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., died 1767/1768) dau of DANIEL CHASE, JR. and his wife HANNAH (TUTTLE) CHASE (see pp. 672-683 herein). They had five children and following the death of HANNAH, ELIAKIM married (2nd) on 6 Feb 1769 at Grafton, Mass., SARAH SHERMAN, dau of EPHRAIM and THANKFUL "TEMPLE" SHERMAN by whom he had six more children. The ICKS history (p. 186) in explaining that the name CHASE "was spelled CHACE in the Leicester Vital Records" said the "intention of marriage was given as 20 May 1759, indicating some Quaker affiliation."

ELIAKIM GARFIELD was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, aged 43 years in 1775; he is listed as a pvt in Capt. JOSEPH WARRIN's Company and was engaged 21 Aug 1777 and discharged five days later;more service then was five days under Lt. Col. WHEELOCK's Company when they marched to Bennington on an alarm. He is listed in the D.A.R. Patriots Index page 260 as born 1730, died Dec 1813; wife SARAH GARFIELD; enlisted as a private from Massachusetts. The D.A.R. Index also lists his oldest son, NATHANIEL (b 29 Oct 1760) as a soldier in the RW, wife: EUNICE WOODWARD; he enlisted as a pvt from Massachusetts and died 9 Feb 1839.

ELIAKIM and HANNAH (CHASE) GARFIELD had the following children:

(1) NATHANIEL GARFIELD b 26 Oct 1760 at Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass. (according to his Affidavit for Pension); he enlisted several times during the Rev. War; he married 7 Jan 1788 EUNICE WOODWARD (b 16 Nov 1762 at Needham, Mass., d Hague, N.Y. 3 May 1856); in 1832 in an affidavit for a pension (claim No. W19487) he explained he had resided at Leicester, Sutton, Rutland, Berry and Grafton; including an enlistment Dec 1776 at Sutton, Worcester Co.

He enlisted in 1777 residing at Grafton; and in July 1780 while living at Rutland, Worcester Co., Mass. In March 1780 he had enlisted as a volunteer in a company of Mass. Militia raised for the purpose of guarding British prisoners at the Rutland Barracks and he resided in Rutland. In 1832 when applying for a pension he said he had lived at Hague in Warren Co., N.Y. for thirty years, and he was aged seventy-one when making the application; a pension of $84. per annum was granted. He died at Hague, N.Y. 9 Feb 1839 and his widow thereafter applied for a widow's pension. They had apparently but two children:

i SARAH GARFIELD b 15 May 1788, Greenwich, Mass.

ii NATHANIEL GARFIELD, JR. b 14 July 1793 Princeton, Mass. who m 26 Jan 1826 CHARLOTTE HARWOOD (b 8 May 1802 Pittsford, Vermont, d 2 Jan 1878 Honeoye Falls, N.Y.); NATHANIEL, JR. died 22 Sept 1853 at Hague

5. (2) ANNA GARFIELD bapt 3 Jan 1762, Covenant Leicester Church, married ca 1780/1781 PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) V. +LAMB (b 6 May 1756 at Leicester, died Wells, Rutland Co.,Vermont) son of JONATHAN LAMB, JR. and ELIZABETH +(RICHARDSON) LAMB of Framingham and Leicester, Mass. PHINEAS served in the Rev. War (D.A.R. Patriot Index p. 398); thus the three men closest to ANNA all served in that war: her father her oldest brother and her husband. She died 1834, aged seventy-two years at Wells where both she and her husband were buried; they had thirteen children. (See Allied Families, THOMAS LAMB of Roxbury, Massachusetts for her children.)

(3) MARY GARFIELD bapt 1764, m NICHOLAS OTIS.

(4) ABIGAIL ("NABBY") GARFIELD m JONAS CLAP.

(5) MOSES GARFIELD bapt 10 May 1767, m (1st) ABIGAIL MASON; m (2nd) MRS. HANNAH POPE.

ELIAKIM and his second wife, SARAH, had the following children: (compiled from several sources plus the census records)

(6) HANNAH GARFIELD bapt 1770.

(7) Infant born and died 19 Nov 1773.

(8) SARAH b 1774, m AMBROSE BATCHELOR, in 1804.

(9) _____ dau.

(10) JOSEPH GARFIELD b 17 Apr 1780, m 1803 LYDIA STEARNS (b 14 Dec 1789, d 1850, bur Stillwater Cem.,N.Y.) She was from Stratton, Vermont.

(11) SAMUEL GARFIELD b 1783, m LYDIA HAYWARD.

Soon after the end of the Revolutionary War (1783) ELIAKIM GARFIELD had removed from Massachusetts to Vermont. The ICKS history gives the marriage of ANNA GARFIELD to PHINEAS LAMB "possibly ca 1780 in or near Princeton." The Application for D.A.R. membership filed in 1978 under the service of Rev.War Soldier ELIAKIM GARFIELD revealed the wife's name to be SARAH, until which time the compiler had no knowledge of this second marriage. Research was immediately conducted which resulted in some correspondence with HELEN T. ANDERSON (previously mentioned) who had done the research for the applicant submitting that information. She

learned for the first time that her ELIAKIM GARFIELD had had a first wife and a previous family and the compiler learned for the first time that ELIAKIM had had a second wife and a second family. HELEN ANDERSON had puzzled over the age of ELIAKIM being 38 years when the first child was born to the second wife and age 51 years when the sixth child was born to them, suspecting there must have been a first marriage.

From the pension application of his son, NATHANIEL, and the census records dating from 1790 efforts have been made to trace this family from Watertown, Mass., where ELIAKIM GARFIELD was born, to Leicester, still in Worcester Co., where his children by HANNAH were probably born, to Princeton in that county where ELIAKIM is listed in the 1790 Census and where ANNA GARFIELD may have married PHINEAS LAMB and thereafter to Vermont. The 1790 Federal Census for Princeton in Worcester Co., Mass. has ELIAKIM GARFIELD (page 233) with one male under 16 years of age (JOSEPH) and four females, i.e. his wife, SARAH, and three daus whereas it would appear there should have been two "males under age 16" to include SAMUEL born 1783, and who the third female might have been is unclear.

This same census for that county at Rutland has the daughter ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB's family listing her husband PHINEAS (page 234) with one son under 16 years of age (GEORGE) a wife and three other females, i.e. DOLLY b ca 1781/82, BETSEY b 1783 and SUSAN born 1787.

The 1800 Federal Census for the County of Windham, Vermont, has an ELIAKIM GARFIELD at the town of Stratton and PHINEHAS LAMB at Newfane; also NATHANIEL GARFIELD at Stratton.

ELIAKIM GARFIELD died December 1813 at Batchellerville in Saratoga County, New York (which may account for not finding him in the 1810 census in Vermont); his wife, SARAH, died Sept 1816 and they are buried side by side in the Batchellerville Cemetery which has been verified by a visit to their graves by the previously mentioned HELEN T. ANDERSON of Jamestown, New York. She has explained they are not now buried in their original resting places which was a cemetery in the valley of Edinburg all of which flooded to create the Sacandaga Lake Reservoir; all the bodies of the little cemetery were moved up the hill and interred in the Batchellerville Cemetery. Their son, SAMUEL, had resided in Edinburg several years previous to removing to Batchellerville; his brother, JOSEPH, also settled in this latter spot but apparently came straight from Vermont.

ELIAKIM GARFIELD's Uncle THOMAS GARFIELD is the direct ancestor of the late President JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD; and THOMAS and ELIAKIM's father (SAMUEL) were brothers. The marriage of THOMAS to MERCY BIGELOW provided President GARFIELD with a royal family line back on the BIGELOW side to HENRI the First, King of France (ca 1005-1060). See "BURKE's Presidential Families of the United States of America" (1975).

PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT's ANCESTORS

The eighteenth President of the United States was the son of JESSE ROOT GRANT (1794-1873) and his wife, HANNAH SIMPSON (1798-1883). The father was b at Deerfield, Ohio 23 Jan 1794, married at Point Pleasant, Ohio 24 June 1821 HANNAH SIMPSON (b Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 23 Nov 1798, d Jersey City, N.J. 11 May 1883), dau of JOHN SIMPSON. JESSE died at Covington, Kentucky 29 June 1873.

ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT was b 1822 at Point Pleasant; graduated from West Point in 1843; served in the Mexican War 1845-1848 and resigned from the army in 1854. He attempted various civilian occupations thereafter which did not work out successfully and when the Civil War broke out he rejoined the army, becoming a colonel of Illinois volunteers in June 1861 and a brigadier general in August. His first success for the North occurred Feb 1862 when he took Forts Henry and Donelson in Tennessee capturing 14,000 Confederate soldiers. President LINCOLN's response was to make him a major general. General GRANT was in command at the battle of Shiloah Apr 1861 winning a close, bloody victory for the Union. After a lengthy siege he took Vicksburg with 30,000 Confederates 4 July 1863 which broke Confederate control of the Mississippi. He had numerous other successes and the President made him Commander in Chief of Union forces, with the grade of lieutenant general; he was the officer with the best grasp of military tactics and the greatest skill in the choice and handling of subordinates. Following the end of that great American tragedy, GRANT in 1866 became the first full general since GEORGE WASHINGTON. April 1867 he was appointed ad-interim Secretary of War.

In 1868 GRANT won the Presidency against the Democratic candidate HORATIO SEYMOUR but his administration was marred by political dissension and corruption in which he did not personally share but which he was unable to control being greatly deceived by friends and associates. In 1872 he was renominated and defeated HORACE GREELEY, a Liberal Republican and Democratic candidate; his second administration, like his first was unfortunate. He d 23 July 1885; two former Confederate generals were pallbearers at his funeral.

He was faced with monumental problems on taking the Presidency on 4 Mar 1869: there were 35 million Americans with a national debt of $400 million; there were eleven shattered Southern states to be rebuilt; the inflated paper currency issued during the war had to be redeemed; and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments granting the rights of full citizenship to the black people had to be enforced. GRANT had a great weakness which contributed to his failures in the Presidency, the unfortunate appointment to key positions of unqualified individuals who were either family members or close friends.

As outlined on page 51 herein, his ancestor, SAMUEL GRANT (b 1659) had married GRACE MINOR (b 1670) as his second wife on 11 Apr 1688. She was a granddaughter of the emigrant, THOMAS MINOR, and his wife, GRACE PALMER also an emigrant who was the oldest of twelve children of WALTER PALMER.

GRACE (MINOR) GRANT's parents were Captain JOHN and ELIZABETH (BOOTH) MINOR. Through her mother, dau of RICHARD BOOTH (the emigrant who came to Stratford, Conn. 1640) and grandfather, EDWARD BOOTH of Great Budworth, Cheshire, GRACE's lineage -- and that of President GRANT -- traces back to DAVID the First, King of the Scots (ca 1080-1153) back 27 generations!

For our Bicentennial Burke's Peerage Limited in London published their "Presidential Families of the United States of America" (1975) which contains a two-page pedigree reflecting this royal lineage from David the First down to President ULYSSES GRANT, through the female side in the BOOTH-MINOR families.

In addition this publication continues the GRANT family pedigree back from GRACE MINOR's husband, SAMUEL GRANT (1659-1710) as follows:

WILLIAM GRANT[1] m JANE BURTON, dau of WILLIAM BURTON of Ingmanthorpe, Yorkshire; they had

JOHN GRANT[2] of Roxby, parish of Pickhill, Yorkshire, m JANE BELFORD, dau and co-heiress of EDWARD BELFORD of Exelby, Yorkshire; they had

GEORGE GRANT[3] m 7 Nov 1570 JULIAN CLARYONETTE, dau of MARMADUKE CLARYONETTE; they had

JOHN GRANT[4] b May 1573, m 7 July 1600 ALICE TURBERVILLE, dau of MATTHEW TURBERVILLE of Woolbridge, Dorsetshire; they had

MATTHEW GRANT[5] emigrated from Plymouth, Devonshire sailing in the 'Mary and John', landing at Nantasket 30 May 1630; settled first at Dorchester, Mass., then removed to Windsor, Conn. 1635; m (1st) 16 Nov 1625 PRISCILLA (b 1602, d 27 Apr 1644), dau of Rev. ANTHONY GREY, Rector of Burbage, Leicestershire; he m (2nd) 29 May 1645 SUSANNA (b 5 Apr 1602, d 14 Nov 1666) (CAPEN) ROCKWELL, widow of WILLIAM ROCKWELL and dau of BERNARD CAPEN; his 2nd son by his 1st marriage was:

SAMUEL GRANT[6] b 12 Nov 1631, m 27 May 1658 MARY PORTER (b 1638) dau of JOHN PORTER by his wife, ANNA (WHITE) PORTER; they had

SAMUEL GRANT[7] b 20 Apr 1659, m (1st) 6 Dec 1683 ANNA FILLEY (b 1644, d 1686); one dau. He m (2nd) 11 Apr 1688 GRACE MINOR (b 1670, d 1753) dau of Captain JOHN MINOR by his wife, ELIZABETH BOOTH

The continuation of this pedigree appears on page 51 in the chapter herein entitled GRACE (PALMER) MINOR.

THE THOMAS GREENE FAMILY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Those emigrants with this surname (GREEN and GREENE) are one of the most time-consuming to trace as there were so many of them; even in Malden there were three named THOMAS GREENE. The spelling would vary and the same family would spell the name GREENE in some instances and GREEN in others. In this chapter the spelling will be used as it appears in the title. Many years ago when the compiler initiated her search for her GREENE ancestors, it was noted in the large genealogical library in Salt Lake City there were some fifteen different GREENE genealogies. But with continued research which included the allied surnames of LAMB, UPHAM and RICHARDSON, it is believed the following is the family of interest to this PALMER history.

1. THOMAS GREENE was born in England ca 1606, probably in Leicestershire and emigrated to America in the 1630's although the exact date is unknown. He settled first in either Ipswich or Roxbury until 1649 or 1650 when he removed to Malden where he had a farm of 63 acres in the northern part of the town which became the town of Melrose. He was selectman of Malden and several times served on the grand jury of the County of Middlesex. His oldest son was named for the father, born in England ca 1630 and was known as THOMAS junior and the father as THOMAS senior. Just how many of the children were born in England and emigrated with the parents is not known.

THOMAS married in England ca 1625 ELIZABETH ____ who was the mother of all ten of his children; she d 22 Aug 1658 and he married (2nd) FRANCES COOK 5 Sept 1659, the widow of RICHARD COOK who died 14 Oct 1658; THOMAS GREENE was FRANCES' third husband, her first marriage having been to ISAAC WHEELER; she had children by both her former husbands; she was born ca 1608. THOMAS d 19 Dec 1667; his Will was dated 12 Nov that year and proved 15 Jan 1667/68; it was recorded in Middlesex Probate Records Vol. 5, page 297. He appointed his sons, WILLIAM and HENRY, executors; he did not mention a wife in his Will but made bequests to his "eldest son" THOMAS and to his four other sons and to his five daughters. The witnesses to his Will were JOHN WAITE and JOHN LYNDE.

Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH GREENE:

(1) ELIZABETH GREENE b England ca 1628.

2. (2) THOMAS GREENE b England ca 1630, m ca 1653 REBECCA HILLS, dau of the emigrant, JOSEPH HILLS and his wife, ROSE CLERKE (CLARK) HILLS (not ROSE DUNSTER as some writers have alleged). (See JOSEPH HILLS-HENRY DUNSTER herein.)

(3) JOHN GREENE b ca 1632 prob England, m 18 Dec 1660 SARAH WHEELER.

(4) MARY GREENE b ca 1633 prob England, m bef 1656 Capt. JOHN WAITE, a prominent citizen who was selectman in 1658, 1678, 1679 and four following years; was representative 1666-1684.

(5) WILLIAM GREENE b 1635, m (1st) ELIZABETH WHEELER; m (2nd) ISABEL BLOOD.

(6) HENRY GREENE b 1638, m 11 Jan 1671/72 ESTHER HASSE.
(7) SAMUEL GREENE b Mar 1645, m (1st) MARY COOK 1666; m (2nd) SUSANNA _____.
(8) HANNAH GREENE b ca 1647, m 5 Nov 1666 JOSEPH RICHARDSON of Woburn, Mass.
(9) MARTHA GREENE b ca 1650.
(10) DORCAS GREENE b in Malden, Mass. 1 May 1653, m 11 Jan 1671 or 1672 JAMES BARRETT of Malden (b 6 Apr 1644, d 1694); DORCAS d 1682. Their children intermarried with the SARGENT family and left numerous descendants.

2. THOMAS GREENE (JR.) was born in England about 1630 and would have been a small boy when his parents emigrated to America with his siblings who had also been born in England. He m ca 1653 REBECCA HILLS dau of JOSEPH+HILLS and his wife, ROSE CLERKE (CLARK) HILLS then of Malden, afterwards of Newbury. (Some published histories in this country have alleged JOSEPH's first wife, ROSE was a sister of Professor HENRY DUNSTER, the first President of Harvard University. The compiler has researched that family in this country and had researchers check out the+DUNSTER family in England and found no proof that Professor HENRY DUNSTER had a sister named ROSE who married this JOSEPH HILLS. This will be eet out in the chapter herein on JOSEPH HILLS.)

THOMAS, JR. was a farmer and was admitted a freeman 31 May 1670. He made his Will on 13 Feb 1671/72 and died the same day. It was proved 2 April 1672 and recorded in Middlesex Probate Records Vol. 4, p.116. In his Will THOMAS, JR. gave to his wife, REBECCA, "the third part of his estate; the remainder to be equally divided among his children" naming the four of them and only the oldest had reached age eighteen; his wife was appointed Executrix and his brothers "JOHN GREEN and WAYTE, overseers." Actually the latter was his brother-in-law, married to THOMAS' sister, MARY. (The "in-law" terminology was not in common use in these years; testators usually called their siblings' spouses "brother" or "sister" as the case may be and referred to their mother-in-law as 'mother" and at times would confuse the term nephew and/or cousin.)

Children of THOMAS, JR. and REBECCA GREENE, born Malden:

(1) REBECCA GREENE b 1654, m 1674 THOMAS NEWELL of Lynn,Mass.
(2) THOMAS GREENE (3rd) b Feb 1655/56, d 15 Apr 1674. He is mentioned in his father's Will but not in the settlement of his father's estate; nor is he mentioned in the Will of his grandfather, JOSEPH HILLS, which was dated 1687 although his three siblings are mentioned therein; he appears to have predeceased his mother by a few weeks.
(3) HANNAH GREENE b 16 Oct 1658, d 25 Mar 1659.
(4) HANNAH GREENE b 24 Feb 1659/60, m 26 Aug 1677 JOHN VINTON of Malden, afterwards of Woburn. They are the ancestors of numerous descendants (see "VINTON MEMORIAL" pub 1858 by JOHN ADAMS VINTON).
3. (5) SAMUEL GREENE b 5 Oct 1670, m 28 Oct 1691 ELIZABETH UPHAM, (b ca 1667, dau of Lieut. PHINEAS and RUTH (WOOD)+UPHAM of Malden). Removed to Leicester; d 1735/36; 8 children.

When THOMAS died 1671/72 he was about 42 years of age; his wife, REBECCA died two years later also at a young age leaving the youngest child, SAMUEL about four years old and the next youngest child was HANNAH about fourteen years of age. In 1674 the oldest dau, REBECCA, had married THOMAS NEWELL of Lynn and he was appointed administrator "in behalf of his wife and the other children" of the estate of the widow, REBECCA GREENE, his mother-in-law. The same year the grandfather, JOSEPH HILLS, conveyed to THOMAS and REBECCA NEWELL "two parcels of land containing ten acres in consideration of payments to be made to HANNAH and to SAMUEL," younger sister and brother of REBECCA NEWELL,"when they should become of age. Furthermore, SAMUEL GREEN was to be brought up by the said NEWELL." In that deed JOSEPH HILLS referred to himself as "father of REBECCA, the wife of THOMAS GREENE, late of Maulden." The said land was duly conveyed by the said THOMAS NEWELL of Malden to the said SAMUEL GREENE on 24 Apr 1690. MRS. REBECCA (GREENE) NEWELL died 25 May 1726 age 73 according to her gravestone in Malden, although according to her birthdate of 1654 she would have been aged 72 years.

3. SAMUEL GREENE was b 5 Oct 1670 in Malden, Massachusetts, m 28 Oct 1691 ELIZABETH UPHAM (b ca 1667 Malden) dau of Lieut. PHINEAS and RUTH (WOOD)+UPHAM. The proof of their marriage exists in an original deed to SAMUEL from one JOSEPH LYNDE of Malden dated 14 Jan 1701/02 (now in the possession of his descendant, WILLIAM N. GREEN of Worcester) which thus distinguishes him from the other SAMUEL GREENEs by these words: "that SAMUEL GREENE which married ELIZABETH UPHAM."

SAMUEL continued to reside in Malden until about 1717 when he removed with his family to Leicester of which town he was one of the original founders. "That township was granted by the General Court 10 Feb 1713/14 and Capt. GREEN was one of the committee (with Col. WILLIAM DUDLEY of Roxbury and others) appointed by the proprietors to settle it. He owned three lots of forty acres each, and two of thirty acres each, in said town, (Midd. Deeds, Vol. 29, p.329.)."

He was a very influential man in all the affairs of the new settlement; the part of the town which he and his relatives occupied was afterwards separated from Malden and called Greenville in honor of him. It was a village in the south part of Leicester, about a mile north of South Leicester R.R.Depot. SAMUEL made his Will at Malden 18 April 1717 just before removing to Leicester; he d 2 Jan 1735/36 and the Will was proved 5 Feb 1735/36 and recorded in Worcester Probate Records. He made provision that one-half of the real estate and personal property was for his wife's use during her life and then go to his only son, THOMAS; and he mentioned his daughters.

Children of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (UPHAM) GREENE, probably all born before the family removed from Malden to Leicester:

4. (1) ELIZABETH GREENE b 4 Apr 1693, m 1712 in Woburn THOMAS +RICHARDSON (b 15 Apr 1687 Woburn) son of NATHANIEL and MARY RICHARDSON of Woburn. She died after 6 Mar 1735/36 and her husband married (2nd) JANE _____. ELIZABETH had eight children.

(2) REBECCA GREENE b 4 Apr 1695, m SAMUEL BALDWIN.
(3) RUTH GREENE b _____ m JOSHUA NICHOLS.
(4) THOMAS GREENE (2nd) b 1699, m 13 Jan 1726/26 in Malden MARTHA LYNDE.
(5) LYDIA GREENE b _____ m ABIATHAR VINTON her cousin, in Malden 30 Apr 1723.
(6) BATHSHEBA ("BARSHEBY") GREENE b _____ m ELISHA NEVINS.
(7) ABIGAIL GREENE b _____, m HENRY KING.
(8) ANNA ("ANY") GREENE b _____, m EBENEZER LAMB.

4. ELIZABETH GREENE was b 4 Apr 1693, m 1712 in Woburn, THOMAS RICHARDSON (b 15 Apr 1687 Woburn) son of NATHANIEL and MARY+RICHARDSON of Woburn. ELIZABETH had eight children and died some time after 6 Mar 1735/36; her husband m (2nd) JANE _____. (See RICHARDSON FAMILY in Allied Families herein for children of ELIZABETH (GREENE) and THOMAS RICHARDSON.)

The information for this write-up has been mostly obtained from JOHN ADAMS VINTON's 1858 "VINTON MEMORIAL" pp. 14-15, 395-400. An explanation on page 394 reads: "The following sketch ('DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS GREEN(E) OF MALDEN') has been prepared by SAMUEL S. GREENE, Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering in Brown University, Providence.

The maiden surname of the wife of the emigrant, THOMAS GREENE, is not given in the Vinton book (pp. 15, 395); although one reference indicating his wife, ELIZABETH, was "another ELIZABETH UPHAM,"(without giving any proof or source for this statement) was found in a separate document. However, research on the UPHAM family has failed to note another ELIZABETH UPHAM who married into this GREENE family. "Charlestown Genealogies and Estates" by THOMAS BELLOWS WYMAN, page 438 lists only the first name (ELIZABETH _____) of the emigrant, THOMAS GREENE. Considerable research was done for many years by the author of "330 Years in America 1635-1965" and her write-up on the GREENE family (page 183) also fails to name the family of the ELIZABETH who married THOMAS GREENE the emigrant. This author, GERTRUDE GENEVIEVE DUEL ICKS, A.B., of Elmhurst, Illinois, was a competent researcher and was assisted by her husband who also was experienced in this field as he had authored several books. Consequently without some authority for placing this THOMAS GREENE's wife in the UPHAM family (other than the privately printed MSS. issued 12 Oct 1975), it would seem further research should be undertaken to verify this.

THE GRIPTON FAMILY

WILLIAM GRIPTON was born 1792 in England and apparently emigrated to America without any family or siblings; by 1820 he reached the area of Tecumseh and at first he stopped at Brownsville (north Tecumseh) where he worked for a time for a Mr. BLANCHARD. Thereafter during a walk into the woods he found a location which so impressed him that he decided to settle there. In 1832 he purchased 81 acres of land that had been purchased from the United States on 1 July 1831 by JOSEPH PILBEAM. In 1834 he purchased 40 acres from the Government, his deed being signed by then President ANDREW JACKSON.

WILLIAM married in 1839 MARGARET SUTTON (born 1822), thirty years his junior. The first GRIPTON home, of course, was a log cabin; thereafter another house was constructed for the family, the carpenter being WILLIAM PILBEAM, another pioneer family in the Tecumseh area. The SUTTON family came originally from Pennsylvania. WILLIAM and MARGARET had three children; he died 1874; (MARGARET m (2d) DR. SCHULTZ); she died 1901. Their children:

(1) MARY JANE GRIPTON, m JAMES VOSBURG and had children:
- i BERT VOSBURG
- ii WILL VOSBURG
- iii JENNIE VOSBURG
- iv ELLA VOSBURG
- v MARGARET VOSBURG

(2) GEORGE GRIPTON b 1842, m. 1870 CATHERINE ZOLLAR (b 1851); he d 1907; she d 1913; called "KATE"; they had two sons:

i GEORGE LaVERN (also known as "G.L." or "VERN") GRIPTON b 1871, m 1896 ELLA MAE EXELBY (b 1872, d 1966, aged 93) sometimes called "EMMA". She was the dau of GEORGE EXELBY, JR. and ANN PALMER (dau of FENNER and PHEBE PALMER). They resided in Britton where he was in the hardware business, and they lived across the street from the business. There are numerous EXELBY and GRIPTON graves in the Ridgeway Village Cemetery, Ridgeway, Michigan, but that of ELLA M. and GEORGE L. GRIPTON will be found next to the EXELBY graves in the center of which is an enormous monument with the two surnames "EXELBY-GRIPTON" engraved thereon. GEORGE died 1973, aged 92 years. They had five children:

(a) LINA BELL GRIPTON b 21 Nov 1897, d 15 Mar 1900.

(b) GLEN MARTIN GRIPTON b 11 Jan 1901, m 4 July 1923 FLORENCE ARDATH BEAH (b 17 June 1900) dau of ALONZO J. and GERTRUDE (BORTEL) BEAL. Resided Britton, where GLEN was a hardware merchant; two children: JOYCE ELEANOR b 10 Jan 1925; and ARDATH ANN b 17 June 1930.

(c) GEORGE WILLIAM GRIPTON b 26 Apr 1904, d 1906.

(d) CHARLES EDWARD GRIPTON b 21 Jan 1906, m 1 Jan 1931 MILDRED ARLENE PALMER (b 13 May 1906), dau of EDWARD and MARGARET (HITCHCOCK) PALMER, the second wife. EDWARD was the 1st son of ENOS and MARY (SMITH) PALMER of Britton-Ridgeway; ENOS was the 3rd child of

FENNER and PHEBE L.(PALMER) PALMER (two different families), both born New York and migrated to Tecumseh, Michigan, area with their parents. FENNER's father, JOHN C. had reached that area by 1827 and was one of the first pioneers to take up land there; two children: CHARLES EDWARD and MARY KAY GRIPTON.

(e) MARGARET GRIPTON b ca 1912, m IVAN McCARBERY (1st) 1938 (b 1912, d 1952), the son of ROBERT and MARGARET(BALL) McCARBERY. The McCARBERY progenitor of this family arrived from Ireland, reached the Tecumseh area in 1855: ELIZABETH (COUPLES) McCARBERY, a widow with her five children. ROBERT's sister, ELIZABETH (born 1877) married 1901 ERVIN W. PALMER, same PALMER family as set out in (d) above;MARGARET and IVAN McCARBERY had two children: GARY who married THERESA FREDRICKSON and KATHLEEN who married _____ WHITE. MARGARET m (2nd) HENRY LEWIS.

ii EDWARD MARTIN GRIPTON b 1875, m 1898 BERTHA LAMKIN; they resided in Tecumseh and had one child, GLADYS who married ARTHUR GRAY.

GEORGE GRIPTON, SR. was a very talented individual in many ways. He not only made a dulcimer but played it to provide entertainment for others. In spite of being a cripple as a result of broken bones in his foot (received in a fall from the roof of a building when he was aged eighteen), he operated a blacksmith and wood-working shop. He also worked the family farm and assisted his younger brother, CHARLES, in operating the cane mill.

(3) CHARLES GRIPTON b 1849, married ELLEN BARLOW (date unknown). They settled on seventy-eight acres of the old homestead deeded to them by the father, WILLIAM GRIPTON in 1872 (which farm, since 1925, has been known as the YOUNGLOVE farm). ELLEN died in 1898. They had three children: BERTIE who died in infancy; WALTER and a dau ETHEL. After ELLEN's death, CHARLES, accompanied by these two children, removed to California where he died in 1931.

Sources:

"Palmer MSS" pp.1067-1068; 1071-1072.
"Bygone Days" (supra) pp. 97,104,114,172.

THE THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." and OVERTON and COMER FAMILIES

The progenitor of this HEYWARD family, DANIEL[1], was born at Little Eaton, Derbyshire, England and died ca 1684 in South Carolina. Although he had four children, only one of them survived DANIEL; his children were:

(1) DANIEL HEYWARD, JR.
2. (2) THOMAS HEYWARD (SR.) b ca 1673, d 1699 at age 26.
(3) ELIZABETH HEYWARD.
(4) SAMUEL HEYWARD.

THOMAS HEYWARD[2] (Sr.) was born in South Carolina ca 1673, m MARGARET WRIGHT and had a son named for himself who was born posthumously ca 1700 and d 17 March 1736/37, aged about 36 or 37 years:

3. (1) THOMAS HEYWARD[3] (Jr.) b ca 1700, m 4 June 1719 HESTER (Ester, Esther) TAYLOR by whom he had seven children. "He took an active part in the Yemassee Indian War of 1715-1717, although young in years. At only fifteen years of age he became captain of a militia company on James Island. Following the defeat and dispossession of the Yemassees, THOMAS took up 500 acres of land in what was known for many years as the 'Indian Land' but he neither settled on that acreage nor developed it." Like his father, he was still a young man when he died in 1738 at age thirty-eight. Their seven children were:

4. (1) DANIEL HEYWARD b 20 July 1720, d 4 Oct 1777.
(2) THOMAS HEYWARD (3rd).
(3) HANNAH HEYWARD.
(4) JOHN HEYWARD.
(5) JAMES HEYWARD.
(6) NATHANIEL HEYWARD.
(7) SAMUEL HEYWARD.

DANIEL HEYWARD[4] (so named for his great-grandfather) was born 20 July 1720. "About the year 1741 he left the James Island family plantation of his parents in an open boat, accompanied by some of the black slaves, he made his way southwestward by the inland water route to the land which had been granted to his father, a distance of some 75 miles. The land bordered on Hazzard Creek, a tributary of Broad River, which gave access to the ocean. Here he began to build up his low-country plantation which he named 'Old House,'" ("A South Carolina Signer of the Declaration of Independence" published at Beaufoft 1978 by the D.A.R. Chapter which bears the name of the signer, THOMAS HEYWARD,"JR." However, the signer was not truly JUNIOR but adopted that title to distinguish him from his grandfather; the latter was, in fact, THOMAS HEYWARD, JR., being the son of THOMAS HEYWARD, SR. In addition, DANIEL had a younger brother also so named who would rightfully have been THOMAS HEYWARD, 3rd.)

DANIEL married three times, his first wife being MARIA MILES (dau of WILLIAM MILES, Esq.); they were married 8 Mar 1744; his second wife was JANE ELIZABETH GIGNILLIAT and his third wife was ELIZABETH SIMONS; they were married 12 Sept 1771. Apparently all eleven of his children were by his first wife, MARIA, including the subject of this write-up, THOMAS HEYWARD b 28 July 1746, d 17 Apr 1809 at age 63 years. It was this THOMAS HEYWARD who was the Revolutionary War soldier,

signed the Declaration of Independence for South Carolina and affixed the title "JR." to his name to distinguish him from his grandfather although the latter had been deceased ten years when the RW patriot was born. DANIEL died 4 Oct 1777, aged 57 years achieving greater longevity than his American ancestors but not as much as his son who reached the age of 63.

The exact place of birth of young THOMAS "JR." has not yet been resolved; some believe he was born in the "old Heyward Home" and yet history gives his birthplace as his father's plantation "Old House" in St. Luke's Parish; however, some explain that inasmuch as he was born in July when all the planters would have left their rice plantations Beaufort is more plausible as his birthplace. His early education was obtained in South Carolina; then, like most other sons of the upper-class Carolina families, he was sent to England for his higher education. He attended the Middle Temple in London, returning to Charles Town in 1771 to commence the practice of law. On 14 June 1775 he was appointed a member of Charles Town's Council of Safety which claimed authority over existing military units as well as others which were being raised in the state. This Council gradually supplanted the royal government in administering the functions of the state government.

Following interesting information about young THOMAS "JR." is taken from the aforementioned D.A.R. History (copies of which may still be purchased for $1.00 plus postage from the D.A.R. Regent of the THOMAS HEYWARD, JR. CHAPTER, Rt. 2, Box 353 Lands End, Frogmore, S.C.29920):

> Members of this (Council of Safety) and other committees were usually divided into three factions: conservative, moderate and radical in their attitudes towards relations with England... even members of the radical wing hesitated to advocate political separation from Great Britain as late as 1775. ... In July that year, as a member of the so-called Secret Committee, THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." engaged Captains JOHN BARNWELL and JOHN JOYNER, both of Beaufoft, to intercept a ship loaded with gunpowder off the entrance of the Savannah River, a task which both captains accomplished successfully. THOMAS held the rank of Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of Charles Town. On Nov 12 1775 the South Carolina Congress adopted a resolution resolving that three individuals (including THOMAS) be authorized to order and do whatever they shall think necessary for the public safety ... During the Second Provincial Congress on 11 Feb 1776 THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." was one of the eleven members of the committee which drew up a constitution for South Carolina ... (and) on 16 Feb 1777 THOMAS, JOHN and EDWARD RUTLEDGE, THOMAS LYNCH and ARTHUR MIDDLETON were elected delegates to the Continental Congress to serve one year terms.
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> By March 1776 THOMAS had arrived in Philadelphia to help represent South Carolina in the Continental Congress. The South Carolina delegates and those of neighboring Georgia were fully cognizant of the strong feelings of loyalty toward the King and England in their home states. The merchants there, unlike those of New England, had little reason for complaints. Southern Planters received subsidies and preferred treatment for crops. Settlers in the back country often had obtained their lands with

the aid of the British Government. However, by this time the political opinions of THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." had progressed so far that Dr. BENJAMIN RUSH of Philadelphis described him as a "good republican," ... he was only 30 years old.

On 9 July 1776 THOMAS along with three others signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of South Carolina and he remained a member of the Continental Congress until 1779. On 9 July 1778 he also signed the Articles of American Confederation for South Carolina. His participation in the on-going war as a soldier follows:

> There had been little war-like action in Georgia or South Carolina since the repulse of a British fleet before Charles Town on 28 June 1776. However, in December 1778 British Loyalist and (German) Hessian troops captured and occupied Savannah... an opening bid to regain the Southern colonies for the British Crown. On 3 Feb 1779 a British attempt to capture Beaufort met a temporary set-back at the battle of Port Royal. Captains EDWARD RUTLEDGE and THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." were commanding some eighty soldiers of the Charles Town Artillery in that engagement; THOMAS was wounded in this action.
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> Following the unsuccessful combined Franco-American attempt to recapture Savannah in early Oct 1779 (foiled largely by the arrival of the British and Hessian garrison of Beaufort, which reinforced the English troops in Savannah) ... Charles Town surrendered to the British on 12 May 1780... Captain HEYWARD was among other captured American officers who became prisoners-of-war (and) like most of those captured, Captain HEYWARD accepted a parole promising not to fight against the British.
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> However, on 27 Aug 1780 thirty-three of those prisoners-on-parole (including HEYWARD) were seized in their Charles Town homes by armed English soldiers and taken to the ship "Sandwich" lying in the harbor.

The British were incensed that "several people on parole in Charlestown had been promoting and fomenting a spirit of rebellion" and they were ordered to remove to St. Augustine including THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." On 30 Aug 1780 ten other citizens were seized by the British and put aboard the ship "Sandwich" which sailed to St. Augustine reaching there 8 Sept 1780. Ten months later on 8 July 1781 there was an exchange of prisoners; boarding two ships the South Carolinians sailed on 10 July for Philadelphia. Following a brief stay there, THOMAS returned to South Carolina and resumed his duties as a circuit judge; the British had evacuated Charles Town and THOMAS again took up his residence in his town house on Church Street between Tradd and Broad Streets, known as the "Heyward-Washington House" which today is owned by the Charleston Museum.

A photograph of one room of his historic house (guest bedroom) with accompanying article appeared 7 Apr 1973 in the "Detroit Free Press" and it is known as the "Heyward-Washington House" inasmuch as the city leased the Heyward House for the headquarters of President WASHINGTON when he spent a week in Charleston following the war. It is the house built about 1770 by DANIEL HEYWARD[4] the father of the RW patriot. (Most references to that city use the latter spelling Charleston.)

THOMAS HEYWARD, "JR." was elected to the General Assembly on 24 Dec 1781 from St. Helena's Parish and again in 1782 from Charles Town (then the temporary capital was in Jacksonboro as the British were again holding Charles Town) but he declined to serve. In 1785 he urged the creation of a society to further agriculture in South Carolina, and he became a founder and the first president of the Agricultural Society.

5. THOMAS was m (1st) in 1773 to ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, (2nd) in 1786 to ELIZABETH SAVAGE and had children by both:

(1) DANIEL HEYWARD b 1774, m ANN S. TREZEVANT, d 1796, age 22.

6. (2) THOMAS HEYWARD b 1789, m ANN ELIZABETH CUTHBERT, d 1829; they had four sons and two daus:

i JOHN CUTHBERT HEYWARD, b 1813, d 1825.
ii THOMAS SAVAGE HEYWARD, b 1815, d 1889.
iii NATHANIEL WILLIAM HEYWARD b 1817, d 1851.
iv ELIZABETH SAVAGE HEYWARD b 1819.

7. v GEORGE CUTHBERT HEYWARD b 1822, m ELIZABETH MARTHA GUERARD in 1842 (b 1825, d 1875)he d 1867.

vi MARY CAROLINE HEYWARD b 1822 (a twin), d 1848.

(3) JAMES HAMILTON HEYWARD b 1792, m DECIMA C. SHUBRICK,d 1828.

(4) ELIZABETH SAVAGE HEYWARD b 1794, m HENRY MIDDLETON PARKER; she died 1852.

Inasmuch as there is a fifteen year difference between the first two children, it is believed the first wife was the mother of only the one child, DANIEL; further the second child, THOMAS HEYWARD, gave his mother's maiden name of SAVAGE to two of his own children as a middle name, i.e. THOMAS SAVAGE HEYWARD and ELIZABETH SAVAGE HEYWARD, which was customary at the time.

GEORGE CUTHBERT HEYWARD[7] was born 1822 and m 1842 ELIZABETH MARTHA GUERARD apparently at a young age which was the custom of the times, and their first child was born in 1844 when GEORGE would have been aged 22 years. They had eight sons and three daughters:

8. (1) JACOB GUERARD HEYWARD b 1844, m POULINE de CARADEUC and had five children; he died 1888, aged forty-four years.

(2) JAMES CUTHBERT HEYWARD b 1845.

(3) GEORGE CUTHBERT HEYWARD b 1846.

(4) ROBERT CHISOLM HEYWARD b 1848, d 1886.

(5) THOMAS DANIEL HEYWARD b 1852.

(6) ALICE HEYWARD born 1854.

(7) WILLIAM MARION HEYWARD b 1856.

(8) THOMAS SAVAGE HEYWARD b 1858.

(9) ELIZABETH HEYWARD born 1860.

(10) JOHN ALEXANDER HEYWARD b 1861.

(11) MARY CAROLINE HEYWARD b 1863.

JACOB GUERARD HEYWARD[8] was born in 1844 and in 1866 he married POULINE deCARADEUC (b 1843, d 1909). She was a direct descendant of JEAN de CARADEUC born 1667 in Brittany, died 1718, who married in 1697 ANN de VILLEROY (died 1741). A direct descendant of that couple, JEAN BAPTISTE de CARADEUC (b 1786, d 1820) came to South Carolina in 1794.

JEAN BAPTISTE de CARADEUC and his wife, URSULE LAURENT had a son born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1816 (died 1895) they named JACQUES JOSEPH ACHILLE de CARADEUC who married ELIZABETH ANN DELLA TORRE (b 1819,d 1895) in 1840 and they were the parents of a dau born in 1843 they named POULINE de CARADEUC who married JACOB GUERARD HEYWARD in 1866; POULINE died in 1909 (or 1914).

POULINE HEYWARD was just eighteen years of age when the Civil War commenced during which years she wrote a journal or diary which was subsequently printed and distributed to family members. Her great-granddaughter, PAULINE HEYWARD (COMER) PALMER of Detroit, Michigan, has a copy of the diary and she also has a printed copy of a "DE CARADEUC FAMILY DIARY" written by ACHILLE DE CARADEUC.

Children of JACOB GUERARD HEYWARD and POULINE (de CARADEUC) HEYWARD:

(1) ELSIE HEYWARD who married JOHN SMALLBROOK HAWKINS.
(2) MARGUERITE HEYWARD.
9. (3) PAULINE HEYWARD b 1874, m in 1894 ARTHUR OVERTON (b 22 May 1867, prob Liverpool, England). In order to differentiate between mother and daughter (both named PAULINE) the dau was referred to as "NINA" a tradition which continued for the next two generations.
(4) FRANCIS deCARADEUC HEYWARD who m VIRGINIA KREICHBAUM.
(5) WALTER SCREVEN HEYWARD who m LOIS WILKINSON.

PAULINE HEYWARD[9] was born in 1874 and on 25 Apr 1894 married ARTHUR OVERTON (born 22 May 1867, prob Liverpool, England, died 29 Feb 1940 Savannah, Georgia). She was always called "NINA" and following her marriage resided in Savannah where her husband was engaged in the cotton business, and was a broker on the Savannah Cotton Exchange.

ARTHUR OVERTON was the 12th child of JOHN OVERTON (b 1 July 1813, d England 15 Feb 1876) and his wife, FRANCES PEERS (b 29 Mar 1827 and d 13 June 1908 England). ARTHUR's grandfather had served as an aide to the Duke of Wellington and fought with him at the Battle of Waterloo (in Belgium in 1815). The grandfather often related to his grandchildren stories about that famous battle which they in turn passed along to their own children. ARTHUR OVERTON's parents had their home at Barn Hill, Broxton, near Liverpool, where the twelve children were born. JOHN OVERTON had a prosperous cotton business in Liverpool, and all his sons except one were in the business with him until four of them emigrated to America; the one exception was JACK OVERTON who had been born 7 Nov 1854, joined the British Army and died in India about 1898. The four who emigrated to America were:

HARRY OVERTON b 28 Mar 1857, resided in Greenville, Mississippi for several years; then returned to England.
ROWLAND HILL OVERTON and WILLIAM GRACE OVERTON (twins) born 30 Apr 1860; and
ARTHUR OVERTON b 22 May 1867 who married PAULINE HEYWARD and lived out his life in Savannah, Georgia.

The twin brothers of ARTHUR OVERTON also lived out their lives in the South, ROWLAND d Jan 1932 having resided in Montgomery, Alabama, and WILLIAM d 22 July 1916 having resided in New Orleans, Louisiana. "NINA" (HEYWARD) and ARTHUR OVERTON had but one child:

10. (1) PAULINE FRANCES OVERTON b 10 June 1895 in Savannah, Georgia, m 25 Apr 1916 at Brookline, Massachusetts, ARTHUR FINCH COMER (b 10 Dec 1892); she d Detroit, Michigan 1979. (See page 571.)

PAULINE FRANCES OVERTON[10] was the third female in the HEYWARD line to have the first name of PAULINE; she was given the middle name of FRANCES doubtless for her father's older sister, FRANCES ANNE OVERTON (b 8 Sept 1853) who married THOMAS TALLIS. PAULINE was b 10 June 1895 in Savannah, Georgia and on 25 Apr 1916 she married at Brookline, Massachusetts, ARTHUR FINCH COMER (b 10 Dec 1892), son of WILLIAM PARK COMER and his wife, CARMEN ELIZABETH (WEST) COMER of Brookline, Massachusetts. When a small child "CARRIE" (as CARMEN was called) her mother died and at age eighteen she was sent across the Atlantic to visit friends in Canada; both CARMEN and WILLIAM COMER were born in England. On the long sea voyage she met her future (and first) husband, HENRY (?) JONES who came from a wealthy Brookline family; from that marriage were born two sons, ARTHUR FINCH JONES and JOSEPH ROY HEATH JONES. Their father died while they were still very young and their mother, "CARRIE" married (2nd) WILLIAM PARK COMER who legally adopted her two boys and they took his surname of COMER. Following "CARRIE's" second marriage she resided in Winthrop, Mass., and her husband -- "a man of the sea" -- traveled extensively to India and the Far East. When of high school age the two sons were sent to Savannah, Georgia and their adopted father became purchasing agent for the Ocean Steamship Company, operating passenger liners between Savannah, New York and Boston. ARTHUR COMER was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to be an architect.

PAULINE OVERTON's husband, ARTHUR COMER, became a very prominent architect and designed many office buildings, hotels and large homes in the Savannah and southeast areas. The two COMER brothers served in World War One, JOSEPH being a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Cavalry and had served on the Mexican border. ARTHUR COMER served in France, first as a Captain and later as a Major in the U. S. Army. He was kept in France for some months after the end of that war (November 1918) to serve on a commission ascertaining the damage to French chateaux. One of those he examined was the "de Caradeuc Chateau" which had belonged to the family of POULINE de CARADEUC, his wife's ancestors! ARTHUR returned to civilian life and followed his profession as an architect in Savannah. He served a term as President of the local Kiwanis Club and of the Savannah Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a 32nd degree Mason. His only sibling, his brother, JOSEPH HEATH COMER, entered the cotton brokerage business on the Savannah Cotton Exchange but died at the age of twenty-nine from acute appendicitis.

PAULINE (OVERTON) and ARTHUR COMER had one child:

11. (1) PAULINE ("NINA") HEYWARD COMER b 21 Jan 1917, Savannah, m 8 Dec 1945 at Savannah WILLIAM SICKLER PALMER, JR. of Detroit, Michigan (b 19 Nov 1913 Indianapolis, Indiana, d 19 Nov 1979, Detroit, See p. 569, WILLIAM S.PALMER,JR.).

JOSEPH HILLS and HENRY DUNSTER

The emigrant, JOSEPH HILLS, was born in the parish of Great Burstead, Billericay, county of Essex, England and baptized "1602 March, the sonne of GEORGE HILLES, on the third day." The earliest known record of the father is in relation to his marriage: "GEORGE HILLES, linen draper, and MARY SYMONDS, of Billericay, County Essex, widow of WILLIAM SYMONDS, late of same, tanner, general license of the Bishop of London 13 Oct 1596," (The HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA compiled by WILLIAM SANFORD HILLS, edited by THOMAS HILLS, pub 1906 by the Grafton Press, N.Y.). The compiler further explains that due to an "unfortunate break in the register of Great Burstead, all records between 1579 and 1596 are missing (and) this will probably prevent the discovery of the maiden name and parentage of the wife of GEORGE HILLS."

At the end of this write-up will be found a genealogical line of descent from this HILLS family from 1596 down to the early 1800's when two females, DOLLY and NANCY LAMB married two brothers, NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER of Granville, Washington County, New York, thus explaining the relationship of the HILLS family to the PALMER family.

The latter part of this history will include Professor HENRY DUNSTER, the emigrant (the first or second President of Harvard University at Cambridge) who obviously was a close personal friend of JOSEPH HILLS and named him as one of four individuals to carry out the terms of his Will; and directed that his daughter, ELIZABETH DUNSTER, should she become an orphan, "then to live with ... MRS. HILLS (wife of JOSEPH) of Mauldon during her minority and faithfully and carefully to serve her as if shee were her own child..." Contrary to earlier published books in America, the compiler refutes the assertion that ROSE, the first wife of JOSEPH HILLS, was a sister to HENRY DUNSTER; research in the records in England (both HILLS and DUNSTER families) does not substantiate such a conclusion.

The compiler employed in 1983 JACK H. BAXTER of Benfleet, county of Essex, England, to conduct research of this HILLS family and following are portions of his report dated 14 Sept 1983:

1. GEORGE HILLS:

"Personal Names Index had a number of entries concerning a GEORGE HILLS at Great Burstead. The Quarter Sessions Records were then checked and the following pertaining to GEORGE HILLS, linen draper, noted:

"1601 (Billericay) Quarter Sessions Record 152/2 - GEORGE HILL appears on a list of names of jurors;

"1607 (GT BURSTEAD) Q/SR 179/55 1st March. JOHN ERDLEY of Great Burstead, blacksmith, for assaulting GEORGE HILLS, constable of the same, at the same, and wounding him with a 'lanching knife,' so that he despaired of his life.

"1607 (GT BURSTEAD) Q/SR 180/10, 11, 12 2 July. Information given at the Sessions by GEORGE HILLES of Great Burstead, mercer, against the following: HENRY HARRALD of Ingatestone, yeoman, for using the trade of a linen draper from 1 July last past, for 12

months, without having been apprenticed to the same, and therefore he should forfeit £24, 40s for each month (and the following, for similar offences) THOMAS HOLLAND - Brentwood; ROGER RIPPINGALL of Great Burstead; PETER GIBBES of the same; CHRISTOPHER MARTYN of the same; JOHN BURR of Pleshey.

"1609 (GT BURSTEAD) Q/SR 187/83 8 Feb GEORGE HILLS, linen-draper, and JOHN JYON, husbandman, for JAMES JYON, labr., to keep the peace towards SIMON SCAFFE, weaver, all of Great Burstead.

"... from these we can see that GEORGE HILLS was a man of some importance in the Town: a juror, constable, mercer/linen-draper. ... In those days of Guilds, the fore-runners of Trades Unions (and even more powerful), the 'closed-shop' operated very stringently, and unless a man could gain his 'Freedom' (the right to practise his trade) either by patrimony, apprenticeship or redemption (paying), he was not entitled to earn his living. GEORGE HILLS was seemingly a strong'Union-guy' as shown in the reference (and may have) gained his Freedom from the Guild of Mercers ... the Records of that Company are held at the Guildhall in London.

"Migrations from East Anglia to New England before 1680 by N C P TYACK, Appendix 1 which is a Ph.D. Thesis for London University 1951. Page xcii under the title 'Emigrants from East Anglia to New England before 1660' appears:

HILL, JOSEPH with, probably Draper From Great Burstead and his wife, ROSE, and their Maldon
son, DAVID

(departing) from London on 'Susan & Ellen' Source: Gen.Dict.
11/11/7
Register LX11 168
========== LXV111 30 1"

"VERIFICATION OF BAPTISMS OF THE CHILDREN OF GEORGE HILLS OF GREAT BURSTEAD (Essex County Record Office, Chelmsford,England) Microfilm of first Register of this parish covering the period 1559-1653, baptisms to 1654, REF.number T/R 123, but no entries in the Register between June 1578 and Oct 1597:

BAPTISMS:

1600 July SARAY HILLES the daughter of GORGE was baptyzed the 13 daye
2. 1601 (/2) March JOSEPH HILLS the sonne of GEORGE was Baptized the thirde day
1604 Septemb ABIGAILE HILLES the daughter of GEORGE baptized the 30th day
1606 Novemb JOHN HILLES the sonne of GEORGE H. baptized the 16th day
1607 (/8) February REBECCA HILLES the daughter of GEORGE H. baptized the 28th day
1611 June MARTHA HILLS the daughter of GEORGE H. baptized the 16th day"

It is interesting to compare the first names of the siblings of JOSEPH HILLS with the first names he gave his own children: SARAH, JOSEPH, JR., ABIGAIL, JOHN, REBECCA and MARY.

(Continuing with research done by JACK H. BAXTER):

"MARRIAGES: PARISH REGISTER OF GREAT BURSTEAD:
1624 JUL JOSEPH HILLES and ROSE CLEERK were maried the 22th day.
BOYD'S MARRIAGE INDEX confirms the foregoing:
1624 Jos HILLS & ROSE CLERK GT BURSTEAD."

2. This research in England was undertaken to ascertain the maiden surname of the first wife of JOSEPH HILLS and to confirm or disprove that she was a sister of HENRY DUNSTER. Research conducted by JACK BAXTER regarding the CLARK family (CLERK, CLEERKE, CLARKE) follows:

"The first name of ROSE is very rare; the PERSONAL NAMES INDEX was, therefore, checked and only two entries found:
ROSE CLARK 1623 Barley?(Essex) T/G 6/6
ROSE CLARK 1638 Bocking T/G 6/7
Barley is in Hertfordshire and probably should have been BORLEY, an Essex County parish near the parish of Foxearth near Suffolk.
T/G 6 A manuscript notebook: 'ESSEX GENEALOGICAL NOTES' by Mrs. SAINTHILL (1939):
Page 6: P.C.C. Will 1623 of EDMUND CLERKE of Barley, Essex, yeoman: wife, ELIZABETH; sons THOMAS & WILLIAM; daus SARA & ROSE. Manor of Water Bellchamp.
Page 7: Will of EDMUND CLARKE, clothier. Deanery of Bocking 1638: My wife, ROSE; My son EDWARD & his wife SUSAN. My son GEORGE. My dau ROSE wife of ROBERT CLARKE. My dau ANNE wife of GEORGE CLARKE. My sister PRISCILLA COB. My brother JOHN CLARKE. My brothers in law HENRY GARRALD & WILLIAM STACIE.
Conclusion:
The first Will (above) indicates an unmarried daughter, ROSE CLERKE and the second Will shows two ROSE CLARKEs: the wife of the testator and his daughter but she is married to another CLARKE at this period (as is her sister ANNE) which precludes her from being the wife of JOSEPH HILLS. He had left that year (1638) for America.
Conclusion: The first Will does indicate an unmarried daughter, ROSE CLERKE (in 1623), parents: EDMUND and ELIZABETH CLERKE. JOSEPH and ROSE CLERKE were not married until 1624.
"FIRST REGISTER OF BOCKING, ESSEX:
MARRIAGES: 1595 Januarius EDMUNDUS CLARKE et ROSA BUTCHER nupti 18
BAPTISMS: 1598 Aprilis ROSA CLARKE filia Edmundi bapt 8"

Further additional research is needed to confirm whether or not JOSEPH HILLS' wife, ROSE CLARK, was the dau of EDMUND CLERKE, YEOMAN, whose Will was filed in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1623.

JOSEPH and ROSE (CLARK) HILLS had their first four children while residing at Great Burstead, county of Essex, where they were baptized:

(1) MARY HILLS bapt 13 Nov 1625, m Capt. JOHN WAITE; died 25 Nov 1674, Malden, Massachusetts.
(2) ELIZABETH HILLS bapt 21 Oct 1627, m GEORGE BLANCHARD, son of THOMAS BLANCHARD; she died Malden,Mass.
(3) JOSEPH HILLS, JR., bapt 2 Aug 1629, m HANNAH SMITH; died Malden, Mass.19, Apr 1674.

(4) JAMES HILLS bapt 6 Mar 1631, probably died young.
(5) JOHN HILLS bapt Maldon, Essex Co., England, 21 Mar 1632, died Malden, Mass. 28 July 1652, aged 20 years.
3. (6) REBECCA HILLS bapt Maldon, Eng., 20 Apr 1634, m ca 1653 THOMAS GREENE (b prob Eng ca 1630), son of THOMAS GREENE, SR. She d Malden, Mass. 6 June 1674.
(7) STEVEN HILLS bapt Maldon, Eng., 1 May 1636, died there before the family emigrated in 1638.
(8) SARAH HILLS bapt Maldon, Eng., 14 Aug 1637, died there 14 Aug 1637.
(9) GERSHOM (GERSHON) HILLS born Charlestown, Mass. 27 July 1639, m ELIZABETH CHADWICK; d between 1710 and 1721.
(10) MEHITABLE HILLS born Malden, Mass. 1 Jan 1641, died there July 1653, aged eleven years.

The mother of these ten children, ROSE (CLARK) HILLS, first wife of JOSEPH, died at Malden, Mass., 24 Mar 1650 and he m (2nd) 24 June 1651 HANNAH (SMITH) MELLOWS, widow of EDWARD MELLOWS, of Charlestown, by whom he had the following children:

(11) SAMUEL HILLS b Malden, Mass. July 1652; d Newbury, Mass. 18 Aug 1732.
(12) NATHANIEL HILLS b Malden 19 Dec 1653, d Malden 1664.
(13) HANNAH HILLS b Malden; died at date unknown.

HANNAH HILLS, the mother of the foregoing three children must have died by the end of 1655 as JOSEPH m (3rd) in January 1656 HELEN (ELLINE, ELEANOR) ATKINSON, dau of HUGH ATKINSON of Kendall, Westmoreland, England. He and his third wife had two daus, both of whom died young:

(14) DEBORAH HILLS b Malden, Mass. March 1657, d there 1 Oct 1662.
(15) ABIGAIL HILLS b Malden, Mass. 6 Oct 1658, d there 9 Oct 1662.

HELEN HILLS, the mother of the two daus who died in Oct 1662 also died some time between 8 Jan 1661 and 10 Nov 1662. (Three deaths in one family over such a brief period might indicate the presence of an epidemic.) By the time of the death of JOSEPH's third wife, his older children by the first wife, ROSE, were then all adults but he would still have young children with him as the two sons by the second wife, SAMUEL and NATHANIEL, would be aged about nine and ten years.

JOSEPH (and probably the two young sons) then made his dwelling at the home of a widow whose husband, HENRY LUNT, of Newbury, Mass. had died in 1662 also. Eventually he married as his 4th wife, this widow and the town clerk's record reads: "JOSEPH HILLS and ANNE LUNT was marryed Oct. 8, 1665." On page 257 of THE HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA (supra) an amusing and interesting incident in connection with this third marriage which all of JOSEPH HILLS' descendants should appreciate, is described:

"In the early days of the Colony all marriages were solemnized by magistrates, the clergy having no part in the ceremony. In 1641 Governor BELLINGHAM, as the magistrate,

married himself to PENELOPE PELHAM and when called on to come down from the bench and plead to a complaint against him for the act, refused to do so. JOSEPH HILLS was a magistrate 'for the trial of small causes,' and followed the Governor's example in his marriage of January 1656 (to his third wife) but, unlike the Governor, he did not escape public censure. The records of the Court for Middlesex County show that April 1, 1656, 'MR. JOSEPH HILLS of Mauldon being presented by the Grand Jury for marrying of himself, contrary to the law of this Collony page 38 in ye old Booke. Hee freely acknowledged his offence therein, and his misvnderstanding the grounds whereon he went wch he now confesseth to be vnwarrantable, And was admonished by the Court.' "

JOSEPH and ROSE HILLS sailed on the ship "Susan and Ellen," with five of their children (three having died in England), and he was designated "undertaker" and their arrival was 17 July 1638 at Boston. They settled first at the adjoining village of Charlestown located between the Charles and Mystic rivers and here their son, GERSHOM, was born in 1639. It is of special interest to the PALMER descendants of WALTER to realize that during this same period (1629-1643) the co-founders of the town of Charlestown, including WALTER PALMER, were still residing there. The HILLS history explains his settlement at Charlestown in this way:

"The family dwelling was 'near the market place,' but in a few years JOSEPH was a resident of that part of the town north of the Mystic River, establishing his home at 'Mystic Side' on a farm of considerable size. He soon became active in public affairs, was selectman of the town in 1644 and in 1646 represented it in the General Court, as the colonial assembly was then named, and as its legislature is still known under the Constitution of the State. Re-elected in 1647 he was chosen speaker of its House of Deputies. When 'Mystic Side' was set off as a separate town, it was doubtless named by him for the place where he last dwelt in Old England -- Malden (although in England it is spelled Maldon). That part of ancient Charlestown has long since outgrown the town form of government.... (and became) the city of Malden. In 1874 Charlestown was annexed to the city of Boston.

"While a resident of Malden, Mass. JOSEPH HILLS was Captain of its Trainband. .... He served on numerous civic committees and in 1650, 1653 and 1661 he was of the committees to audit the treasury accounts but his greatest public service was that of the leading member of the committee that in 1648 reported to the General Court the first codification of the laws of the Colony. ... he was the actual compiler of the laws, he prepared the copy for the press and supervised their printing. The Colony recognized the great value of his work, not only by money payment but by a grant of five hundred acres of land on the Nashua River, now a part of Southern New Hampshire, and the remission of his taxes in his old age, (pp. 256-257).

In a lengthy article entitled the CHARLESTOWN OLIGARCHY which appeared in several issues of NEHGR (Jan 1977, etc.) the following appeared regarding the subject of this article:

"JOSEPH HILLS was granted 500 acres in 1656" in consideration of an adventure of 33 pounds (in the joint stock) and several services to the country, (page 10), and

"RALPH SPRAGUE and JOSEPH HILLS, both members of the oligarchy had to remove to the north side of the Mystic River to settle on land that had been given them by the town and in 1649 they and more than twenty other families founded the town of Malden, (p.14)."

See page 22 herein which also lists ABRAHAM and WALTER PALMER as members of that Oligarchy.

"In a petition to the General Court dated 24 May 1682, JOSEPH HILLS recites that 'in the latter part of his pilgrimage' he was 'totally bereaved of the sight of his eyes for more than four years now past.' He died at Newbury 5 Feb 1688, his Will having been dated 14 Sept 1687," (p. 257 HILLS FAMILY OF AMERICA). The NEHGR Vol. 8, No. 4 (Oct 1854) published the Will of JOSEPH HILLS; however, in Vol. 9 of NEHGR (May 1855) a letter to "Mr. Editor" signed by one JOSHUA COFFIN explained: "The wills of Mr. JOSEPH HILLS and HENRY LUNT, published in your last two numbers of the Register, were not copied from the originals. That of MR. HILLS was taken <u>from a copy</u> made by ISAAC ADDINGTON in 1705, in a case (entitled) ANN HILLS vs. SAMUEL HILLS. ..." Although that copy of the Will of JOSEPH HILLS is the only one the compiler has had access to, a brief resume of it follows; JOSEPH was aged 85 years when he made his Will (apparently blind) and he died within six months thereafter:

To ANNE, my wife (in case of her dying before me) to give by Will to her oune (own) children such and so much of her household goods as were her former husband's not exceeding 50£ ... I freely give her all the household goods now remaining, which were her former husband's, to be brought together and inventoried by themselves and not mixed with my estate. Also all such household goods which were her oune before our marriage. I also give her oune (one) halfe part of all beding, cloathing and table linnen made in the house since my solitary sojourning under her roofe, as also my best set of curtains and valents together with all the provision for food, which shall be in the house at my death. Also all my milch cowes and one third part of my ewe sheep with all my swine together with all the wool and flax and yarne of both sorts that at my death shall be left in the house as also £4 in money a year to be carefully and conscionably paid yearly by my executors out of all the yearly payments due (me) from THOMAS NEWHALL, if she so long shall live. Also I give her my great testament and booke of Martyrs and new warming pan during her natural life. I also give her that fourscore acres of land lying in Reading... to her and her heires and assignes for ever besides what she hath formerly received of me upon the sale of my house to WILSON ... provided she rest satisfyed without any further demand from my executors.

To DANIEL LUNT my brass still yards.

To HENRY LUNT I give my back sword. (JOSEPH HILLS was a military man as appears from the inscription on his gravestone in the burying-ground of the First Parish of Newbury.)

To my son, SAMUEL I give the 40 in money by him received and to be received by bills of JOSEPH WILSON of Malden.... 6 due to me for bricks, about 7 more in money lent and paid for him mentioned in my debt booke of accounts (provided he make no demands of me or my estate for any thing he may account due to him for worke or otherwise.)...

To my son WAYTE (list of small items) Also 45 acres of my farme land at Dunstable at that side or end thereof next to that which I have given unto my daughter, HANNAH, with my right in the little island there and my 6 acre piece of meadow. Also 5 acres of my meadow ground next to my daughter HANNAH's.

To my grandchildren HANNAH and ELIZABETH BLANCHARD (daughters of the testator's daughter, ELIZABETH, and her husband, JOHN BLANCHARD) I give 45 acres of upland and 5 acres of my meadow ground of my farme at Dunstable next to my son WAITES.

To my son, GERSHOM I give the like quantity of upland and meadow next to said BLANCHARD's.

To REBECCA NEWHALL (not otherwise identified, who was his granddaughter, being dau of REBECCA HILLS and her husband Capt. THOMAS GREEN) I give my lembeck (Alembic, a still) and meadow called the reedy pond with 5s shillings in money.

To HANNAH WINTON (should be VINTON) and SAMUEL GREEN my grandchildren I give ten shippings apiece in money and 45 acres of upland and 5 acres of meadow apiece of my farme at Dunstable next to my son GERSHOM's. (HANNAH and SAMUEL were siblings of REBECCA NEWHALL, all children of the testator's daughter, REBECCA and her husband, Captain THOMAS GREEN, JR.)

To the children of JOSEPH HILLS (JR.) and HANNAH, his wife, deceased, I give all that parcel of land that was in his possession at his death, according as is expressed in my deed bearing date October 26th Anno^{d} 1674 ... provided they rest satisfied with my care in providing and disposing of the estate by me and my son WAYTE as Cambridge Court ordered us. (This son predeceased the father having died 1674.)

To my son GERSHOM I do hereby give and confirme the land his house standeth upon with two acres of salt marsh which said land and meadow I formerly gave him possession of and he now enjoyeth being 12 acres or thereabouts. Also I give him 3 a year in money out of the annual payments due from THOMAS NEWHALL....

To ELIZABETH the daughter of my son GERSHOM I give 46 acres of upland and 5 acres of meadow at Dunstable next to the land given to HANNAH WINTEN and SAMUEL GREEN.

To my daughter HANNAH 90 acres of upland and 10 acres of meadow of my farme at Dunstable at the end of sd farme next to Chelmsford, also my silver porringer, .. my Holland sheets, .. my oxen, desiring my son in law ABIEL LONG to be helpful to my wife in the plowing her land the next said time after my death provided she keep the land in her own hands.

All the rest of my farme at Dunstable both upland and meadow I give to my son SAMUEL HILLS.

The two residuary legatees were his son SAMUEL and daughter HANNAH, both children by the testator's second wife, equally to receive all other of the estate, real and personal, housing or lands, annual payments due the testator from eight named individuals and all household goods, chattels or other things whatsoever not before disposed of....

It is surprising to note from the Will of JOSEPH HILLS that so few of his fifteen children are named therein; however, further study of the vital statistics of this family reveals the sad fact that so many of them predeceased their father who was aged about eighty-four years when he died. JOSEPH had outlived all but one or two of the ten children he had had by his first wife, ROSE (CLARK); their dates of death are noted below; the date of death of ROSE's second child is unknown but inasmuch as she is not named in her father's Will it is presumed she predeceased him also; three of ROSE's children had died in England.

JOHN HILLS died 1652 age 20 years.
MEHITABLE HILLS died 1653, age 12 years.
DEBORAH HILLS died 1 Oct 1662, age 5 years.
ABIGAIL HILLS died 9 Oct 1662, age 4 years.
NATHANIEL HILLS died in 1664, age 11 years.
JOSEPH HILLS, JR. died in April 1674, age 45 years.
THOMAS GREEN, JR., grandson, died April 1674, age 8 years.
HANNAH HILLS, granddaughter, died May 1674, age 17 years.
REBECCA GREEN, daughter, d 6 June 1674, age 40 years.
MARY WAITE, daughter, died 25 Nov 1674, age 49 years.
HANNAH (SMITH) HILLS, daughter-in-law, widow of son JOSEPH,JR. died 11 July 1674, one week after the birth of her eighth child named JOSEPH HILLS (3rd); JOSEPH, JR. had died the preceding April thus leaving all his children orphaned. Thus the portion of the Will of JOSEPH, SR. which referred to the order of the Cambridge Court is explained; he and his son-in-law, Captain JOHN WAITE were appointed by the court as guardians of the estate of these minors. An inventory of the estate of JOSEPH, JR. revealed he had a house and about 50 acres of land in Malden and, about 40 acres "to be laid out in Billerica, Mass."

The tragedy to JOSEPH HILLS, SR. the year of 1674 must have been overwhelming and with the deaths that year of one son, two daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter plus a daughter-in-law who died a week after giving birth to a son, it would seem to indicate an epidemic had enveloped the community. He had acquired a considerable estate mainly in land and very generously distributed it among his surviving children and even provided generous bequests to the grandchildren; and an equal amount of acreage to "my son WAYTE" who was the husband of his oldest daughter, MARY, who had died in 1674.

JOSEPH, SR. named his son, SAMUEL, and "my son in law ABIEL LONG" as executors of his Will and as overseers of his Will he named "my Christian friends, Capt. DANIEL PIERCE and Lieut. TRISTRAM COFFIN of Newbury." He signed the Will on the 14th of September Anno Dom. 1687 "in the third year of his Majestie's Reigne." The witness were: BENJAMIN SAMBOURNE, JOSHUA PIERCE and HENRY SHORT. (This latter name is of interest inasmuch as it has rarely been found by the compiler in her search for the parents of REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER, the second wife of WALTER PALMER.) King JAMES the Second reigned from 1685 to 1689; he was a younger brother to CHARLES the Second; thus it was in 1687 the Will was signed, the third year of the reign of JAMES.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF DESCENT 1600-1800

JOSEPH HILLS and ROSE CLARK married 1624 and had a dau:

REBECCA HILLS who married ca 1653 -

THOMAS and ELIZABETH GREENE (SR.) married ca 1627 and had a son:

THOMAS GREENE (JR.)

THOMAS and REBECCA GREENE, JR. had 5 children, including: a son -

SAMUEL GREENE who married ca 1691 ELIZABETH UPHAM, dau of Lieut. PHINEAS and RUTH (WOOD) UPHAM.

The oldest child of eight of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (UPHAM) GREENE:

ELIZABETH GREENE b 1693 who married 1712 THOMAS RICHARDSON, son of NATHANIEL and MARY RICHARDSON of Woburn, Mass., was b 1687 at Woburn. Removed to Leicester, Mass. where a dau was born in 1718; (one record has her born in Framingham):

ELIZABETH RICHARDSON who married (1st) JONATHAN LAMB, JR. on 21 Sept 1737.
JONATHAN, JR. was the son of JONATHAN LAMB (SR.) and LYDIA DEATH LAMB.
The 9th child of JONATHAN, JR. and ELIZABETH (RICHARDSON) LAMB was:

PHINEAS (PHINEHAS) LAMB b 6 May 1756 who married in 1781/1783 (prob in Worcester Co., at Rutland, Mass.) ANNA GARFIELD, the dau of ELIAKIM and HANNAH (CHASE) GARFIELD of Leicester, Massachusetts. They had 13 children including: Two daughters:

DOLLY LAMB b 1 Dec 1781/83 who married NATHAN PALMER in 1803; he was oldest son of NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER of Granville, Washington Co., N.Y.

and

NANCY LAMB b Nov 1791 in Vermont who married JOHN C. PALMER ca 1810, 3rd son of NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER, and younger brother to NATHAN (above).

The descent of the above NATHANIEL PALMER from the emigrant, WALTER PALMER:

WALTER and REBECCA PALMER
Dea. GERSHOM and ANN (DENISON) PALMER
GERSHOM, JR. and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER
JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER
Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER.
NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER.

PROFESSOR HENRY DUNSTER

In 1858 JOHN ADAMS VINTON had published at Boston his family's history entitled "THE VINTON MEMORIAL" being a genealogy of the descendants of JOHN VINTON of Lynn, Mass. 1648. In 1677 JOHN VINTON, JR. had married HANNAH GREEN, dau of THOMAS and REBECCA GREEN of Malden; the youngest brother of HANNAH's (SAMUEL GREEN) became one of the ancestors of PALMER descendants which focuses the attention of readers of this volume on the couple, THOMAS and REBECCA (HILLS) GREEN. The author of the Vinton genealogy (page 396) explains about the parents of HANNAH and SAMUEL GREEN in this way:

> "THOMAS GREEN, b prob Eng. about 1630, m abt 1653 REBECCA HILLS, dau of JOSEPH HILLS, then of Malden, afterwards of Newbury, by his first wife, ROSE DUNSTER, sister of President DUNSTER."

Eventually the compiler's research uncovered the information about these families which revealed the "President DUNSTER" referred to was sometimes known as the "first President of Harvard University, HENRY DUNSTER." Her goal thereafter was to verify the relationship of ROSE to HENRY; numerous published books in this country were examined, many of which concurred in the relationship of JOSEPH HILLS' first wife, ROSE, and HENRY DUNSTER. A copy of the Will of HENRY DUNSTER was obtained from Harvard University which contained the following:

> "Concerning my daughter ELISABETH, my mind and will is, that she shall be at the disposing of her mother during her life in her minority, and in the case of my wive's death, then to live with my sister Mrs. HILLS of Mauldon during her minority and faithfully and carefully to serve her as if shee were her own child, and in case there also the Lord by death should make such uncomfortable breaches in the family, that shee could not live comfortably there, then shee shall live with my sister WILLARD of Concord doing her faythfull service as a child untill her marriage or maturity of age, at which time I do appoynt her to receive from her two brothers, DAVID and JONATHAN, five pounds apiece, annually for ten years space beside what legacys her mother or my selfe shal leave her....
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> "... to my cousin BOWERS and her children five shillings apeece, and to my cousin fayth DUNSTER five shillings, and to my sister WILLARD and all her children five shillings apeece, and to my sister HILLS and all her children Borne in this country five shillings apeece ...
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> "And for the execution of this my last will and testament in all parcels and particulars that thereunder doth or may fall, I constitute and appoynt MR. JOSEPH HILLS of Mauldon, and Brother EDMUND FROST, elder of the Church at Cambridge, and MR. HENRY SHRIMPTON of Boston, and MR. EDWARD COLLIERS of Cambridge...."

This Will is dated 8 Feb 1658, and HENRY DUNSTER died at Scituate, Mass. the 18 or 27 of Feb 1659; he was buried, as he desired, at Cambridge,

where some of his children had been buried. As has been pointed out in other sections of this volume, the use of a particular noun, such as brother or sister, by these early emigrants, did not always indicate the true status of their relationship; such terms were used very often to indicate a feeling of affection and often testators referred to their son-in-law as "son."

Information published in this country regarding HENRY DUNSTER varies in many respects, i.e., how many children he had; his wives and which one was the mother of his children and one source lists his first wife as the widow of Rev. JESSE GLOVER, ELIZABETH (HARRIS) GLOVER while another book records her as the second wife. From many sources, the following background data is set forth regarding this educator and attention is noted in an article entitled "The First President of Harvard College" published in NEHGR, Vol. 9, pp. 269-271, the author (QUIDAM IGNOTUS) insists HENRY DUNSTER's predecessor as the first head of the college for the years 1637-1639 was NATHANIEL EATON who was first chosen Professor in 1637; he was the brother of THEOPHILUS EATON, Governor of Connecticut, who was also a patron of the College. He insists "NATHANIEL left the College in the fall of 1639, and MR. DUNSTER was appointed his successor in 1640."

The compiler employed Miss DAPHNE HILLS of Wimborne, Dorsetshire, England, to check the parish records of Balholt, Bury in Lancashire, England, to ascertain the names of the siblings of HENRY DUNSTER. (Miss HILLS has assisted the compiler for several years searching in her native county for information about WALTER PALMER, his ancestry, parents, siblings, first wife and English-born children.) Following is quoted from her report dated 10 Feb 1985:

> HENRY DUNSTOR Matric Sizar from Magdalene College, Easter 1627 (as "John" son of HENRY of Balholt, parish of Bury, Lancashire, where he was baptized 26 Nov 1609). He received his B.A. in 1630/31 and his M.A. in 1634; he emigrated to America 1640, 1st President of Harvard College 1640-1654 when removed for views on baptism; went to Scituate in Plymouth Colony where he preached till his death 27 Feb 1658/59, (from the Cambridge Alumni).
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> Society of Genealogists, Transcript of Parish Records of Bury, Lancashire 1590-1616:
> BAPTISMS (pertinent to this chapter):
> 12 Mar 1597/98 ELIZABETH dau of HENRY DUNSTURE
> 24 Aug 1600 DANIELL son of HENRY DUNSTURE
> 13 Mar 1602/03 JAMES son of HENRY DUNSTURE
> 1 May 1603 ISSABELL dau of HENRY DUNSTERE Yong.
> 18 Aug 1605 ROBTE (ROBERT?) son of HENRY DUNSTURE
> 24 Aug 1606 JOHN son of HENRY DUNSTURE
> 17 Jan 1607/8 MARGARET dau of HENRY DUNSTURE Jnr.
> 26 Nov 1609 HENRY son of HENRYE DUNSTER
> 8 Dec 1611 THOMAS son of HENRY DUNSTED (DUNSTER)
> 19 Dec 1613 ALISE dau of HENRY DUNSTER
> 23 Mar 1616/17 RICHARD son of HENRY DUNSTER of Elton

Parish Records of Bury, LANCASHIRE, England - MARRIAGES:
10 Oct 1615 HENRY DUNSTER and ISABELL KAY
BURIALS: 1590-1616
22 May 1591 JOHN son of HENRY DUNSTURE
11 Apl 1592 HENRY DUNSTURE, Snr (Senior)
20 Jul 1592 THOMAS DUNSTURE
2 Dec 1597 JAMES DUNSTURE
1 May 1605 Ux HENRYE DUNSTURE
16 Jan 1610/11 HENRY DUNSTER
10 Jun 1611 ISABELL filia HENRICI DUNSTER

Parish Records of Bury, Lancashire for period 1617-1650:
(These included numerous listings for the name HENRY DUNSTER which indicated it might encompass three generations with this name: grandfather, father and son; also another who was identified as HENRY DUNSTER of Elton and one "of Love.")
Only those deemed pertinent to the HENRY DUNSTER of Harvard are being included below:
BAPTISMS:
14 Jun 1618 MARY dau of HENRY DUNSTER Jnr
26 Apl 1619 ELIZABETH dau of HENRY DUNSTER Snr
29 Nov 1620 HENRY son of HENRY DUNSTER
BURIALS:
8 Apl 1617 ELIZABETH widow of HENRY DUNSTER
19 May 1620 MARY dau of HENRY DUNSTER
10 Dec 1638 the wife of HENRY DUNSTER
(In these burials there were also HENRY DUNSTER of ye Batt Holt and HENRY DUNSTER of Baleholt; obviously a very common name which complicates searching.)

A resume of the life of HENRY DUNSTER, graduate of Cambridge University, England, after his arrival in New England in 1640, a single man, has been obtained from different references which will be listed at the end of this write-up.

HENRY DUNSTER was the son of HENRY, SR. of Balehoult, a seat in the parish of Bury, Lancashire; on his arrival in New England he resided a short time in Boston and then settled at nearby Cambridge where he was admitted as a freeman 2 June 1641. His extensive and impressive degrees (B.A. in 1630/31 and M.A. in 1634 from Magdalen College) resulted in his being selected very soon as President of the newly established Harvard College, in the fourth year of its existence. He held this position for the next fourteen years but was compelled to resign as President on account of his opposition to infant baptisms.

HENRY's first marriage apparently was on 22 June 1641; his first wife (according to JAMES SAVAGE) was one ELIZABETH _____ who died 23 Aug 1643; however, according to page 524 of "DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY" (sent to the compiler by Harvard University) HENRY's first wife was ELIZABETH (HARRIS) GLOVER, widow of Rev. JESSE GLOVER who died 23 Aug 1643 and his second wife whom he married in 1644 was ELIZABETH (ATKINSON?) who died 12 Sept 1690; SAVAGE lists ELIZABETH GLOVER as his second wife and their children as:

(Children of HENRY DUNSTER born Cambridge):
(1) DAVID DUNSTER b 16 May 1645.
(2) DOROTHY DUNSTER b 29 Jan 1648.
(3) HENRY DUNSTER (3rd) b 1650.
(4) JONATHAN DUNSTER b 28 Sept or 26 Oct 1653.
(5) ELISABETH DUNSTER born Scituate, Mass. 29 Dec 1656.

The sketch about HENRY DUNSTER on page 524 of the "AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY" (supra) contained the following:

> " (His family in England) were apparently yeomen or small copyholders of Balehoult. ... After graduation from Cambridge he taught school and became curate of Bury, but (probably on account of nonconformity) emigrated to Massachusetts. ... His reputation for learning, particularly in the Oriental languages, had preceded him. ... (Harvard) which had been but a struggling school soon became a college under his administration. Rules of admission and the principles according to which degrees should be granted were laid down, and scholastic forms established similar to those of the English universities. ... He was indefatigable in his services, and although a poor man, gave the college 100 acres of land at a crisis in its affairs. The first president's house and college hall practically owed their existence to him ("PUBLICATIONS OF THE COLONIAL SOCIETY OF MASS.," 111, p.420). ... he had to call the attention of the General Court to the need for influencing graduates to remain in America as of the twenty who graduated prior to 1646, eleven emigrated to England and remained there permanently.
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> "The first printing press within the present limits of the United States was established in 1639 and two years later transferred to DUNSTER's own house and placed under his direction. ... In 1653 DUNSTER adopted some of the principles of the Baptists and was forced to resign his presidency 24 Oct 1654. .... he was allowed to remain in the President's house until Mar 1655. In April he was indicted by the grand jury for disturbing the ordinance of infant baptism, convicted, sentenced to public admonition and put under bonds for good behavior. ... he removed to Scituate where he acted as minister for some years, dying there 1658/59."

In Massachusetts where the Congregationalists maintained a religious monopoly, they were challenged by the Baptists under ROGER WILLIAMS who had also graduated from Cambridge University in 1627, the same year in which HENRY DUNSTER graduated; obviously they would then have known each other and may have been friends. Both joined the nonconformist cause in England and in Massachusetts held differing views on some subjects than the Congregationalists which resulted in WILLIAMS eventually establishing Providence and obtaining a royal charter for the "Providence Plantation" which became the state of Rhode Island.

The 1906 HILLS FAMILY HISTORY (supra) on page 257 clearly designates the first wife of JOSEPH HILLS as ROSE CLARK with no reference to her being ROSE DUNSTER, sister of HENRY DUNSTER. However, in 1975 a "GREENE GENEALOGY" privately printed and presented to the Genealogical Library of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City, on page 26 continues the error of naming the first wife of JOSEPH HILLS as ROSE DUNSTER.

In her "330 YEARS IN AMERICA 1635-1965" the compiler, GERTRUDE DUEL ICKS,A.B. of Elmhurst, Illinois, handles this topic in this way:

"THOMAS GREENE, JR. m ca 1653 REBECCA HILLS (dau of JOSEPH and ROSE (DUNSTER or CLARK) HILLS)" ...

MRS. ICKS' book published 1966 has been referred to previously herein inasmuch as she shares several ancestors (GARFIELD, LAMB, RICHARDSON, GREENE) with some descendants of the WALTER PALMER line.

When HENRY DUNSTER died in 1658/59, aged about fifty years, all his children were still minors. In his Will he mentions the following:

his wife (although her name is not used).
his sons DAVID and JONATHAN DUNSTER.
his dau ELISABETH.
his "sister MRS. HILLS OF MAULDON".
his "sister WILLARD of Concord".
"ELDER FFROST 'holy servant of the Lord'."
'my sister HILLS and all her children Borne in this country..."

He appoints the foregoing "Brother EDMUND FROST, elder of the Church at Cambridge..." using the term "brother" although that individual was not one of his siblings. A footnote to the publication of this Will (page 306) reads as follows:

> "The sisters of the President (HENRY DUNSTER) were ELISABETH and MARY who successively were wives of Major SIMON WILLARD; the latter survived him and married Dea. JOSEPH NOYES of Sudbury; and a third, perhaps ROSE, was wife of Captain JOSEPH HILLS of Malden, SAVAGE. GEN. DICT. ELISABETH died childless; MARY was the one alluded to in the Will.
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> "It has been made a question, however, whether MARY was a sister or a cousin of HENRY DUNSTER. ... A letter of MR. DUNSTER's to REV. MR. ALT of Bury, Eng., contained in the 'DUNSTER Papers,' in the possession of the Mass. Hist. Society, speaks of his 'cosin MARY DUNSTER.' But there is no proof that she became the wife of Major WILLARD. There may still have been a sister named MARY..."

HENRY DUNSTER's Will names but three children leading to the presumption that his other children, DOROTHY b 1648, and HENRY (3rd) b 1650 predeceased him.

The wives of JOSEPH HILLS were:
1st - ROSE CLEERK (CLERK, CLARK) who died 24 Mar 1650.
2nd - HANNAH (SMITH) MELLOWS who died by Dec 1655.
3rd - HELEN ATKINSON who died in Oct 1662.
4th - ANNE LUNT married 1665.

When HENRY DUNSTER signed his Will in February 1658, ROSE HILLS, the first wife of JOSEPH HILLS had been dead for eight years; therefore, he could not have been referring to his own sister named ROSE who some suggest married JOSEPH HILLS. In 1656 JOSEPH had married his 3rd wife, HELEN ATKINSON, and she was the wife of JOSEPH HILLS in 1658/59 when HENRY signed his Will. The two daus born to HELEN and JOSEPH HILLS in 1657 and 1658 both died young but were about the same age as the youngest daughter of HENRY DUNSTER since she was born in 1656; it seems natural then that HENRY

commit the charge of his youngest child, ELISABETH to his friend JOSEPH HILLS (also named as one of the executors) and wife who at that time was HELEN (ATKINSON ?) HILLS.

A letter to the compiler dated 4 Aug 1982 from the Harvard University Archives explained that:

> "According to our records, HENRY DUNSTER had two brothers, THOMAS DUNSTER and RICHARD DUNSTER, who lived in England. His sisters were DOROTHY DUNSTER who married EDMUND RICE, and FAITH who married a MR. _____ WILLARD. Apparently there is some question about the existence of a third sister, ISABELLA. I find no indication of a sister or other relative named ROSE."

The research of parish records at the Society of Genealogists in London for Bury, Lancashire revealed:

1 May 1603 bapt ISSABELL dau of HENRY DUNSTERE Yong.
26 Nov 1609 bapt HENRY son of HENRYE DUNSTER (Harvard President)
8 Dec 1611 bapt THOMAS son of HENRY DUNSTER remained in Eng.
23 Mar 1616/17 bapt RICHARD son of "HENRY DUNSTER of Elton" remained in England

The burials reveal that of ISABELL dau of HENRICI DUNSTER 10 June 1611 which could have referred to the above named ISSABELL. And a much later baptism (not included in the list herein) which the English researcher found was one:

FAITH dau of ROBERT DUNSTER baptized 7 Mar 1640/41. It is possible ROBERT and HENRY (SR.) DUNSTER were brothers and this FAITH could have been a cousin much younger than HENRY, who eventually emigrated to America. The Bury Parish Records did not reveal the baptisms of either a DOROTHY DUNSTER or FAITH DUNSTER, daughters of HENRY DUNSTER, SR. who might have been sisters of the Harvard President, as indicated in the letter from the Harvard Archives.

This family has been especially difficult to pin down since there were so many HENRY DUNTERS in England; then the records in this country are complicated by President HENRY DUNSTER referring to several as "sister" or "cousin" or "brother" when actually they were not his siblings. The original error doubtless occurred by his referring to the wife of JOSEPH HILLS as "my sister MRS. HILLS of Mauldon." Just when his sisters, ELISABETH and MARY, emigrated has not been ascertained but apparently both came to New England and both married successively the same man, Major SIMON WILLARD. Further research would be needed to clarify these uncertainties but of the primary goal of this paper, i.e. to refute the allegation that HENRY DUNSTER had a sister named ROSE who married JOSEPH HILLS, it is believed the answer here is clear.

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THE JACOB JOY FAMILY

There were several apparently unrelated English emigrants in early New England surnamed JOY; much has been published about one of them--THOMAS JOY who married JOAN GALLOP--and it has been alleged that they were "the father and mother of the American JOYS." However, it would seem more likely that these many JOY emigrants may also have contributed to the great American family of JOYS.

According to the "JOY GENEALOGY" by HELEN BOURNE JOY LEE (pub 1968 by the Pequot Press of Essex, Conn.) Norfolk County, England, had been for five hundred years the seat of a family named JOY (subsequently (JAY) and as early as 1563 the lord of the manor of Holverston spelled his name JAYE. ... Families with the surname of JOY were in Ireland and England;the name is derived from the locality JOUY in Normandy and may have reached England in the form of DeJOUY (Patronimica Britt.). Families with this surname were at early dates in the English counties of Norfolk, Wiltshire, Bedford, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Oxford, Somerset, York and Northampton as well as in London and Ireland (Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C.).

A JOY family genealogy compiled by JAMES RICHARD JOY, pp.10-11 contained a footnote listing several other JOYs than the emigrant who was subject of that volume, THOMAS JOY. These were:

> "In 1650 WALTER JOY was at Milford, Conn. In the same year (one) WALTER JOY witnessed a deed in York Co., Maine.
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> In 1652 DEBORAH JOY, aged 27, wife of one WALTER, was in Essex Co., Mass. (NEHGR p. 341, 1878).
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> On 24 May 1661 at Salem, Mass. PETER JOY (aged 40 in 1677) married SARAH GASKINS and had sons DAVID (b 1662; PETER b 1669; WILLIAM b 1675; and SAMUEL b 1678) from whom the JOYs of Nantucket trace their descent.
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> In 1668 THOMAS JOY of Kingston, Rhode Island, signed a petition with men of Wickford.
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> About 1670 JACOB JOY, blacksmith, with brother, JOSEPH, settled at Fairfield, Conn. JACOB (thereafter) removed to Killingworth, Conn. and in 1672 married MRS. ELIZABETH (WELLMAN) SPENCER and had children born there, including MARY JOY born 1680. (Note: actually her name was ELIZABETH (SPENCER) WELLMAN, widow of WILLIAM WELLMAN.
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> In 1674 one ISAAC JOY 'probably transient,' died at Guilford.
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> On 29 July 1678 the 'Boston Town Records' made mention of one 'GEORGE JOY,' with an allusion to BACON's Rebellion in Virginia."

In late 1977 the information being sought regarding the JOY ancestor in the PALMER family was received by FRANK PALMER SPESSARD (of Shreveport, LA.) who assisted the compiler over many years in searching out these allied families. In Oct that year he received the information from DR. DANA SPENCER who had advertised in NEHGR for correspondence from any descendants of the "Four SPENCER Brothers." In the exchange of information between DR. SPENCER and FRANK SPESSARD, the names of the parents of JACOB JOY were obtained, to wit: WALTER JOY and DEBORAH (WATHREN) JOY.

Thereafter from the "HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT" compiled and edited by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, (supra) the following information as set forth regarding the father of JACOB JOY (pp. 347-348) was obtained:

"WALTER JOY's wife at Milford was treated by WINTHROP, 1657. We are unable to connect him with the Hingham family, and no relationship is known to PETER JOY of Salem. WALTER left little record of himself or family, but we believe that his wife was DEBORAH and that she married second THOMAS FRENCH of Guilford as his second wife.

"The first link in the chain of evidence is the too brief record of the Estate of ISAAC JOY, whose Inventory presented 9 June 1675, showed a small property at Milford and Guilford; he left a mother who lived at Guilford; three brothers and one sister related by the father and mother; and there were two children related by the mother only.

"A study of Guilford families reveals that THOMAS FRENCH, between 1660 and 1667 acquired a second wife named DEBORAH _____, by whom he had two children: SAMUEL FRENCH b 1667 and ABIGAIL FRENCH b 1669. This answers the requirements of the case perfectly. Furthermore, THOMAS FRENCH and DEBORAH FRENCH, his wife, of Guilford, conveyed on 10 Mar 1678 and also on 21 July 1679 to JOSEPH JOY of Guilford.

"JOSEPH JOY was of Fairfield when he died, and his Will dated 28 Apr 1690, states that he was leaving with the expedition against the French in Canada; he gave legacies to his cousins, JOSEPH BENNETT, DEBORAH JOY and MARY JOY; and gave the residue of his estate to WALTER JOY, son of his brother, JACOB. Brother JACOB and SAMUEL HUBBELL, SR., were named executors. Inventory was had 24 Sept 1690. JACOB reported deceased 15 Feb 1691/92; WALTER JOY was also deceased and his share ordered to his sisters, DEBORAH, wife of ANDREW WARD and MARY JOY.

"ABRAHAM JOY of fairfield, making a voyage to Boston, left his estate to his brother, JOSEPH, who presented the Inventory 16 Aug 1687; ISAAC WHEELER was appointed Administrator.

"JACOB JOY received a grant from the town of Guilford 23 Feb 1669/70 and soon after removed to Killingworth.

"The three own brothers mentioned in the record of ISAAC JOY's estate are therefore placed as JACOB, JOSEPH and ABRAHAM JOY. Of these, JACOB and JOSEPH are known to have resided in youth in Guilford, and JOSEPH and ABRAHAM resided in Fairfield at the time of their deaths. LT. JAMES BENNETT was the father of the JOSEPH named as a cousin (nephew) in JOSEPH JOY's Will, and BENNETT's daughter, ABIGAIL married and named a son JOY BISHOP. We can, therefore, place the own sister as the wife of JAMES BENNETT.

"With regard to the half-brother, SAMUEL FRENCH, TALCOTT's manuscript history of Guilford families states that he died young but nothing to substantiate this has been found except that no record of him after his birth appears in Guilford records. The age at death of Sergt. SAMUEL FRENCH of Stratfield agrees with the birth of the Guilford SAMUEL, and patient search has failed to disclose any other SAMUEL with whom the Stratfield man can be identified. The eldest daughter of Sergt. SAMUEL FRENCH was named DEBORAH FRENCH as was also the eldest daughter of JACOB JOY; and

this is what we should expect if DEBORAH was their mother. We therefore conclude that WALTER JOY married DEBORAH _____ who, after his death, married second THOMAS FRENCH.

1. WALTER JOY and his wife, DEBORAH JOY had the following children:

2. (1) JACOB JOY b _____, m 23 May 1671 as her second husband ELIZABETH (SPENCER) WELLMAN and had four children.
(2) _____ a dau who married Lt. JAMES BENNETT ca 1667 (b 6 Aug 1645 at Fairfield, Conn., son of JAMES BENNETT,SR., d there Oct 1736).
(3) ISAAC JOY who died in 1675 unmarried.
(4) JOSEPH JOY of Fairfield, died in war 1690, unmarried.
(5) ABRAHAM JOY of Fairfield, died in 1687, unmarried.

JACOB JOY[2] was probably born between the years 1630-1635 although his date of birth is unknown but his wife, ELIZABETH+(SPENCER) WELLMAN was born about 1633 and it is presumed his birth was within a few years of hers. She had had eight children by her first husband, WILLIAM WELLMAN, a seaman; her first child was born ca 1650 when ELIZABETH was about seventeen years of age so she married very young. JACOB and ELIZABETH were married at Killingworth, Connecticut, 23 May 1672 by which time she is aged thirty-nine years; if JACOB had a prior wife, this information has not been found. (See SPENCER FAMILY for more about ELIZABETH SPENCER JOY.) Her parents were WILLIAM and AGNES (TUCKER) SPENCER of Cambridge, formerly Newton. JACOB was a blacksmith and lived out his life in Killingworth; he was one of three who assisted in taking the inventory of the estate of one JOHN MAYHEW on 21 Jan 1685 (JACOBUS' "HISTORY OF OLD FAIRFIELD" page 404).

Children of JACOB and ELIZABETH JOY born Killingworth:

(1) DEBORAH JOY b 23 Feb 1672/73, m 19 Nov 1691 ANDREW+WARD (3rd) and d Guilford 22 Feb 1752; he was son of ANDREW WARD, JR. and TRYAL (MEIGS) WARD; he d 7 Aug 1756.
(2) JACOB JOY (JR.) b 14 Mar 1674, died young.
(3) WALTER JOY (2nd) b 14 Aug 1677, died 1690.
3. (4) MARY JOY b 17 Sept 1680, m there 30 Mar 1698 PETER WARD, (b 14 Oct 1676 brother to ANDREW WARD (3rd) who had previously married DEBORAH JOY; PETER d 18 Dec 1763.) PETER and his older brother, ANDREW, and their younger brother, WILLIAM WARD, all had the title "CAPTAIN." MARY and PETER WARD had six children b Killingworth:
i PELATIAH WARD b 27 Dec 1699/1700.
ii IRA WARD born 1704.
iii ICHABOD WARD b 2 Apr 1707.
iv PETER WARD born 1709.
4. v MARY WARD b 10 Apr 1713, m 18 Jan 1729 JOHN PALMER, (b 1705 Killingworth, died Dover in Dutchess Co., N.Y.) son of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER also of Killingworth. (See page 159 herein.) They had six children.

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ANDREW WARD b ca 1570, died 23 Jan 1615, London, had son

ANDREW WARD married in England HESTER (ESTHER) SHERMAN (bapt 1 Apr 1606 Dedham, Essex Co.). Their 8th child was:

ANDREW WARD, JR. b ca 1642 m 1668

Their 5th child was PETER WARD b 14 Oct 1676 Killingworth, Conn. married 30 Mar 1698/99 MARY JOY (b 17 Sept 1680 at Killingworth, dau of JACOB JOY and ELIZABETH (SPENCER) (WELLMAN) JOY of Killingworth.

Fifth child of Capt. PETER and MARY (JOY) WARD was:

MARY WARD b Killingworth 10 Apr 1713, married 18 Jan 1729 JOHN PALMER (b 1705 Killingworth), son of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and SARAH (FENNER) PALMER, married Saybrook 1698/99.

The second of their six children was:

FENNER PALMER (Captain) b 15 Sept 1735 at Killingworth, married ca 1754 LYDIA _____ (born 1736) whose parents have not yet been positively identified. They resided Dover, Dutchess County, New York.

Four of their sons carried forward in this volume were:

JOHN b 9 Nov 1757 (Ensign) m MARY HILL

NATHANIEL b 22 June 1763 m (1) SARAH m (2) ANNA LEAVITT

PETER WARD b 8 May 1766 m MARY "POLLY" OSBORN

FENNER, JR. b 17 Jan 1769 m (1) ELIZABETH HOAG. m (2) PHEBE SHERMAN.

VINCENT MEIGS (wife's name unknown) the emigrant, had

JOHN MEIGS b 1612 Dorsetshire, England, married 1632 THOMASINE (TAMAZIN) FRY. Their 5th child was:

TRYAL MEIGS b 1646 Guilford, Conn.

THOMAS LAMB OF ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

The emigrant, THOMAS LAMB, arrived in America with The WINTHROP FLEET in June 1630 accompanied by his wife, ELIZABETH and their two sons, THOMAS, JR. and JOHN LAMB, according to Rev. ELIOT's records. Two other adult males with that surname were in the list of passengers of over seven hundred who sailed in that flotilla of eleven ships; they were EDWARD LAMB who settled at Watertown, Mass., and died about 1650, his widow being MARGARET LAMB; the other was one ROGER LAMB about whom little is known.

The background data pertaining to this flotilla has been preserved in CHARLES EDWARD BANKS' book entitled "THE WINTHROP FLEET" where he explains: "In no section of England was the spirit of hostility to the Established Church more widely spread and more deeply ingrained than in the section known as East Anglia comprising the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. (This included) many of the dissenting clergy whose Alma Mater was Cambridge University. The majority of the people who emigrated in this group were of the yeoman class who for generations had been the tenantry of the nobility and landed gentry. They did not live--they simply vegetated, hopeless of any improvement in their condition socially or materially, and doomed to support indefinitely a class of parasites set over them by a monarchical form of government. The Manorial System perpetuated a social slavery whereby landlords drained the earnings of their tenants, whose lives were spent in working for their masters and who died as poor as they began," (pp. 12-13). Thus the primary reason for fleeing England was not religious persecution but economics; the desire for freedom of worship was secondary but no less important to this group.

The brief sketch in the BANKS' chronology suggests THOMAS LAMB was "perhaps from Stowe Langtoft, county of Suffolk"(page 79) and little information about his earlier life and that of his wife and their parents has surfaced although doubtless intensive research in that county would reveal something more about their families. Having three sons by 1630 would indicate they had married perhaps by 1623 and THOMAS and his wife would have been born around 1600.

Although the home county of these passengers numbered some twenty different shires, Suffolk was represented by 159 passengers, almost twice as many as any other English county. The compiler's inquiry of the Suffolk Genealogy Society (1978) was answered by the Secretary who explained: "Stowlangtoft, Suffolk is six miles northeast of Bury St.Edmunds on the A-1088 Road between Ixworth and Norton. The original parish registers (1559-1837) are held at the Bury St. Edmunds Records Office where they may be searched free of charge." The compiler regrets that she was unable to have this search made during her visit in 1978 or thereafter by an English researcher.

THOMAS LAMB and his family were among the first settlers in the area Rocksborough (later Roxbury) in 1630 which was annexed to Boston over two hundred years later in 1868. Lands were originally apportioned out in this manner: each person who came over at his own cost was entitled to fifty acres; each adventurer who had contributed fifty pounds in the common stock of the company received two hundred acres, and those who

brought over servants were allowed fifty acres for each. Each settler had also a piece of marsh land for the salt hay, one acre of salt march being equal in value to ten of woodland or two of corn or pasture land. In Nov 1631 the group of settlers reaching Roxbury included the Rev. JOHN ELIOT, an Anglican minister from the parish of Nazing in Essex County and he is the minister most often connected with the First Church of Roxbury and has been mentioned elsewhere in this volume. In 1632 the First Church of Roxbury was founded being the fifth church established in New England; in July of that year the principal founders who gathered to establish the church included:

THOMAS LAMB, the subject of this write-up; and
WILLIAM DENISON, subject of write-up on page 704

Although the first settlers from the WINTHROP FLEET settled at Roxbury in May others continued arriving during the year until the fall and the trials of that winter were severe on the settlers; it is a miracle that any survived. "About eighty of the colony died the first winter and many of the others were weak and sick; all they had to eat was corn and bread; contagious diseases seized many of the emigrants on the voyage over causing them to be feeble, sick and dying on their arrival. The exposure and hardships they were forced to endure after landing only multiplied their affliction. They were so weakened that they could not carry their baggage to the place where they meant to build a fort... one group headed by WILLIAM PYNCHON chose a spot midway between Boston and Dorchester, two miles from Boston; they named it Rocksbury (also Rocksburie, Rocksbrough, Roxbury)." Thus the town was founded in June 1630 and the first child born there was on 10 July 1630, (see "History of Roxbury Town"by CHARLES M. ELLIS (1848) page 14-15).

It is interesting to note on page 15 of this History that only six are named "amongst those who came here in 1630" taken from the church records which included THOMAS LAMBE. In 1631 the list is brief naming another six including JOHN ELIOT. Then in 1632 twelve names are listed including five women: MARGERY HAMMOND, MARGARET DENISON, ANN SHELLY, REBECCA SHORT and MARY BLATT. MARGARET DENISON was the wife of the early settler of Roxbury, WILLIAM DENISON, and according to the DENISON GENEALOGY she accompanied her husband on board the "Lion" which arrived in 1631 and their three sons were with them. (See page 706 herein.) It seems significant that in this History the name of REBECCA SHORT (who married WALTER PALMER) should be noted among twelve when there must have been one or two hundred others. It might bear out what Rev. JOHN ELIOT has written, that she (REBECCA SHORT) was not an ordinary maide servant. She is noted as being a member of First Church the first year of its existence in 1632; JOHN ELIOT became the teacher the latter part of that year;"THOMAS WELDE was chosen in July and invested with the pastoral care." In the first church building there were no pews or spire; the people sat on plain benches without any appointed places. The men and the women sat on opposite sides of the house. Rev. ELIOT was early selected to be their minister. The list of those who joined the First Church before 1650 is interesting to study as it contained several females indicated to be "maid servants," but probably all eventually found themselves husbands including one DOROTHY HARBITTLE

who married THOMAS LAMB, subject of this write-up, as his second wife. Eventually some of the Indians also joined the church. Rev. ELIOT's diary included the following items of interest:

Nov 1633 - A great mortality amongst the Indians by the Small Pox whereof Chickatabut, Sachem of Neponset dyed.
7 Oct 1636 - The General Court met at Roxbury, having adjourned from Cambridge on account of the small-pox.
1636-1637 - The Pequot War.
1640 - Great scarcity of money. The General Court order that corn pass in payment for new debts.
1645, Dec. The first week in the 10th month. This was the most mortal week that ever Roxbury saw, to have five dy (die) in one week and many more lay sick about town.
1646 - This year, about the end of the 5th month (July) upon a suddaine, innumerable armys of caterpillars filled the country, devouring the grasse, oats, corn, wheat and barley. They would crosse highways by thousands. Much prayer was made to God about it and fasting in divers places, and the Lord heard and on a suddaine took them all away in all parts of the country to the wonderment of all men. It was the Lord for it was done suddainely.
1647 A great sicknesse epidemical did the Lord lay upon us, that the greatest part of the town was sick at once. Few died, but of these were the choycest flowers and most gracious saints. The epidemic prevailed throughout New England...
1660 About 7 o'clock there was an earthquake. At Roxbury the shaking was most discernible.
1661 JUDAH BROWNE and PETER PIERSON, Quakers, (were) tied to a carts tail and whipt through the town with 10 stripes after receiving 20 at Boston and again 10 stripes at Dedham.
1662 A severe drought.
1663 An earthquake occurred.
1664 A great and dreadful comet seen in New England.
1667 12 mo. (Feb.) 29th. Appeared a comet or blazing stream which extended to a small star in the river Eridamus but the star was hidden by reason of its proximity to the sun.
1668 Shock of an earthquake felt.

Several of the Roxbury men were killed during the Pequot War 1675-1676 although the Indians who had been converted to the church "marched from Boston for Mount Hope under the 'intrepid' Capt. ISAAC JOHNSON of Roxbury, who afterwards certified that the most of them acquitted themselves courageously and faithfully." Included in those from Roxbury were ABIEL LAMB, son of the emigrant, THOMAS by his second wife, DOROTHY HARBITTLE; and WILLIAM DANFORTH (see pp. 695-699 herein re NICHOLAS DANFORTH). The relationship of that WILLIAM to NICHOLAS is unknown but NICHOLAS'son, SAMUEL, became a minister following his graduation from Harvard College in 1643 (the second graduating class) and was then ordained an Assistant to the "noble Apostle to the Indians," Rev. JOHN ELIOT of Roxbury, on 24 Sept 1650, and he continued in that office until his death on 19 Nov 1674.

In 1633 a water mill was built at Roxbury by one DUMMER. The CHARLES ELLIS' "Roxbury History" (supra) explains about this first water mill in this way:

> "... two depositions were taken in perpetuam in 1702 of WILLIAM GARY, then aged 75, and JOHN RUGGLES, SR., aged 70 in which they say that they remember that fifty years before then the tide mill was 'BAKER's Mill,' and so called, and that father BAKER bought a piece of land for gravel on the other side of the creek, and that ever since their remembrance THOMAS LAMB and his successors had enjoyed the lane towards the mill, maintaining a good and sufficient gate somewhere in the lane. This was in the east of the town."

The "HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN ROXBURY" by WALTER ELIOT THWING (1908) pp. 9-10 provides us with an account of the first school in the town:

> "The relation and interest of the members of this church to the 'Free Schoole in Roxburie,' now more generally known as the 'Roxbury Latin School,' can best be told by what is found in the document of the earliest date in possession of the Trustees and dated 'last of August, 1645.'
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> "WHEREAS the Inhabitantes of Roxbury in consideration of their relligeous care of posteritie, have taken into consideration how necessarie the education of theire children in Literature will be to fitt them for their public service, both in Church and Commonwealthe, in succeeding ages. They therefore unanimously have consented and agreed to erect a free schoole in the said Towne of Roxburie, and to allow Twenty pounds per annum to the Schoolemaster ... and they have chosen and elected seven Feoffees (Officers?) who shall have power to putt in or remove the Schoolemaster,etc.
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> The Feoffees included JOHN ELIOT and THOMAS LAMBE. Among the founders of this school were ... our former Pastor, Rev. JOHN ELIOT, Deacon ELIOT ..... and of the Founders of our church, ... THOMAS LAMBE, WILLIAM DENNISON ..."

The THWING history lists the following as FOUNDERS of the First Church: (pp. 45-46; 55,57,60,62,123.)

THOMAS LAMBE, farmer; freeman 18 May 1631; an original donor of the Free Schoole. Died March 18, 1646.

ELIZABETH LAMBE, wife of THOMAS LAMBE.

WILLIAM DENNISON, farmer, born at Bishops Stratford, Herts. England, came to Roxbury 1631 with wife MARGARET (CHANDLER). Freeman 3 July 1632. Constable 1634. Deputy 1635. Appraiser of Wills. Disarmed as follower of ANN HUCHINSON. Original donor of the Free Schoole. Died 25 Jan 1654.

MARGRET DENNISON, wife of WILLIAM DENNISON. It pleased God to work upon her heart & change it in her ancient years, after she came to this land & joined to the church in the year 1632.

Listed as new members - 1631 and 1650 were the following:

REBECKAH SHORT, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632, married (WATER) PALMER of Charlestowne church.

DOROTHY HARBITTLE, a maide servant, married THOMAS LAMB.

BRIDGET DENNISON, wife of GEORGE DENNISON; see p. 706 herein.
ELIZABETH CLARK, wife of HUGH CLARK being dismissed from Watertown Church, on 5 m. 19 d. 1657, being 19 July.
HUGH CLARKE, dismissed from Watertown on 7 m. 11 d. 1659. being 11 Sept 1659. (He and wife were transferred from the Watertown Church to the Roxbury Church.) (See page 684 herein.)
ELIZABETH BUCKMASTER, wife of JOSEPH BUCKMASTER on 7 m. 23 d. 1666, being 23 Sept 1666. (She was dau of above HUGH and ELIZABETH CLARK. See page 684 herein.)
JOSEPH BUCKMASTER "included with male youths", son of ELIZABETH.
ABIEL LAMB on 4 May 1684 who married above ELIZABETH (CLARK) BUCKMASTER, widow of JOSEPH BUCKMASTER.

In a paper dated about 1633 or 1634 giving persons inhabitants of Roxbury and their estates, THOMAS LAMB is listed as owning 37 acres of land and 12 pounds 7 shillings (NEHGR Vol. 2, p.53). He lived out his life in Roxbury; his first wife who had emigrated with him, ELIZABETH, died 28 Nov 1639, following childbirth, (NEHGR Vol. 8, p.183.) THOMAS married 16 July 1640 DOROTHY HARBITTLE (NEHGR Vol. 36, pp.21,22).

1. Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH LAMB; first two b in England:

(1) THOMAS LAMB, JR. d 2 Dec 1652 (p. 28 NATHAN LAMB GEN'L.)
(2) JOHN LAMB, m 1688 Mrs. LYDIA NORTON; d 28 Sept 1690.
(3) SAMUEL LAMB b Roxbury Oct 1630; bapt Dorchester
(4) ABIEL LAMB b June 1633, Roxbury; d 16 Oct 1649 (NEHGR 35:21) Oct 1633 according to Roxbury Church Births VR Vol. 1, p. 208 (1925)
(5) DECLINE LAMB b Feb 1637 (NEHGR 35:21); m STEPHEN SMITH. b Apr 1637 (2 month) VR p. 208.
(6) BENJAMIN LAMB b "8th month 1639" (NEHGR 35:21); died same day; 8th month would be Oct; his mother died the following month.

Children of THOMAS LAMB and 2nd wife, DOROTHY HARBITTLE born Roxbury:
(7) CALEB LAMB b 9 Apr 1641 (NEHGR 6:184).
(8) JOSHUA LAMB b 27/29 Nov 1642; m MARY ALCOCK; d 23 Sep 1690.
(9) MARY LAMB b 29 Sept 1644, m WILLIAM SWAN; he d Feb 1688; MARY m (2nd) DR. JAMES BAILEY.

2. (10) ABIEL LAMB bapt 2 June 1646 (p.28 NATHAN LAMB GEN'L.) but born 15 Aug 1646 according to Roxbury VR.

According to the 1930 genealogy "NATHAN LAMB of Leicester, Mass., HIS ANCESTORS and DESCENDANTS" by CHARLES FRANCIS LAMB of Madison, Wisconsin, "THOMAS LAMBE, the immigrant of 1630 is said to have been a merchant of London and died 28th day of 1st month (March) 1646 and his remains are interred in the family lot corner of Washington and Eustis Streets in Boston." His widow married (2nd) 2 Feb 1652 THOMAS HAWLEY; DOROTHY (HARBITTLE) LAMB had been born in England about 1619 and died 28 Jan 1699 "as the widow DOROTHY (HARDBOTTLE) (LAMBE) HAWLEY." She had three children by her second husband: THOMAS, ELIZABETH and DOROTHY HAWLEY.

ABIEL LAMB[2] born in Roxbury was baptized in First Church there 2 June 1646, according to the NATHAN LAMB GENEALOGY, supra, but born 15 Aug 1646 according to Roxbury Vital Records. He was the youngest of ten children of the emigrant, THOMAS LAMB, and was the last child born to the second wife, DOROTHY HARBITTLE, his birth taking place after the death of his father, earlier that year, who died "by a great cold", 28 Mar 1646. "Inventory of his estate was taken by WM.DENISON, JOSHUA HUES and WILLIAM PARKE. (His father's)estate was in Suffolk County Probate Court to be administered and Letters of Administration dated 3 Mar 1697/98 were issued to ABIEL LAMBE, son of THOMAS, sometime of Roxbury, yeoman, and to JAMES BAYLEY and MARY, his wife, dau of said THOMAS LAMB, and to JOSHUA LAMB, his grandson. The same day the administrators gave bond to WILLIAM STOUGHTON, Judge of Probate, in the full sum of 400 pounds. In this bond ABIEL LAMB is designated 'Yeoman' and JAMES BAYLEY is indicated to be a 'Physitian' and JOSHUA LAMB a "Shipwright'." (DR. JAMES BAILEY/BAYLEY was the second husband of MARY LAMB, THOMAS' ninth child. The date 1697 must be erroneous, 50 years after THOMAS' death.) See pp. 23 - 24. ABIEL LAMB remained in Roxbury for some fifty years and there he married by 1674 the widow, ELIZABETH (CLARK) BUCKMINSTER (also BUCKMASTER) (b 31 Jan 1648 Watertown) dau of HUGH and ELIZABETH CLARK of that city (see page 684 herein). ELIZABETH had a son and a dau by her first husband, JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, who died in Roxbury in 1668, the same year her dau, ELIZABETH, was born.

Volume 1 Records of Court of Assistants of the Colony of Mass. Bay 1630-1692, page 103 has this entry: "Upon the motion of ABIEL LAMBE in behalf of his wife, late widow of JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, referring to her thirds of said JOSEPH's estate, MR. THOMAS WELD and THOMAS GARDINER, SENR. are appointed a committee to repaire to sd lands & set out her thirds according to law."

The Roxbury Church Records (Document 114) reveal ELIZABETH, wife of JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, "solemnly owned the covenant" on 23 Sept 1666 (Page 89) and under date of 3 May 1675 ELIZABETH, wife of ABIEL LAMBE "was received in full communion" (Page 92).

ABIEL LAMB was a soldier in King Philip's War and in the autumn of 1675 he narrowly escaped being killed by the Indians. He was a Lieutenant in Captain JOHNSON's Roxbury Company. On 19 Dec 1675 he took part in the famous "Great Swamp Fight" near South Kingston, Rhode Island (iv Mass. Genealogy, page 2501). He is included as a member of Captain JOHNSON's Company in the list made 10 Dec 1675 (67 Mass. Archives,293) (NEHGR 39:77). He is credited with 19 shillings, 2 pence, for services from Nov 2 to 30 1675 (NEHGR 37:72). He is called a Corporal in Captain HENCHMAN's letter dated Mendon 10 Nov 1675 (68 Mass. Archives, 50). In that letter, reporting a battle with the Indians, Captain HENCHMAN says:

> "I hasted to round them in getting close beyond it (the wigwam) expecting my men had followed but all that both of us had was not above five men, one of them, my corporal (ABIEL LAMB) whose strength outstrips me," (NEHGR 25:10).

(See: "NATHAN LAMB GENEALOGY" pp. 25-26 and "330 YEARS IN AMERICA" by GERTRUDE ICKS, supra, p. 151.)

By 1694 ABIEL and his family had removed to Framingham in Middlesex Co., Mass. located north of Norfolk County where they had resided in Roxbury for so many years. He resided on leased land near Doeskin Hill in Framingham, then a part of Sudbury. At the first town meeting of Framingham 5 Aug 1700 ABIEL LAMB was chosen Commissioner to head the town government and on 3 Mar 1701 he was made one of the Selectmen--a Board of officials elected annually to enforce the local laws, manage town affairs and care for the poor; he was also Constable of Framingham.

Children of ABIEL and ELIZABETH LAMB born Roxbury, Norfolk Co.:

(1) HARBITTLE LAMB bapt 28 Feb 1675 (also: HARDBITTLE, HARBOTTLE).
(2) DOROTHY (DOROTHEA) LAMB bapt 28 Feb 1675 (may have been a twin of HARBITTLE).
(3) ABIEL LAMB, JR. b 23 Dec 1679, m 4 Dec 1699 HANNAH TAYLOR; died before 1771; they married in Framingham.
3. (4) JONATHAN LAMB b 11 Nov 1682, m 9 July 1709 LYDIA DEATH (b 26 Mar 1682 Sudbury or Sherborn, Mass., d 7 Aug 1754) dau of JOHN and MARY (PEABODY) DEATH; he d 1749. (See p. 700 herein.)
(5) SAMUEL LAMB b 12 Apr 1685 m (1st) 17 Feb 1707 HESTER JOSLIN; three children; m (2nd) MARY ____; one child; he died 1728.

ABIEL LAMB, JR. died 16 Oct 1710, aged 64 years. He and his wife are buried in Framingham.

JONATHAN LAMB[3] was born in Roxbury, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts, and baptized in First Church there as were all his siblings; his date of birth was 11 Nov 1682 and he lived there until his parents removed to Framingham, Middlesex Co., Mass. when he was aged about twelve years. He married 9 July 1708 at Watertown, Mass. LYDIA DEATH (b 26 Mar 1682 at Sudbury or Sherborn, Mass.) dau of JOHN and MARY (PEABODY) DEATH. "The Watertown Vital Records reveal the young couple were joined in marriage by JONAS BOND, Justice of the Peace." He enlisted to serve during Queen Anne's War in 1702 which continued for eleven years but there is no record of how long JONATHAN served. (This war was one of many being fought between England and France over many decades for possession of various territories in this country and in Europe.) He had the title Lieutenant and is thus referred to in most histories.

JONATHAN served the town of Framingham as Constable and was also elected a Selectman for the period from 1716 to 1718. In 1722 he was employed in transporting military stores from Boston to Rutland and became a Lieutenant in Captain ISAAC CLARK's Company of Troops--Muster Roll from 21 Aug to 18 Sept 1725. ("DRAPER's History states he was a Lieutenant and was always so called.") See ICKS' "330 Years In America, 1635-1965" supra, page 154.

In 1726/27 Lieut. JONATHAN LAMB and his family removed to Spencer in the next adjoining county to the west, Worcester, but at that time it was called Leicester. Here he became known also as a man of character and he exerted a good influence. It is noted that

according to the ICKS' chronicle, JONATHAN and his wife were once neglectful in their church attendance for twelve weeks and were reprimanded; he was, however, a member of a committee of the ordination of the Rev. JOSHUA EATON.

Children of JONATHAN and LYDIA (DEATH) LAMB, all born in Framingham except the last one who was born in Leicester, according to the Vital Records of both those towns:

(1) FEBE (PHEBE)LAMB b 2 Mar 1709, m 1729 NATHANIEL REED; died 1788, (Leicester VR).
(2) LIDIA (LYDIA)LAMB b 31 Dec 1710, m 1729 JOHN POTTER.
(3) MARY LAMB b 8 Nov 1712, m 1740 SAMUEL LYND.
4. (4) JONATHAN LAMB, JR. b 26 Feb 1715/16, m 21 Sept 1737 ELIZABETH RICHARDSON (b 25 Oct 1718 Framingham, d 21 June 1780) dau of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (GREENE)RICHARDSON.
(5) DORITY (DOROTHY) LAMB b 3 Feb 1717/18, m 10 June 1742 JACOB SHAW in Leicester; died bef 1753.
(6) JOSHUA LAMB b 17 or 19 1720, m 19 Mar 1741 SARAH WILSON dau of Deacon JAMES and MEHITABLE (LEVENS) WILSON.
(7) JOHN LAMB b 5 Mar 1726/27 at Leicester, Mass., m 2 Dec 1750 ABIGAIL SMITH; he died 13 Jan 1796.

Lieut. JONATHAN LAMB (SR.) died 1749, aged 67 years. His widow, LYDIA (DEATH) married (2nd) JOHN HOW of Rutland, Mass. Their Marriage Intentions were dated 12 Nov 1749. The inventory taken on the estate of JONATHAN revealed an appraisal of 664 pounds 14 shillings. LYDIA died 7 Aug 1754.

JONATHAN LAMB, JR.[4] was born in Framingham, Middlesex County, Mass. on 26 Feb 1715/16 and removed with his parents and siblings to Leicester in 1726/27 when he was about age eleven years. On 27 Sept 1737 he married ELIZABETH RICHARDSON (b 25 Oct 1718 Framingham, d 21 June 1780, Leicester) dau of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (GREENE) RICHARDSON. (The "NATHAN LAMB GENEALOGY" page 29 gives the date for the marriage as 21 Sept 1737 and the ICKS' Chronicle has it 27 Sept. Also, the latter one has birthdate of ELIZABETH RICHARDSON as 2 Oct 1718, not 25 October, as given in the aforesaid genealogy.)

Some references have the family of JONATHAN LAMB, SR. moving from Framingham to Leicester and others have it as Spencer; the former was created as early as 1713 and Spencer not until 1753, both in the county of Worcester. One reference explained that the JONATHAN LAMB "homestead in Leicester later became a part of the town of Spencer." This indicates that when the family settled in that county, it was in the town of Leicester but was part of the newly created town of Spencer in 1753, JONATHAN's home being situated on Lot 28. The early vital records of that family will, therefore, be found in the Leicester VR whereas from 1753 onwards the family records should appear in the Spencer VR. All of their ten children were born in Leicester, or after 1753 in what became the town of Spencer, although the ICKS' history (page 156) explains they are all listed in the VR of Leicester.

JONATHAN LAMB, JR.[4] lived out the remainder of his life in Worcester County (in either Leicester or Spencer) where he died 9 April 1760, aged 45 or 46 and all his children were born there and are listed in the VR of Leicester. Seven of his children were minors when he died and the guardianship papers and his Will are on record in Worcester Co. according to the ICKS' History; the author had obtained a copy of the Will of JONATHAN LAMB, JR. and explains the survey markings for his land (as was usual in those days) are indicated by referring to "a tree or rock or other natural formation" and bounded on the north, south, east or west, "by land owned by _____" using the surname of the neighbor on the particular side of the testator's property. Following his decease his widow married (2nd) CALEB NICHOLS on 8 Jan 1763.

JONATHAN and ELIZABETH had eight sons and two daughters, the oldest and youngest being the latter. According to the "THOMAS LAMBE (GENEALOGY) OF ROXBURY 1630-1932" by ALBERT ROSWELL LAMB, seven of these eight sons fought in the Revolutionary War, including the youngest son, PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) LAMB, who is of special interest to the PALMER descendants inasmuch as his two daughters, DOLLY and NANCY, married the two PALMER brothers, NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER. Author ALBERT LAMB adds this quotation to his history of the emigrant, THOMAS: "What greater glory could any man hope for than to have given so many fighting men to the cause of freedom."

According to the "DRAPER Papers" the grave of JONATHAN, JR. is in the Old Cemetery marked with the dates 1715-1760; DRAPER records also the grave in that cemetery of his widow, ELIZABETH (RICHARDSON) (LAMB) NICHOLS but does not state that her grave is at the side of her first husband.

Children of JONATHAN LAMB, JR. and ELIZABETH (RICHARDSON) LAMB, the first seven born in Leicester and the last three in the newly-created town of Spencer:

(1) RUTH LAMB[5] b 18 or 28 Dec 1737/38; m 6 June 1759 LUKE CONVERSE of Charlton.

(2) DAVID LAMB b 14 Dec 1739; m 25 Dec 1760 MARY HOWE (1st) (b 1740, d 1773); children:

- i JONATHAN LAMB (3rd) b 1762.
- ii LUCRETIA LAMB b 1764.
- iii ELIJAH LAMB b 1765.
- iv JOEL LAMB b 1767.
- v WILLIAM LAMB b 1770.
- vi MARY LAMB b 1772.

DAVID m (2nd) 6 Nov 1773 JEMIMA RICE and had children:

- vii DAVID LAMB, JR. b 1776.
- viii NATHAN LAMB b 1779.
- ix ASABEL LAMB b 1782.
- x ALVAN LAMB b 1786.
- xi AUSTIN LAMB b 1790.
- xii LUCINDA LAMB b 1792.

DAVID was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

(3) JONATHAN LAMB[5] (3rd) b 3 July 1742, m 23 Mar 1761 REBECCA WARRIN.

(4) NATHAN LAMB b 3 Nov 1744,[5] m (1st) (Intention) 23 Jan 1766 ELIZABETH[4] RICHARDSON (b 1741) dau of THOMAS RICHARDSON (JR.)[4] and JANE(DOWNING)RICHARDSON, his own first cousin. NATHAN's first wife was the daughter of his Uncle THOMAS RICHARDSON, JR. who was an older brother of his own mother, ELIZABETH (RICHARDSON) LAMB. The children of NATHAN and his first wife were:

i THOMAS LAMB b 25 Oct 1766.
ii ELIZABETH LAMB b 1770.
iii WILLARD LAMB b 1773.
iv AARON LAMB b 13 May 1775.
v SARAH LAMB b 9 May 1779.
vi TAMERSON LAMB b 1781.

NATHAN married (2nd) 24 Sept 1787 HANNAH METCALF and he m (3rd) PHEBE PROUTY on 3 Dec 1813. The ICKS' History lists HANNAH's maiden name as RICHARDSON and has her as the widow of one _____ METCALF of Oakham, Mass. NATHAN was a soldier in the Rev. War and died 16 Sept 1817. His son, THOMAS[6] LAMB born Leicester, removed to Bridgewater, Vermont, where he died and is bur in Hill Cemetery; his sons, WILLARD and AARON, also settled at Bridgewater. However, NATHAN and his second wife, HANNAH, removed to Vermont but settled further north in undeveloped country where he built his home and resided there until his death, (see pp. 5-7 "NATHAN LAMB GENEALOGY", of which he is the subject.) He settled in what became Corinth;"there is a possibility that the location in Corinth was influenced by the family of his second wife, HANNAH RICHARDSON METCALF, widow of SAMUEL METCALF," p. 6 NATHAN LAMB GEN'L.

(5) THOMAS LAMB b 13 Apr 1747; resided in Paxton and was a Rev. War soldier.

(6) REUBEN LAMB b 28 Dec 1749, m 1 Dec 1768 PATIENCE ADAMS of Brookfield and served in the Rev. War.

(7) JAMES LAMB b 6 Feb 1752, m 4 May 1775 SARAH KNAP; they had nine children; he was a Rev. War soldier.

(8) JABEZ LAMB b 5 June 1754, m 30 Aug 1774 SARAH (WILSON) of Spencer, Mass; they had seven children; he m (2nd) 13 Sept 1798 MARGARET FLEMING (b 1778, d July 1838); they had three children. JABEZ was a physician.

5. (9) PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) LAMB b 6 May 1756, m ca 1780/81 ANNA GARFIELD (bapt 3 Jan 1762 Covenant Leicester Church, d 1834 Wells, Rutland Co., Vermont) dau of ELIAKIM and HANNAH (CHASE) GARFIELD of Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass. He also served in the Rev. War.

(10) LUCY LAMB b 5 Aug 1758, m 28 Apr 1785 ADAMS WHEELOCK.

PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) LAMB[5] was born in Spencer (formerly Leicester) in Worcester Co., Mass. the ninth child of JONATHAN LAMB, JR. and his wife, ELIZABETH (RICHARDSON) LAMB. The family had settled originally on Lot 28 in what was the town of Leicester; about 1753 (according to the "DRAPER Papers") it was included in the new town of Spencer. PHINEHAS' parents had lived in Leicester many years, his father arriving there with the grandparents about 1726/27; both his parents had been born in Framingham. Although his parents apparently never moved away from their home on Lot 28, when the first seven children were born it was Leicester but by the time PHINEHAS and his brother, JABEZ and younger sister, LUCY, were born (1754-1758), the name had been changed to Spencer; PHINEHAS was born 6 May 1756.

About 1780 PHINEHAS married ANNA+GARFIELD who had been baptized 3 Jan 1762 in the Covenant Church of Leicester, the dau of ELIAKIM by his first wife, HANNAH (CHASE) GARFIELD of Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass. Their marriage occurred mid-way through the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) in which PHINEHAS was a soldier along with six of his brothers. (See page 398 D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX which has birthdate for him of "ca 1758" and has his first name as PHINEAS.)

ANNA's father was also a Rev. War soldier (See D.A.R. PATRIOTS INDEX page 260) as was her brother, NATHANIEL. Some time in 1767/68 her mother had died and her father married (2nd) SARAH SHERMAN by whom he had five more children during the years 1770-1783, at least the last two during the war. ANNA and her siblings were all minors at the time their mother died. ANNA and her husband had their first child, named DOLLY, probably about 1 Dec 1781 possibly while they were still residing in Leicester as the war was still in progress, and another dau born 26 Feb 1783, they named BETSEY; during this same period ANNA's father and step-mother were having their two sons, JOSEPH b Apr 1780 and SAMUEL b 1783.

The ICKS' Chronicle attempts to set out the various places where PHINEHAS and ANNA LAMB resided and the author has checked the census records and land records for information along this line (page 159). In 1783 on a Deed of Sale "of land he had of his father, JONATHAN" granted to DAVID LAMB of Spencer, Mass., possibly his oldest brother, PHINEHAS gives his residence as Westchester, Westchester Borough, New York.

In 1786 PHINEHAS and ANNA are located in Rutland, Worcester Co., Mass. (according to "HISTORY OF RUTLAND, WORCESTER CO., MASS. by JONAS REED, page 83). It seems then the next two children, SUSAN and GEORGE W. would have been born (1787 and 1788/89) in Rutland, Massachusetts. Mrs. ICKS' explanation follows:

> "The 1790 Census for Rutland, Mass. and Newfane, Vermont, lists PHINEHAS LAMB as head of family with identical family data. The only explanation available is that the 1790 Census of Mass. was taken in May that year and the Census for Vermont was taken in Sept 1790, by which latter date PHINEHAS and his family had removed from Rutland, Mass. to Vermont. From all the deeds of property, buying and selling of which the author has records or photostats, one can feel sure this is the case," (p.159).

The compiler's research and checking the 1790 Census for the County of Windham, Vermont, at the town of Stratton revealed:

PHINEAS LAMB age 34 born Mass. Head of Household
ANNA LAMB age 28 born Mass. wife and 3 other females.
1 son under 16 years of age;

The three daus would be DOLLY, BETSEY and SUSAN and the 4th child who was GEORGE W. LAMB. The town of Stratton cannot now be found on maps. The county of Windham is immediately north of the Massachusetts line on the Vermont side of the border.

The 1800 Federal Census for the County of Windham, Vermont, at the Town of Newfane lists:

PHINEHAS LAMB born bef 1755;
ANNA LAMB, wife
1 son between 10 and 16 years (would be GEORGE W. LAMB)
2 sons Under 10 years of age: (would be SAMUEL and WILLIAM)
1 female over 16 years of age (would be DOLLY)
2 females between 10 and 16 years of age (BETSEY and SUSAN)
3 females under 10 years of age (NANCY, HARRIET and LUCY

Although Westchester County, N.Y., in the southeast corner of the state, borders on the state of Connecticut, adjoining Fairfield County it is difficult to understand this LAMB family touching down there en route from Worcester County in the middle of Massachusetts to their settlement in Vermont in Windham County. It seems to the compiler a most unusual route of travel, unlike any others she has studied, to be in Westchester Co., N.Y. and then removed to a county in Vermont which was not actually too distant from where they were previously residing in Worcester. (Future research may uncover more details or prove this to be erroneous.)

By 1804 PHINEHAS LAMB and his family had settled in the village of Wells, Rutland County, Vermont, which borders on the neighboring village of Granville in Washington County, New York. Several published volumes concur in that date for the family's arrival in Wells:

(1) "HISTORY OF RUTLAND CO., VERMONT" (1882) pub White River Junction, VT., p. 1203:

PHINEAS LAMB, a revolutionary soldier, who was taken prisoner by the British, under BURGOYNE (GENERAL JOHN), settled here in 1804; he had married ANNA GARFIELD who died in 1834, aged 72; ... CAPT. WILLIAM LAMB, son of PHINEAS, 'venerable in years, still resides with us.' He was Captain of the militia several years and has been selectman, justice of the peace and town clerk 17 years."

(2) "HISTORY OF WELLS, VERMONT" by ROBERT PARKS, Esq., pub by the Wells Historical Society, Wells, Vermont:

PHINEAS LAMB came into town in 1804 and settled in the north part of the town on lands now occupied by widow FANNY PARKS. He raised a large family."(The 13 children are named herein.) This history repeats the information regarding PHINEAS and his son, WILLIAM, which appeared in (1) above.

(3) "HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF WELLS, VERMONT" pub by GRACE E. PEMBER WOOD (1955):

"PHINEAS LAMB came to Wells in 1804" and repeats the same information in the two previous histories, naming the children and adds this information about the son:

"Capt. WILLIAM LAMB son of PHINEAS, married CAROLINE BIDWELL who was born in Glastenbury, Ct. (dau of JONATHAN and HANNAH (MATSON) BIDWELL of Hartford and Glastenbury. In 1812 they came to Pawlet, then settled in Wells. Capt. WILLIAM LAMB served as Justice of the Peace, Constable, Selectman, and was Town Clerk 17 years."

This history of Wells contains the history of another family also surnamed LAMB which arrived there in 1778 from Norwich, Connecticut, but no relationship has been established between that JOSEPH LAMB and PHINEAS LAMB. However, it is very possible they were related and may have provided the incentive for the PHINEHAS LAMB family moving from Windham County to Rutland County and also settling down in the village of Wells. This is important inasmuch as it would explain how the oldest child of PHINEHAS and ANNA LAMB (still living in Windham County until 1804) DOLLY LAMB, married early in 1803 NATHAN PALMER who resided in Granville across the border of Vermont in the state of New York. Family records indicate their first child, VAN RENSSELAER PALMER, was born 15 Dec 1803. A study of the Vermont map reveals that Wells, Vermont and Newfane in that state are not too far distant even for those early days and travel between those two villages was possible even in 1803. The marriage of DOLLY and NATHAN may have provided the reason for her parents and siblings removing from Newfane to settle in Wells, where her parents died.

It would appear that following their marriage NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER would have settled down in his village of Granville; however, there is a possibility that their first child, VAN RENSSELAER, was born in Vermont, and they may have settled first in Wells, Vermont.

The author of "330 YEARS IN AMERICA 1635-1965" (supra), MRS. GERTRUDE (DUEL) ICKS, A.B. writes of her visits to Wells, Vermont gathering information for her book published in 1966:

"PHINEHAS and ANNA LAMB had a large family, many of whom married into families whose descendants still reside in the surrounding towns; the author found that some of them, although very good friends, did not know they were relatives. On both of our trips there we were fortunate to receive cordial and friendly help from those still living in the area."

These various books have discrepancies as to the number of children born to ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB and few of them furnish dates and places of birth of any of ANNA LAMB's children. However, the compiler has attempted to provide the following list of their children with birth dates and places of birth as nearly correct as possible.

In tracing the migration path of PHINEHAS and ANNA LAMB, it has been difficult due to few records covering this but the following is an attempt to placing that family in certain areas at certain periods:

1. PHINHAS LAMB born Spencer, Mass. (formerly Leicester). ANNA GARFIELD born Leicester - married ca 1780.
2. Residence believed to be Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass. for a short period where at least the first child, DOLLY, was born, 1781.
3. (If the ICKS' history is correct) 1783 in Westchester, Westchester County, New York. (2nd child, BETSY may have been born here or before they left Leicester.)
4. 1786 they are in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass. accord- to "History of Rutland, Mass." according to ICKS' book. The 3rd and 4th children were probably born here.
5. 1790 - May they were still in Rutland, Mass., however, by Sept 1790 they are in Vermont in Windham County in Stratton or Newfane; several of the children were born here;and possibly six of the children during the years 1791 (when NANCY was born in Dec.) to 1804 when the family removed to Rutland County, Vermont, settling at Wells. It would appear that the last two, POLLY and HANNAH, were born in Wells, Vermont.

The 1800 Census has just nine children for this couple and some lists credit them with twelve and another with thirteen children; one published record (Wells History) has two different daughters named BETSEY indicating one of them (the first one) may have died young. After the 1800 Census, therefore, three or even four more children must have been born to ANNA LAMB and inasmuch as they were in Wells, Rutland County, Vermont by 1804, she must have had children born to her in Wells.

PHINEHAS is buried in Wells although the date of his death has not been noted by the compiler; his wife died 1834, aged 72 years and is also buried in Wells.

Children of PHINEHAS (PHINEAS) and ANNA (GARFIELD) LAMB:

6. (1) DOLLY LAMB b ca 1 Dec 1781 Leicester, Worcester Co.,Mass. m early 1803 NATHAN PALMER (b 22 Aug 1782 Granville, Wash. Co., N.Y., d 13 Mar 1845 Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y.) son of Rev. War soldier, NATHANIEL PALMER and his wife, SARAH (maiden name unknown). DOLLY died 29 Nov 1860 Ontario Center, Wayne Co., N.Y. They are buried side by side in West Walworth Cemetery. (See page 224 herein for NATHAN PALMER.)

(2) BETSY (BETSEY) LAMB b 26 Feb 1783, m AMBROSE LEWIS of Cambridge, son of BENJAMIN LEWIS, SR.

(3) SUSAN LAMB b ca 1786/87 prob in Rutland, Worcester Co., Mass., m JOHN WOLCOTT; two children:
i JOHN WOLCOTT, JR.
ii CHAUNCY WOLCOTT, m LYDIA STYLES; res. Michigan.

(4) GEORGE W. LAMB b 1788/89 prob Rutland, Mass., m (1st) ca 1810 LUCY SWEET (b N.Y. 1790/91, d 23 Mar 1849); m (2nd) OLIVE DUELL 5 Mar 1851 (b 1791, d 1874/78. All three bur South Granville, N.Y.Cemetery.

6. (5) NANCY LAMB b Nov 1791 (Newfane or Stratton, Windham Co., Vermont; m ca 1810 JOHN C. PALMER (b 21 Oct 1789 in Granville, N.Y., d 28 May 1864 Ridgeway, Mich.) a brother to NATHAN PALMER who married NANCY's oldest sister, DOLLY. NANCY d 25 May 1865 Ridgeway, Mich. They are buried side by side with several children nearby in Ridgeway Village Cemetery. (See page 229 herein for JOHN C. PALMER.)

(6) WILLIAM LAMB b 1794 Stratton, Vermont, m 20 Nov 1823 CAROLINE BIDWELL, dau of JONATHAN and HANNAH (MATSON) BIDWELL of Pawlet. WILLIAM was Capt. of Militia, Town Clerk, Constable and Justice of the Peace. He d at Wells, VT. 24 Feb 1871, aged 77 yrs, 9 mo. 12 dys.

(7) HARRIET LAMB b 20 June 1797, m 5 Feb 1818 WILLIAM POTTER, JR. (according to both histories of Wells) although the ICKS' chronicle has her married to WILLIAM POTTER, (3rd) (son of WILLIAM, JR. and EXPERIENCE (FRANCIS) POTTER from New London, Conn.)

(8) LUCY LAMB b 1798, m 14 Oct 1818 CYRUS GEER (b 17 Feb 1797, d 1862) son of ALBY and CINTHIA (BENNET) GEER of Pawlet. LUCY died in Wells 1866. ALBY and CINTHIA had a large family but CYRUS was the only member of their family to remain in Wells; the others all "went West."

(9) SAMUEL LAMB b ca 1800, m HARRIET POTTER, dau of WILLIAM POTTER, SR. and PHEBE (WOODARD) POTTER (ICKS' record). SAMUEL enlisted in 1831 under General DODGE to fight the Indians but never returned home.

(10) POLLY LAMB b ca 1802, died young.

(11) HANNAH LAMB b 1804, of whom there is no information.

(12) BETSEY LAMB (not included in all lists of children).

(13) CLARK LAMB b ca 1806/7 m ELIZA HYDE (b 1804, d 1860) in Poultney, dau of FAY and LYDIA (MANNING) HYDE.

Dates of birth of the last five children are merely being assumed as there is no record in any of the histories studied for this paper; the order of these children also may have been different; some sources did not include the second BETSEY.

THE LEE AND MILLER FAMILIES

WALTER LEE, the progenitor, came from London, England, on the "Mary and John" and was a first cousin of RICHARD LEE, progenitor of ROBERT E. LEE, the Confederate General. WALTER was born 1614 and was one of the first settlers of Westfield, Massachusetts, where he died 1717 at the age of 103 years.

WALTER married MARY _____ and had a son JOHN LEE born Northampton, Mass. 2 Jan 1657, d Westfield 13 Nov 1711; he married (1st) SARAH PIXLEY 9 Dec 1680 (she died 15 July 1683) and he married (2nd) ELISABETH CRAMPTON (b Guilford 1662-1667), dau of DENNIS and MARY (PARMELEE) CRAMPTON (who married at Guilford, Connecticut 16 Sept 1660) in 1686. The son of JOHN LEE and his second wife, ELISABETH was born 1687 named JOHN, JR. and he married MARY PALMER (descendant of+NICHOLAS PALMER).

JOHN LEE, JR. and his wife, MARY (PALMER) had a son born 1723 (died 1801) also named JOHN (III). He married 7 Oct 1747 ANN PHELPS (b 27 July 1728, Westfield) dau of Capt. JOHN and THANKFUL (HITCHCOCK) PHELPS. Capt. PHELPS had been born 24 Jan 1672, married 24 Jan 1711 and died 9 Sept 1741; resided Westfield; he was a descendant of GEORGE PHELPS, the 6th child of WILLIAM PHELPS of Tewksbury, England, born ca 1605, who came to New England 1630.

JOHN LEE, III and his wife, ANN (PHELPS) LEE, had a son born 1758 they named ENOCH (died 1834) who married DOROTHY SHEPARD (b 1760, d 1799). ENOCH and DOROTHY LEE were the parents of a dau they named PERMELIA who married JONATHAN MILLER, III, (b 1775, d 1819), and two of their children were:

(1) HARVEY MILLER m ADALINE PALMER (b 1809);
(2) MARY MILLER b 15 Sept 1806/07 Russia, Herkimer Co., N.Y., m 3 Dec 1829 in West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., VAN RENSSELAER PALMER (b 15 Dec 1803 Granville, Wash. Co., N.Y., d 25 Dec 1881 Ontario, Wayne Co., N.Y.) They had nine children born Lakeside, Wayne County. RENSSELAER (as he was called) was an older brother to the ADALINE PALMER who married his wife's brother. (See pages 301 and 303 herein.)

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THOMAS MILLER was born near Bristol, England, ca 1605 and emigrated to America in 1630. In 1649 he was a freeman of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he married SARAH MARSHFIELD on 12 Oct 1649. He was killed 5 Oct 1675 by King Phillip's warriors (in the war bearing that chief's name) while on reconnaisance, then aged 70 years. The Mercy Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1911 placed a plaque on a granite rock near the spot where he was killed by the Indians just prior to the burning of Springfield; a Lieut. THOMAS COOPER was killed simultaneously on the same spot. The memorial reads as follows:

NEAR THIS SPOT
LIEUT. THOMAS COOPER
and
CONSTABLE THOMAS MILLER
WERE KILLED BY THE INDIANS
JUST PRIOR TO THE
BURNING OF SPRINGFIELD
OCTOBER 5, 1675

THOMAS and SARAH (MARSHFIELD) MILLER had a son born 25 Aug 1667 named EBENEZER MILLER; he married 16 Oct 1690 HANNAH KEEP (b 28 June 1673 at Longmeadow, d 1734), dau of JOHN KEEP and SARAH LEONARD (who had been married 31 Dec 1663 in Springfield, Mass.)and both parents were killed by the Indians 26 Mar 1676. EBENEZER died 6 Feb 1754.

JONATHAN MILLER, son of EBENEZER and HANNAH MILLER was born 16 Aug 1698, married 9 Jan 1728 ABIGAIL NOBLE (b 7 July 1704, d 14 Jan 1766 or 1782), dau of MARK NOBLE (b ca 1670 Westfield, Mass., d 16 Apr 1741) and MARY (MERCY) MARSHALL NOBLE. MARY MARSHALL was the dau of SAMUEL and REBECCA (NEWBERRY) MARSHALL. MARK NOBLE was the son of THOMAS NOBLE (b ca 1632, d 20 Jan 1704, came to New England before 1653) and his wife, HANNAH WARRINER who were married 1 Nov 1660; HANNAH was the dau of WILLIAM and JOANNA (SEARLE) WARRINER both born England.

JONATHAN and ABIGAIL (NOBLE) MILLER had a son they named JONATHAN (JR.) who was born 3 Mar 1745; JONATHAN (SR.) died at Westfield 10 Nov 1756. The younger JONATHAN m 7 Jan 1768 MARY BOLTON and "removed to Genessee Country." Their son was also named JONATHAN (III) who was born 1775.

JONATHAN (III) migrated to Wayne County, N. Y., settling at West Walworth about 1806 where he died 24 Aug 1819. He married there PERMELIA LEE, dau of ENOCH and DOROTHY (SHEPARD) LEE.

Two of the children of JONATHAN MILLER, III and PERMELIA LEE married two of the PALMER children, i.e.:

(1) HARVEY MILLER married ADALINE PALMER.
(2) MARY MILLER married VAN RENSSELAER PALMER.

RENSSELAER (as he was called) and ADALINE PALMER were the two oldest children of NATHAN PALMER (born 22 Aug 1782 Granville, Washington Co., N.Y., died 13 Mar 1845 Walworth, N.Y.) and his wife, DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER (b 1 Dec 1783 Rutland, Worcester Co., Mass., d 29 Nov 1860 Ontario Center, Wayne Co., N.Y.).

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Sources: "Palmer Genealogy" (1949) by Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER
and Dr. BYRON WILBUR PALMER
"Phelps Family of America" by Judge Oliver Seymour Phelps.
"Our Ancestors" by JAMES ANDREW PHELPS.
"Hitchcock Genealogy" (1894)
"Westfield Family Histories" as obtained from the files at City Hall, Westfield.

THE MAIN(E) FAMILY

1. JOHN MAINE[1], the emigrant to America, was born 1614 in York, England, in the county which bears the same name. As to whether or not the "e" at the end of the name was adopted after reaching this country, there is a difference of opinion. Richard Wheeler's "History of Stonington" has the name MAIN; however, a pedigree which is a part of the family papers carries it as MAINE dating from the emigrant. He reached America in 1629 and settled at York, Maine. The county by that name was the first one created in that state and dates from 1652. There was not another county created in Maine for over one hundred years; finally in 1760 from the original county of York there were created two counties: Cumberland and Lincoln; until 1760 Yorkshire covered the entire state.

It was not until 1623 that the first permanent settlement was established in what became the state of Maine; the original settlers were English subjects and brought with them the laws of England; they settled there with permission granted them by the English rulers to create for themselves property ownership in American lands. Those who returned to England and those who sent word home to those remaining behind in England exclaimed "Here are no hard landlords to rack us with high rents, or extort fines to consume us. Here every man may be master and owner of his own labor and land," ("Handy Book For Genealogists" by George B. Everton, Sr., p.95).

The first contingents of settlers were the English Pilgrims or Puritans, many coming from Nottinghamshire and from Holland; later many Scotch-Irish and Huguenots settled in Maine which was under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts from 1650 to 1819, in which latter year Maine succeeded in breaking away from Massachusetts.

Just where JOHN MAINE settled is not known but doubtless in one of the coastal areas where villages or hamlets were named York Harbor, York Village and York Beach, which provided good fishing for the settlers. JOHN had a son born in 1641 he named EZEKIEL MAINE although the name of JOHN's wife is unknown. Some time during the next thirty years the son removed from Maine and lived in Ipswich and later in Scituate, both coastal villages in Massachusetts; and eventually by 1668 had settled in the coastal village of Stonington in Connecticut. EZEKIEL received various land grants in the years 1670, 1672 and 1680; he apparently married although only the first name of his wife is known: MARY. It is at this point in time that he is first recognized by the historian, Richard Wheeler, in his "History of Stonington" who wrote:

> "EZEKIEL MAIN[2], the first person of that name who came to Stonington to reside permanently, is not otherwise identified in this country. He came here in 1670.... It is not known whether he married before or after he came to this town to reside, probably a short time before, as MRS. EZEKIEL MAIN was a partaker at the ordination of MR. JAMES NOYES, the pastor of the First Church in Stonington in 1674. EZEKIEL was admitted to the church 3 Sept 1676 and he died 19 June 1714."

2. EZEKIEL and MARY MAIN's children according to the Wheeler book: "History of Stonington" "Road Church 300-Year Book":

(1) EZEKIEL (JR.) ..... EZEKIEL MAINE admitted 18 Apr 1689
(2) MARY bapt 1 July 1677, d.y... bapt 24 June 1677
3. (3) JEREMIAH b ..... 18 Apr 1689 - Admitted.
(4) THOMAS bapt 22 Sept 1679,d.y. bapt 22 Sept 1679
(5) PHEBE bapt 7 Aug 1681 ... bapt 7 Aug 1681
(6) HANNAH b ..... baptized at Mr.Noyes' House on 13 Feb 1675

By the year EZEKIEL MAINE reached Stonington, one of the four co-founders of that village, WALTER PALMER, had long since been dead (1661) but it is of interest to EZEKIEL's descendants to realize that on 22 March 1657 the first religious service was held at the home of WALTER PALMER, he having arrived in Stonington in 1653. Numerous items were recorded in the "Road Church Book" (1674-1974) of these two families, including many baptisms, some marriages and several "admissions" to that(Congregational) Church. EZEKIEL was of the 2nd generation in this country from his emigrant father, JOHN, and a contemporary was Deacon GERSHOM PALMER, youngest son (and eleventh child) of WALTER. Of special interest to these two families is the marriage of a descendant of each in the 8th generation in far away northwestern New York, Walworth, Wayne County, where in 1845 the Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN married MARY ANNA PALMER.

From the books available to the compiler pertaining to the early history and settlers of Stonington, there will be set out following a history of this MAIN(E) family; the name will be spelled MAIN although in some instances it appears both as MAIN and as MAINE in the same book.

From"History of the First Congregational Church, Stonington" (published 1974 as a 300year history of that church), supra; the above baptisms and admissions are not being repeated below:

1668 A census of the inhabitants of the town was ordered embracing only the inhabitants or heads of families; there were found to be 43 inhabitants, including EZEKIEL MAIN, (pages 40-41).

1674 10 Sept The Ordination of ye Reverend Mr. JAMES NOYES was on Thurs., Pertakers with us were: (includes the name) MRS. MAIN, and "ADMISSIONS" included:

1676 3 Sept EZEKIEL MAIN, (p. 189), AND

1677 19 Aug GERSHOM PALMER and wife ANN were admitted.

The oldest son of EZEKIEL MAIN was apparently named for the father and this son was admitted to the church in 1689 and married MARY WELLS 14 Jan 1689, the dau of THOMAS and NAOMI WELLS. Although there is no date of birth for EZEKIEL, JR.it could have been 1668/1669 the year his parents settled in Stonington as he was admitted to the church in 1689 and married the same year when he would have been at least age nineteen-twenty years. His parents had been admitted to the church soon after their settling in Stonington, in the early 1670's. One child was born to EZEKIEL MAIN (JR.) and MARY:

(1) EZEKIEL MAIN (III) b 24 Dec 1691, died same day.

The mother died 12 Jan 1693 and on 22 Oct 1695 EZEKIEL (JR.) married (2nd) HANNAH ROSE by whom he had nine children:

(2) HANNAH MAIN b 23 Sept 1698, bapt 18 June 1699, (p.202).
(3) MARY MAIN b 14 June 1700, bapt 3 Aug 1701, (p.203).
(4) EZEKIEL MAIN (III) b 10 Dec 1701, d 5 Aug 1705; bapt 28 June 1702 (p.204).
(5) ALLIS MAIN b Mar 1704, died young.
(6) PATIENCE MAIN b 22 Feb 1704/05, bapt 29 July 1705, (p.205).
(7) JEREMIAH MAIN b 9 Sept 1707.
(8) PHEEBY MAIN b 9 Apr 1708.
(9) ICHABOD MAIN b 3 Aug 1709, bapt 25 June 1710, (p.208).
(10) MIRIAM (MERRIAM) MAIN b 4 Nov 1712, bapt 20 July 1718, "daughter of EZEKIEL, JUN., deceased, now brought up by MR. FISH," (p. 213); d 20 Oct 1729.

For some unexplainable reason baptisms for JEREMIAH and PHEEBY MAIN (children of EZEKIEL, JR.) are not listed in the Road Church book although there is the baptism of a JEREMIAH MAIN on 18 July 1708, son of JEREMIAH MAIN (SR.). The birthdates in the foregoing list are from the Wheeler History and the baptismal dates are from the Road Church book. Two different dates appear in these two books for admission to the church: Road Church Book: EZEKIEL MAINE, Jun. and JEREMIAH MAINE (pp.193-4) admitted 18 Apr 1689; EZEKIEL MAIN,Jun. admitted 1695 (Wheeler p.448); and on page 204 is another unexplainable entry in the church records: "16 Aug 1702, baptism of JUDITH, daughter of HANNAH MAIN."

EZEKIEL MAIN, SR. died 19 June 1714 at age 73 years and his son EZEKIEL, JR. died the following year, 20 Oct 1715, at age 47 years, and all his children were minors, the youngest (MIRIAM) being but three years of age; why she was to be "brought up by Mr. FISH" instead of by her Uncle JEREMIAH MAIN and his wife, RUTH (BROWN) MAIN with their large family of children is not known. JOHN FISH was included as one of the first inhabitants of Stonington in 1668 when the first census was taken which included EZEKIEL MAIN, SR. and he was admitted to the Congregational Church of Stonington 5 Dec 1680 and his children were baptized there. JOHN FISH must have been a highly respected member of the community and as early as 1674 was acting town clerk at a town meeting; he and his son, SAMUEL, were among many volunteers when the war with the Indians (under King Philip) broke out. On 22 Aug 1679 JOHN FISH"was chosen unanimously as schoolmaster for the town to instruct children in reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar;" he died before 1700 and it is understood his son, JOHN FISH (JR.) died also in the 1690's, who had a son JOHN FISH (III) baptized 8 Nov 1696 who removed to Canterbury, Connecticut. JOHN FISH, SR. had a son, SAMUEL, who also named one of his sons JOHN (born 1686) and it would appear that this is the JOHN FISH who was charged with the responsibility of "bringing up" MIRIAM MAIN.

The second son of EZEKIEL MAIN (SR.), named JEREMIAH,[3] had been born in Stonington in 1678 and there married 11 Oct 1699 the widow, RUTH BROWN. Wheeler explains: "It is not certainly known whose daughter she was, but she with her daughter, Ruth, were admitted to the First Church of Stonington and baptized 16 July 1699;" JEREMIAH was admitted to the Church 18 May 1712 and he died 11 Nov 1727, at the young age of 49 years, leaving five minor children aged from nine to thirteen years. (Here again the Wheeler book has a different date for JEREMIAH's admission to the Church from the Road Church book which gives 18 Apr 1689.) He had 11 children in all.

3. JEREMIAH and RUTH (BROWN) MAIN had the following children, all born in Stonington:

4. (1) THOMAS MAIN b 19 July 1700, bapt 11 Aug 1700 (p. 203).
(2) HANNAH MAIN bapt 17 May 1702, (p. 203).
(3) ELIZABETH MAIN b 22 Feb 1702/03 (no baptismal date found).
(4) LYDIA MAIN b 19 Apr 1705, bapt 14 May 1704, (p. 205).
(5) SARAH MAIN b 19 May 1706, bapt 13 Oct 1706, (p. 206).
(6) JEREMIAH MAIN (JR.) b 10 Apr 1708, bapt 18 July 1708,(p.207).
(7) HEPZIBAH MAIN b 24 Mar 1710, bapt 20 May 1711 (p. 209).
(8) NATHANIEL MAIN b 4 Aug 1714, bapt 21 Aug 1715 (p. 211).
(9) ANNA MAIN b 21 Aug 1715, bapt 21 Aug 1715 (p. 211).
(10) JOHN MAIN b 20 May 1716, bapt 20 May 1716 (p. 212).
(11) PETER MAIN b 5 Aug 1718, bapt 25 Oct 1719 (p. 214).

The above birth dates are from the Wheeler book and the baptisms are listed in the Road Church book; these two sources provide the following information regarding MAIN marriages:

ELIZABETH MAIN (b 1702/3) m EBENEZER BROWN (b 28 June 1702) son of ELEAZER and ANN (PENDLETON) BROWN, 5 Apr 1723; had one son, DAVID b 23 Feb 1724; EBENEZER d 4 Mar 1725.

JEREMIAH MAIN (b 1708) m 25 Jan 1726/27 ABIGAIL WORDEN.

HEPZIBAH MAIN (b 1710) m 31 Oct 1727 JOSEPH BROWN.

NATHANIEL MAIN(b 1714) m 10 Jan 1737/38 (1st) ANNA SPAULDING; m (2nd) JOHANNA PARKHURST.

JOHN MAIN (b 1716) m 8 Nov 1738 SARAH MORGAN.

PETER MAIN(b 1718) m 17 Sept 1740 MARY EGGLESTONE.

4. THOMAS MAIN (b 1700) m (1st) 20 Apr 1720 ANN BROWN (p.449) dau of ELEAZER and ANN (PENDLETON) BROWN (b 1 Feb 1699/1700, d 11 Mar 1766); she was an older sister of the EBENEZER BROWN who married THOMAS' younger sister, ELIZABETH. The Wheeler reference (p.449 and p.260)has him as "DEA. THOMAS MAIN" and her first name as "ANNAH". THOMAS m (2nd) ELIZABETH HEWITT 14 May 1766; he had 9 ch by 1st wife and died in 1771.

ANN PENDLETON, the mother of ANN and EBENEZER BROWN (both of whom married into the MAIN family) was b 12 Nov 1667, one of nine children born to Captain JAMES PENDLETON and his 2nd wife, HANNAH GOODENOW (dau of EDMUND GOODENOW). Capt. JAMES PENDLETON was the only son of the emigrant, Major BRIAN PENDLETON born 1599 England who first settled in Watertown, Mass. He was made a freeman 3 Sept 1634 and was Deputy for six years to the General Court. He removed to Sudbury, helped settle that town and there was a selectman for several years; from there he went to Ipswich where he was a member of the famous artillery company of Boston. He removed about 1651 to Portsmouth, New Hampshire where he was Deputy for five years. In 1653 he purchased 200 acres of land near Winter Harbor, Saco, Maine, and after a few years he returned to Portsmouth, where he made his Will, which was proved 5 Apr 1681. The maiden name of his wife, ELEANOR, is unknown; he had only a son and daughter; he had a granddaughter, PENDLETON FLETCHER, by his only daughter, MARY who married the Rev. SETH FLETCHER. He also had twelve grandchildren through his only son, Captain JAMES PENDLETON, (p. 531 Wheeler book).

The Road Church Book (p. 228) explains the founding of a second church in 1727 in what became known as North Stonington:

"19 Feb 1727 (Seven members including JEREMIAH MAIN) were dismissed from this Church (it having been by them requested) in order to be embodied in Church Estate in North Stonington in which Society they were inhabitants.

"22 Feb 1727, A Church was formed in North Stonington.

"9 Apr 1727, (Eleven women members, including RUTH MAIN and MERCY PALMER) were recommended to the communion of the Church of Christ in North Stonington, who were desired to receive them, under ecclesiastical watch as members in full communion with them.

The last reference to any member of this MAIN family in the records of First Church of Stonington is that of the marriage by the Rev. EBENEZER ROSSETER in Jan 1727 of JEREMIAH MAIN (JR.) and ABIGAIL WORDIN, although Wheeler has it WORDEN. The children of THOMAS and his first wife, ANN(BROWN) MAIN were: (p. 449 Wheeler)

(1) THOMAS MAIN, JR. b 13 Feb 1720 m MARY PENDLETON 3 Feb 1742.
(2) ANDREW MAIN b 5 Aug 1723, m FEAR HOLMES 5 Jan 1743 (b 8 July 1722), dau of JOSHUA and MARY (RICHARDSON) HOLMES; they had eleven children, (p. 451 Wheeler)

5. (3) TIMOTHY MAIN b 8 Apr 1727, m 27 Jan 1749/50 ELIZABETH BROWN (b 31 July 1732), dau of JAMES and ELIZABETH (RANDALL) BROWN; they had nine children. ELIZABETH's father, JAMES, was an older brother to TIMOTHY's mother and EBENEZER BROWN who had married ELIZABETH MAIN; thus TIMOTHY MAIN and his wife were first cousins; they had nine children, (p. 450 Wheeler).

(4) JOSHUA MAIN b Apr 1729 m 2 Nov 1752 RACHEL PECKHAM.
(5) ANNE MAIN b 31 July 1733, m 20 Dec 1749 ZEBULON BROWN, a brother to the ELIZABETH BROWN who had married ANNE's older brother, TIMOTHY; thus ANNE and ZEBULON were also first cousins. They had ten children, (p.271 Wheeler).
(6) JONAS MAIN b 7 Feb 1735.
(7) ELIZABETH MAIN b and d young.
(8) EZEKIEL MAIN b 8 July 1742, m 25 Nov 1763 DEBORAH MEACHAM.
(9) PHEBE MAIN b 16 Nov 1747, m 31 Mar 1763 SAMUEL MEACHAM.

The children of TIMOTHY and ELIZABETH (BROWN) MAIN, born North Stonington:

(1) ELIZABETH MAIN b 2 Nov 1750.
(2) TIMOTHY MAIN, (JR.) b 7 Apr 1752.
(3) NATHANIEL MAIN b 12 July 1754.
(4) LYDIA MAIN b 31 Aug 1756.

6. (5) RUFUS MAIN b 15 Nov 1758, m ca 1780 SARAH YORK; 5 children.

(6) GRACE MAIN b 22 Apr 1761.
(7) LABAN MAIN b 27 Jan 1764, m 19 Oct 1794 MARY ("POLLY") BROWN (b 29 Feb 1771) dau of ELEAZER and ANNE (GREEN) BROWN of Hopkinton, Rhode Island.
(8) LUTHER MAIN b 18 Apr 1766.
(9) LUCY MAIN b 9 Dec 1768.

6. RUFUS MAIN married ca 1780 SARAH YORK (b 22 Jan 1761), dau of BELL YORK and RUTH (MAIN) YORK of Stonington. BELL YORK was the son of THOMAS and MARY (BROWN) YORK; MARY BROWN was of the same family,Lynn BROWNs, which had so often intermarried with the MAIN family. The greater number of the BROWN families of Stonington descended from the three brothers, THOMAS, JOHN and ELEAZER BROWN, sons of THOMAS BROWN of Lynn, Massachusetts. They were usually referred to as the "Lynn Brown Family" to differentiate them from others in the community surnamed BROWN. RUFUS had been born in North Stonington 15 Nov 1758 and died in 1836, aged 78 years, more longevity than most of his ancestors.

BELL and THOMAS YORK were descendants of JAMES YORK, SR., born 1614 who embarked on board the good ship "Philip," 20 June 1635 with forty-one other passengers"who were to be transported from England to Virginia; they had been previously examined by the minister of Gravesend as to their conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church of England and had taken the oath of allegiance." (p. 695 Wheeler.) Whether the ship landed first in Virginia and then continued north is unknown but the first record of JAMES YORK is in Braintree, Massachusetts. In 1660 he was in Stonington where he built a dwelling house "on the north side of the then Indian path, now known as the Old Post Road, where he lived the remainder of his life, dying in 1683, aged 69 years. His widow died in 1685." They had only two children: ABIGAIL b ca 1638/39 and JAMES, JR. b 14 June 1648 before the parents reached Stonington.

JAMES YORK, JR., m in Stonington 19 Jan 1669 DEBORAH BELL, dau of THOMAS and ANNA BELL and had four children, the youngest being THOMAS YORK b 14 Oct 1676 who m MARY BROWN 9 Jan 1704 and were the parents of nine children, the youngest being named BELL YORK (born 1725) after his maternal grandfather, THOMAS BELL; MARY was of the "Lynn BROWN families."

On 18 Feb 1747 BELL YORK married RUTH MAIN (b 12 Dec 1729),the second child of JEREMIAH MAIN (JR.) and his wife ABIGAIL WORDIN; they doubtless named that daughter "RUTH" after her maternal grandmother, RUTH (BROWN) MAIN.

RUFUS MAIN and SARAH YORK had five children:

(1) RUFUS MAIN, JR. b ca 1781 married SABRA WELLS and had twelve children, including the first one they named RUFUS MAIN (III). The Wheeler book has little information about this third RUFUS except that he married a dau surnamed MINER. The Miner genealogy provides the answer to her identity (p. 264): MARY A. MINER (b 2 Apr 1809) dau of JONATHAN MINER married RUFUS W. MAINE. (The Lyon's Whelps" by John A. Miner (1970).)

(2) LEWIS MAIN b 1783 in Preston, Conn., d in North Stonington 20 Nov 1870, m HANNAH RAY 17 Oct 1803, dau of GERSHOM RAY (she was born Voluntown, Conn. and d there 30 July 1848, aged 64 yrs. and 6 mos.); they had eight children.

7. (3) STEPHEN MAIN b North Stonington 27 Jan 1781, d 1863 Ontario N.Y.,bur Ontario Center Cemetery,m 10 Jan 1810 LUCINDA RAY, younger sister of the HANNAH RAY who married 1803 STEPHEN's older brother, LEWIS (above). They were the daughters of

GERSHOM RAY and his wife, HANNAH PALMER RAY; their mother in turn was the dau of EBENEZER PALMER (Elder WAIT,[4] WILLIAM[3], Dea.GERSHOM,[2] WALTER[1]) and his wife, HANNAH (PALMER) PALMER.

(4) SANFORD MAIN, b

(5) RUTH MAIN, b _____, m. JOSEPH CHAPMAN.

The order of the children for RUFUS and SARAH MAIN is taken from the Wheeler book which indicates STEPHEN (unless he were a twin to the first born, RUFUS) was the third child and, therefore, born about 1784/85 although family records give his birthdate as 1781; he may have been a twin to RUFUS. Also it is interesting to note that family records reveal STEPHEN MAINE married 10 Jan 1810 LUCINDA RAY and "lived in Ontario, New York, where he died 19 Dec 1863,"aged about 82 years. (See end of this chapter for intermarriages of three (RUFUS,III, LEWIS and STEPHEN)MAIN ch with PALMER family.)

Also the only information indicating RUFUS[6] and SARAH MAIN may have removed (at least temporarily) from North Stonington is the reference in the Wheeler book that their second son, LEWIS, born 1783, was born in Preston, Connecticut; STEPHEN was born in North Stonington. STEPHEN[7] and LUCINDA (RAY) MAIN had a son born North Stonington 18 May 1818 named ERASTUS[8] FRANKLIN MAIN who became a Baptist Minister; the family removed to Ontario,N.Y. where the parents lived out their lives, died and are buried in Ontario Center Cemetery. Rev. ERASTUS F. MAIN died 1905 and is buried in West Walworth Cemetery, Wayne County, New York.

8. Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN married (1st) in West Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. MARY ANNA PALMER (also ANN) (b 19 Aug 1824, d 8 Jan 1883) the dau and youngest child of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER who had migrated from Granville, Washington County, N.Y. about 1806 to Walworth. ERASTUS and MARY MAIN married 2 Apr 1845 and had two children born West Walworth: (MARY ANNA and "DELIA" bur West Walworth Cemetery.)

(1) ADELIA ("DELIA") who died in infancy.

9. (2) FRANK ERASTUS MAIN b 4 Nov 1856, m 17 July 1878 MARY ELLA HOAG; he d 1916 at Albany, N.Y. and she d 26 Jan 1896; buried at West Walworth, N.Y. and he m (2nd) 23 June 1897 CORA ISABELLE THAYER; he had two daus by first wife.

MARY ANNA (PALMER) MAIN died at Three Mile Bay, N.Y. and it was there a year later that her husband, ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN married his second wife, ADDIE H. CARLISLE on 30 Jan 1884. He died 18 June 1905 at Ontario Centre, N.Y., aged 87 years. The grandchildren of MARY ANNA (PALMER) MAIN through her only surviving child, FRANK ERASTUS MAIN, (by his first wife) were:

10. (1) ANNA ELIZABETH MAINE b 28 Apr 1882 Philadelphia, N.Y.

(2) FRANK ELFLEDA ("FLETA") MAINE b 21 Aug 1888,Auburn,N.Y. (a daughter), unmarried.

Other burials in Ontario Center Cemetery, Ontario, N.Y. of members of the MAINE family were the following:

PALMER NELSON MAINE, son of STEPHEN and CORNELIA,died 25 Mar 1849, aged 4 years.
ERASTUS MAINE, son of STEPHEN N. MAINE, died 23 Nov 1836.
STEPHEN N. MAINE born 1815, died 1912.
FRANK N. MAINE b Feb.16, 18__, d Dec.13,1881,son of STEPHEN
CORNELIA H.PRATT,wife, b.May 14,1824, died 29 May 1878.

All descendants of MARY ANNA (PALMER) MAIN and her husband, the Rev. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN, are through the one granddaughter:

10. ANNA ELIZABETH MAINE b 28 Apr 1882, Philadelphia, N.Y., m Rev. JOSEPH HACKNEY COLCLOUGH 9 Oct 1901, Auburn, N.Y. (b 10 Jan 1873 England, d 9 July 1949, Huntington, N.Y.); three children:

11. (1) FRANKLIN SIMISTER COLCLOUGH b 17 Jan 1903, Albany, N.Y., m March 1925 LOUISE PRICE and had three children:
12. i FRANKLIN JOSEPH COLCLOUGH b 23 Aug 1930 Elizabeth, N.J., m 20 June 1950 RITA BLAUM; two children:
13. (a) BARBARA COLCLOUGH b 10 Apr 1951.
13. (b) GAIL COLCLOUGH born 9 Sept 1954.
12. ii NANCY COLCLOUGH b 12 Oct 1935 Huntington, N.Y., m 27 July 1957 WILLIAM WIECK; 3 children b Huntington:
13. (a) WILLIAM ("BILLY") WIECK b 6 Mar 1961.
13. (b) NANCY LEE WIECK born 5 Feb 1964.
13. (c) SUSAN BETH WIECK b 18 Aug 1969.
12. iii CHRISTY PALMER COLCLOUGH b 13 Feb 1945 Huntington, m EILEEN _____; 4 children; 2 b Huntington; last two born Poughkeepsie, N.Y.:
(a) JENNIFER COLCLOUGH b 2 Nov 1967/68.
(b) CHRISTY PALMER COLCLOUGH b 4 Oct 1969.
(c) SARAH JANE COLCLOUGH b 7 June 1974.
(d) ELIZABETH LOUISE COLCLOUGH b 15 Sep 1976.

11. (2) BETH COLCLOUGH b 26 Nov 1916, Cincinnati, Ohio, m 13 July 1940 ROBERT STANLEY MOORE and had three sons:
12. i HARTWELL PALMER MOORE b 25 Aug 1943 Huntington, m 29 Mar 1969 SANDRA WHITMAN; two children:
13. (a) ALISON LINDSAY MOORE b 11 Nov 1969 at Huntington, N.Y. and
13. (b) HARTWELL STEWART MOORE, II b 29 Sept 1976 at Providence, R.I.
12. ii ROBERT HARTWELL MOORE, II b 29 Dec 1945 Englewood, N.J., m 28 June 1969 BARBARA BLACK; one son:
13. (a) PALMER MASON MOORE b 8 Apr 1978 at Charleston, South Carolina.
12. iii WARREN HATHAWAY MOORE b 3 Oct 1948, Englewood, m 17 Aug 1974 CAROL GOOD.

11. (3) JEAN COLCLOUGH b 9 Mar 1920 Cincinnati, Ohio, m CHARLES HITCHCOCK at New York City, N.Y. and had one son:
12. i HOWARD LAPSLEY HITCHCOCK b 17 Apr 1948, m PATRICIA LEE MULVEG and had one child:
13. (a) CORY LEE HITCHCOCK b 26 July 1974 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

JEAN died 27 Oct 1951 in Huntington, N.Y., where she was buried.

There are other references to EZEKIEL MAIN in the "300-YEAR (1649-1949) STONINGTON CHRONOLOGY" by William Haynes (pub 1949) which are being set out hereinafter:

1670 - EZEKIAL MAIN settled in North Stonington, (p.21)

1676 - During February the Narragansetts (Indians) refused unconditional surrender and attacked Lancaster and Medford, Mass. In the spring the war moved again to Western Mass. and the Connecticut River towns. ...

Feb. 16 - Under Capt. GEORGE DENISON... with JAMES AVERY, THOMAS MINER and JOHN STANTON as his lieutenants, some 40 New London Company volunteers with Mohegan and Pequot allies raided the Narragansett country killing 7 and capturing 13.

May - The General Court voted to maintain a standing army...

June - Connecticut troops mustered at Norwich with 250 English, 200 Mohegans and Pequots.

July 2 - The Colonists surrounded the Indians in a swamp near Warwick, killing or capturing 238.

Aug 12 - Capt. CHURCH and Mass. men killed King Philip in a fight near Mt. Hope, Rhode Island, ending the war during which 13 towns had been destroyed, over 600 houses burned, and about 750 English men, women and children killed. Practically every able-bodied man in Stonington had taken part in these various campaigns; best list available is that prepared by a committee for purpose of securing land grants for their war services, as follows: (about three dozen names are set out, including EZEKIAL MAIN, GERSHOM PALMER, JAMES YORK, JAMES PENDLETON, THOMAS BELL, all names previously mentioned in this volume),(p.23). "... during the year of raids and bloodshed"the citizens were called upon for other contributions in addition to those called up to fight; "JAMES DEAN of Taunton offered two lots at Quiambaug to set up a blacksmith shop" and donations of money were made from $1. to $25. EZEKIAL MAIN also made a financial donation.

Mar 9 1680 - Grant of land to EZEKIAL MAIN north of Shunnock River near present boundary of Stonington and North Stonington, and nearby JOHN RANDALL bought farm northwest of Pawcatuck, (p.24).

Jan 1696 - Three new representatives elected: JOHN GALLUP, JOSEPH MINER and EZEKIEL MAIN, (p. 27).

June 19 1714 - EZEKIEL MAIN, founder of the family, died. His land north of Shunnock R. and south of the land of JOSIAH HOLMES inherited by his sons, EZEKIEL (JR.) and JEREMIAH, (p.31).

"Old Homes in Stonington and Graveyard Inscriptions" by GRACE DENISON WHEELER (1903) contains inscriptions in some fifty old graveyards in Stonington (covering 86 pages) but the only MAIN inscription found was on page 295:

"In memory of MARY, wife of BENAJAH MAINE, formerly the wife of CHRISTOPHER MINER; she died July 22nd 1818 in the 73rd year of her age," which indicates her birth year as 1745.

The Wheeler book (p. 451) reveals one BENAJAH MAIN was b 5 Sept 1749, the son of THOMAS and MARY (PENDLETON) MAIN who were married 3 Feb 1742. Thus BENAJAH's father was an older brother of the TIMOTHY MAIN, the latter being the line which has been carried forward in this volume.

INTERMARRIAGES OF THE PALMER-MAIN FAMILIES

WALTER PALMER[1] (the emigrant) had 12 children, the eleventh being: Dea. GERSHOM PALMER[2] and wife, ANN DENISON had eleven children; the fourth child was:

3. WILLIAM PALMER bapt 25 Apr 1678, m 10 Jan 1701/02 GRACE MINOR (dau of EPHRAIM and HANNAH (AVERY) MINOR); their 4th and last child was:

4. WAIT PALMER bapt 27 May 1711, m in 1727 MARY BROWN (dau of EBENEZER and ANN (PENDLETON) BROWN); their 7th child was:

5. EBENEZER PALMER b 21 Jan 1738/39, m 22 Nov (1758/59)? HANNAH PALMER (prob dau of ZEBULON PALMER (George[3], Dea. Gershom[2], Walter[1]) and first wife, COMFORT FAIRBANKS (dau of JONATHAN and LYDIA (HOLBROOK) FAIRBANKS) who was born in Stonington 19 June 1739. They had 5 children:

6. i HANNAH b 14 Oct 1759, m GERSHOM RAY; 6 children.
   ii LUCY b 7 Sept 1761, m JAMES YORK (son of BELL and RUTH (MAIN) YORK 11 Mar 1781; 5 children.
   iii MARTHA b 26 July 1764, m GILBERT MAIN; 2 children. GILBERT MAIN, JR. and PALMER MAIN.
   iv UZZIEL PALMER
   v ISRAEL PALMER

6. HANNAH PALMER born Stonington 14 Oct 1759 married GERSHOM RAY and they removed to New York State; they had 6 children:

   i GERSHOM RAY, JR.
   ii HANNAH RAY m 1803 LEWIS MAIN b 1783 Preston, Conn., he d North Stonington 20 Nov 1870; HANNAH was born Voluntown, Conn. and d there 30 July 1848; they had 8 children.
   iii GIDEON RAY.
   iv PALMER RAY.

7. v LUCINDA RAY m 10 Jan 1810 STEPHEN MAIN (b 27 Jan 1781 North Stonington, d 1863 Ontario Center, Wayne County (formerly Ontario Co.), N.Y.) Both are buried in Ontario Center Cemetery. They had son:

8. ERASTUS FRANKLIN MAIN b 18 May 1818 North Stonington, m 2 Apr 1845 MARY ANN PALMER at West Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y. (dau of NATHAN and DOLLY (LAMB) PALMER of West Walworth.) She was b 19 Aug 1824, d 8 Jan 1883; he m (2nd) ADDIE H. CARLISLE 30 Jan 1884; he had two children by first wife; he died 18 June 1905 at Ontario Centre, N.Y., aged 87 years and was buried next to first wife in West Walworth Cemetery. He was a Baptist Minister. His first child, ADELIA MAIN died in infancy; the second child was:

9. FRANK ERASTUS MAIN b 4 Nov 1856, m 17 July 1878 MARY ELLA HOAG; he d 1916 Albany, N.Y. and she d 26 Jan 1896; both bur at West Walworth Cemetery.

Sources: (published)

1. "History of Stonington, Connecticut" by Richard Wheeler, pp. 448-454, pp. 508-509, 510,513-514,516-517,521. (Note here: p.521 differs from p. 153 of Leavitt book in that only three daus are listed for EBENEZER PALMER and wife, HANNAH (PALMER) PALMER: HANNAH, LUCY and MARTHA; also the Wheeler book lists a different husband for LUCY PALMER, i.e. ICHABOD BROWN, son of ICHABOD BROWN and THANKFUL BALDWIN; ICHABOD BROWN, JR. born 10 Dec 1764 is listed in the Wheeler book as husband of LUCY PALMER (b 7 Sept 1761) and the Leavitt book has her husband as JAMES YORK whom she married 11 Mar 1781, when she was about aged 20 years, see p.521 in Wheeler and p. 188 in Leavitt.)
2. "Palmer Groups" by Emily Leavitt (1901-1905) pp.33,55-56, 90-91, 152-153,187-188.
3. "Three Hundred Year (1674-1974) Chronology of The Road Church" Stonington.
4. "Three Hundred Year (1649-1949) Chronology of Stonington by William Haynes.

Sources: (other)

1. Mrs. Beth Colclough Moore (1980) of Hilton Head, S.C.
2. Mrs. Anna Beth (Maine) Colclough of Hilton Head, S.C. (1980).
3. Mrs. Grace R.(Leon) Stell, Newark, N.Y.
4. Miss "Fleta" Maine, (1980) Alhambra, California.
5. Ontario Center Cemetery Inscriptions by John and Mildred Palmer of Webster, New York.

HUGH MARCH OF NEWBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

From "The Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Massachusetts" we are introduced to another allied family. This volume was written by DAVID W. HOYT and includes "Some Related Families of Newbury, Haverhill, Ipswich and Hampton..." It is of interest to this volume as it corrects the mix-up of two cousins, both named SARAH MARCH, born in successive years 1684-1685, married in successive years 1705-1706 and the daughters of two brothers. In our AQUILA CHASE FAMILY herein we previously had information about the emigrant's grandson, DANIEL CHASE (b 20 Sept 1685) married at Newbury one SARAH MARCH, dau of GEORGE and MARY (FOLSOM) MARCH on 2 Jan 1706, with a birthdate for SARAH of 6 July 1685.

However, research for this volume in which much assistance was rendered by FRANK PALMER SPESSARD of Shreveport, Louisiana, revealed that the wife of DANIEL CHASE was the SARAH MARCH (b 2 Apr 1684 or 22/27 Apr 1684 in other records) who was the dau of CAPTAIN HUGH MARCH, JR. and his wife, SARAH MOODY[3] (Caleb[2], William[1]) who was a cousin to the dau of GEORGE and MARY (FOLSOM) MARCH. Mr. SPESSARD, a long-time member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, received from their Research Department photocopies of Newbury, Mass. Vital Records which revealed the following:

Vol. 1, page 307: SARAH, dau of HUGH MARCH, JR. born 2 Apr 1684.
SARAH, dau of GEORGE MARCH born 6 July 1685.

Vol. 2, page 316: Int. 25 Dec 1705 SARAH MARCH and Sergt. HUMPHREY DEERING.
Int. 2 Jan 1706 SARAH MARCH and DANIEL CHACE.

"The Old Families of Salisbury,..." page 238 corroborates the foregoing Vital Records:

8th child of GEORGE MARCH and MARY FOLSOM:
SARAH MARCH b July 6, 1685 m HENRY DUNNING ?

1st child of Capt. HUGH MARCH, JR. and SARAH MOODY:
SARAH MARCH b April 27, 1684, m Jan. 2, 1706 DANIEL CHASE.

HUGH MARCH[1] (or MARSH) of Newbury, Mass. b in England ca 1618, a carpenter, arrived in America in the ship "Confidence" in 1628; m (1st) JUDITH _____ who died 14 Dec 1675; m (2nd) 29 May 1676 DORCAS BLACKLEACH who died 22 Nov 1683; m (3rd) 3 Dec 1685 SARAH HEALEY who died 25 Oct 1699. HUGH took the oath of allegiance in 1678 and died 12 Mar 1693. His brother, GEORGE MARCH, "probably came with him." He had five children by his first wife:

(1) GEORGE MARCH b ca 1646, m 12 June 1672 MARY FOULSHAM (or FOLSOM); he took the oath of allegiance in 1678 and became a freeman in 1683; he may have had a 2nd wife who may have been the mother of the last three children:

(Children of GEORGE MARCH, oldest son of HUGH MARCH, SR.)

i HUGH MARCH, 2nd, b 1673, m SARAH COKER; he was killed by Indians at "Pemaquid" 9 Sept. 1695 ("Pike's Journal); SARAH m 18 Mar 1697 ARCHELAUS ADAMS.
ii GEORGE MARCH, JR., b 6 Oct 1674; died young.
iii JOHN MARCH b 18 Aug 1676.
iv MARY MARCH b 28 Aug 1678, d 15 Nov 1678.
v STEPHEN MARCH b 19 Sept 1679, d 10 Feb 1683/84.
vi JAMES MARCH b 19 June 1681.
vii ISRAEL MARCH b 4 Apr 1683; res.Greenland, N.H.
viii SARAH MARCH b 6 July 1685, m HENRY DUNNING (?).
ix STEPHEN MARCH b 16 Nov 1687.
x MARY MARCH b _____, m JACOB HOOKER (?).
xi HENRY MARCH b 31 July 1697; died young?
xii GEORGE MARCH, JR. b 24 Apr 1698.
xiii JANE MARCH b 8 May 1699, died young.

(2) JUDITH MARCH b 3 Jan 1652/53, prob. m 13 Apr 1670 THOMAS THORLAY; d 11 July 1689.
(3) HUGH MARCH, JR. b 3 Nov 1656, m 29 Mar 1683 SARAH MOODY; took oath of allegiance 1678; died 27 Feb 1726/27; their children:

i SARAH MARCH b 27 Apr 1684, m 2 Jan 1706 DANIEL CHASE (b 20 Sept 1685 Newbury) son of MOSES and ANNE FOLLANSBEE of that city; they resided in West Newbury where their nine children were born and on 13 Apr 1726 sold their farm and moved to Littleton where the tenth and last child was born. In July 1715 they were admitted to the Second Church of Newbury and in 1726 were dismissed to the church in Littleton. (See AQUILA CHASE FAMILY in this volume.)
ii HENRY MARCH b 22 Sept 1686.
iii SAMUEL MARCH b 2 Mar 1689.
iv ELIZABETH MARCH b 27 Oct 1691; m ____ MORSE. By 1726 she had died as she is not mentioned in her father's Will; she had five children.

(4) JOHN MARCH b 10 June 1658, m 1 Oct 1679 JEMIMA TRUE.
(5) JAMES MARCH b 11 Jan 1663, m MARY _____.

Sources:

"Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass." pp. 237,238.
Newbury Vital Records (1911) Vol. 1, p. 307; Vol. 2, p. 316.
"Seven Generations of the Descendants of AQUILA and THOMAS CHASE" by John Carroll Chase and George Walter Chamberlain published 1928.

THE MAYBERRY FAMILY OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

This surname has been spelled in numerous different ways, the most common being MABRY, MAYBERY, MAYBERRY, MAWBERY, MAYBRY, and MAYBURY. It is not a family name found to be common throughout England, such as MILLER, SMITH or PALMER. The many weeks the compiler devoted to research in England the summer of 1978 on the PALMER family revealed very few with this surname. Her research into this family in England and in North Carolina is incomplete and is being continued. However, due to the marriage (1911) of a MAYBERRY girl to a PALMER descendant, this allied family is being included with the information thus far obtained.

The emigrant who may be the ancestor of all the American MAYBERRYs was one FRANCIS MAYBURY who arrived in Virginia by 1679. The names of his parents and his homeland in England have still not been ascertained. He settled in Henrico County, Virginia, first; he may have been born about 1655. He eventually became a land owner in that county and owned lands in other nearby counties. He removed to Surry County where he lived out his life and where he made his Will 22 March 1711/12 which was proved 18 June 1712.

FRANCIS married 1 Sept 1685 the widow of WILLIAM BEVIN, ELIZABETH GILLIAM, whose first husband was JOHN WEST. She was the dau of Captain JOHN and MARGERY (HENSHAW) GILLIAM; JOHN had been born in England ca 1614 and in Virginia owned considerable land. FRANCIS and ELIZABETH had at least seven children, four sons and three daus, all of whom he mentioned in his Will. The bequests to the four sons consisted of numerous acres of land while the gifts to the daus were personal items; the wife was also named in his Will and she apparently had made her own Will before her husband died and she died within the year following his death. From his four sons, FRANCIS was blessed with at least twenty-nine grandchildren of which eighteen were grandsons. They may have had more than the seven children mentioned in FRANCIS' Will who died young since they were married twenty-nine years.

Some researchers believe FRANCIS arrived in Virginia as "a headright" of one JOHN PLEASANTS who had received land on Four-Mile Creek in Henrico County for the transport of eleven persons on 1 Oct 1679; the PLEASANTS family were Quakers from Norwich, England arriving in 1665 and settling on the James River in Virginia in 1668; he had apparently received land patents to land in Virginia. However, it is believed FRANCIS MAYBURY may have been Church of England as his family became Methodists in Virginia.

Henrico County Records, Book 1, page 462: "Land patented by Mr. JOHN GUILAM, patent dated in James City 17 May 1673, tract of land in Charles City County on South side of Appomattox River by said JOHN GILLIAM, dec., is granted to MARGERY BRIGGS (late GUILAM) Relict of JOHN GILLIAM..."(refers to the parents of FRANCIS MAYBURY's wife, ELIZABETH).

Surry County Records, Deed Book 3, page 52: "JOHN GILLIAM, FRANCES MAYBURY of Charles City County, ... and JAMES JORDAN of Surry County are given Letters of Administration on the Estate of MARGERY BRIGGS, deceased, 27 day of May 1688..." and on page 84 of the same book: "WHEREAS MARGERY BRIGGS, late of this Colony dyeing and leaving an estate in Divers Goods, Jno. GILLIAM, HINCHIA GILLIAM, FRANCES MAYBURY in right of his wife ELIZABETH, are granted administration rights. 20 Oct 1688. ..." ("William and Mary Quarterly" Vol. 9, Series 2, 1929.)

FRANCIS MAYBURY's wife, ELIZABETH, was the daughter of the above named decedents, and she had had three brothers: JOHN, HINCHIA and CHARLES GILLIAM.

1. Children of FRANCIS and ELIZABETH (GILLIAM) MAYBURY, b Virginia:

(1) FRANCIS MAYBURY, JR.
(2) GEORGE MAYBURY.
2. (3) CHARLES MAYBURY b 1693, m REBECCA, d 1749; 9 children.
(4) HINCHIA MAYBURY. b 1697, d 1762, married twice.
(5) ANN MAYBURY.
(6) MARY MAYBURY.
(7) JUDITH MAYBURY.

CHARLES MAYBURY[2] was born 1693 in Virginia, m REBECCAH _____, and resided in Surry County, VA., where the following children were born:

(1) CHARLES MAYBRY b 1719, m ELIZABETH _____.
(2) FRANCIS MAYBRY (2nd) .
(3) WILLIAM MAYBRY .
3. (4) EBILL (ABEL) MAYBRY b 1725, m SUSANNA _____.
(5) CORNELIUS MAYBRY.
(6) ELIZABETH MAYBRY.
(7) REBECCAH MAYBRY.
(8) EMIDIA MAYBRY.
(9) MARY MAYBRY.

CHARLES MAYBRY (as his name appears on his Will) made his Will on 16 Mar 1749, the year he died a copy of which was obtained by the compiler and reads as follows:

"In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth Day of March, 1749, I CHARLES MAYBRY being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. I make ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be burried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but at the General Resurection I shall receive the Soul again on the Weighty power of God and us making such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to bless within this life. I give this and dispose of the land in the following manner:

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son CHARLES MAYBRY Three Hundred and Forty acres of land lying in and between Raccoon Swamp and Spring Swamp.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son FRANCIS MAYBRY one hundred and nineteen acres of land lying on the South side of Cornish Swamp.*

I give and bequeath to my son WILLIAM MAYBRY one piece of land beginning at the Little Swamp and moving Eastward up a branch called the New Branch about the to CHARLES BATTLE's as high as the old field Running Straight course to the head of THAD's Land and thru to the Raccoon Swamp.

I give and bequeath to my son EBILL the Plantation where I now live and the remainder of this land my wife having her life.

I give and bequeath to my son CORNELIUS MAYBURY one hundred and Fifth* acres of land lying on the South side of the Plantation.*

I give and bequeath to my son CORNELIUS also of land lying one hundred acres lying between CHARLES BATTLE's and ROBERT's land and his .

I give and bequeath to my Daughter ELIZABETH one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter REBECCAH one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter EMIDIA one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter MARY BATTLE three Ells of white linnen.

I give and bequeath to my son WILLIAM a horse colt.

I leave my wife REBECCAH the Disposing of the Remainder of my stocks and house hold Goods.

I leave my wife REBECCAH and my son CHARLES MAYBRY Executors to my Estate to see that they have every one their Right according to my Will.

CHARLES MAYBRY

JOHN HARGROVE REBECCAH MAYBURY

NATHANUL DANTON mark

AT A COURT HELD FOR SURRY COUNTY the 10th Day of August, 1749:

The above Last Will and Testament of CHARLES MABRY deced. was presented in Court by CHARLES MABRY and ELIZABETH MABRY the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and the same was proved by the oaths of JOHN HARGROVE and NATHANIEL CLAUTON the witnesses thereto.

A. CAIBARNE, CLK."

*Old Wills often present a problem in reproducing them as they are handwritten and uncertainties are deciphered differently by numerous individuals who may later study them. This seems to be true with the Will of CHARLES MAYBRY when comparing the above copy with information included in "AMERICA: THE MABR(E)Y EXPERIENCE" by CLETIS RAY ELLINGHOUSE (1983); he has it Hornet Swamp, not Cornish Swamp; he has 119 acres to CORNELIUS instead of "one hundred and Fifth" and he has "on the South side of Plowman's" instead of "South side of the Plantation." He includes four witnesses which is unusual including CHARLES and REBECCA MAYBRY which were actually the names of the testator and his wife; CHARLES signed the Will with his mark and REBECCA may have done likewise to indicate her approval of his manner of distribution.

3. ABEL MAYBRY (EBILL in his father's Will) was born probably in Surry Co., VA., 1725, married SUSANNA _____ and they had the following children, according to different sources; they would have married by 1755 considering ABEL would have been aged thirty that year:

4. (1) RANDALL (RANDOLPH) MABREY b ca 1758 (he is not included in the list of children in ELLINGHOUSE's genealogy).
(2) PETER MABREY b 23 Oct 1759.
(3) LUCRETIA MABREY b 13 May 1762.
(4) JORDAN MABREY b 22 Feb 1765.
(5) FREDERICK MABREY b 11 July 1767.
(6) OLIVE MABREY b 18 Dec 1769.

The surname RANDOLPH was prominent in that area during those years and was passed along to male children in this branch of the family as a first name for several generations.

RANDOLPH MABREY[4] (also RANDALL and RANDOL) apparently migrated to North Carolina settling down in Wilkes County, where he may have been married twice, (1st) to GEMIMA COOK on 27 Jan 1779, witness: ABRAHAM COOK. The children of GEMIMA and RANDOLPH MABREY were:

(1) SUSANNAH MAYBERRY b ca 1780.
(2) JAMES MAYBERRY b 1787.
(3) PHEBE MAYBERRY b 1790.
5. (4) ABEL MAYBERRY (2nd) b 1791, married MARY BARKER.
(5) PATSEY MAYBERRY b 1796.
(6) ABRAHAM MAYBERRY b , m NANCY BARKER, sister to MARY.

Research conducted in the area by a competent genealogist has revealed the second marriage was to a widow, LUCY COOK, whose husband, RICHARD COOK, died some time before 1809, the year when his widow recorded a gift to THOMAS and WILLIAM COOK and to ABEL (2nd) and MARY MAYBERRY. RICHARD COOK's Will was witnessed by one HOWELL BARKER and date of death is believed to be 1800.

As early as the 1784-1787 State Census for North Carolina the the name of RANDOL MAYBERRY appeared; the 1790 Wilkes County Census has RANDOL MAYBERRY and also the 1800 Census. The 1810 Federal Census for the adjoining county of Iredell has this RANDOLP, and ABEL MAYBERRY is in Wilkes County. The 1830 Iredell County Census has ABEL and ABRAHAM MAYBERRY.

ABEL MAYBERRY (2nd)[5] named for his grandfather was born 1791 in Wilkes County, N.C. and married ca 1810/11 MARY BARKER (b 1792 VA.) dau of HOWELL and MARTHA (CLANTON) BARKER of that county. They lived out their lives in that area and must have accumulated hundreds of acres of land which eventually was divided up into separate farms for the sons as they married and started their own families. Some of the land appears to have been part of the land taken to form the new county of Alexander in 1847. The parents were buried on the home place when they died and visitors to the home, still inhabited by their descendants, will be told of the four or five graves on "the old Mayberry home

place" although there are no markers to identify them; it is a tradition which has been handed down for over one hundred years. The compiler has visited this Mayberry farm and also the graves of many of their children and spouses in the Pilgrim Baptist Churchyard Cemetery, Hiddenite, Alexander County.

ABEL and MARY (BARKER) MAYBERRY had the following children born in Wilkes County: (Note: four of them married a spouse named MARLOW(E).)

(1) JAMES WILLIAM MAYBERRY b 1812, m ANNA MARLOW(E) 1838; seven children.
(2) RANDOLPH MAYBERRY b 1813, m (1st) ASENETH MARLOW 9 Dec 1834; six children; m (2nd) AMANDA _____; 2 children. he died 25 Sept 1900.
(3) MARTHA ("PATSY") MAYBERRY b 1818, died unm.
6. (4) HOWELL MAYBERRY b 1820, m MELISSA (MALISSA) MARLOW 1 Jan 1842; 5 children; died before 1860.
(5) JOEL MAYBERRY b 1822, m NANCY LACKEY (1824-1909); 5 children; he died 15 July 1906.
(6) ELIZABETH ("BETSEY") MAYBERRY b 1824; died unmarried.
(7) REBECCA MAYBERRY b 10 Apr 1830;m WILLIAM JONAS MARLOWE (1st) and their five children were:
    i ALEXANDER MARLOWE (resided Augusta, Kansas).
    ii ELIZABETH MARLOWE who m. _____ MAYBERRY and resided Evansport, Ohio.
    iii JANE MARLOWE who m. _____ RONEY and resided at Bethany, Illinois.
    iv MONROE MARLOWE who resided also at Bethany.
    v FAYETTE MARLOWE who resided Bethany and predeceased his mother.

REBECCA's first husband was a Civil War casualty; with her five children she continued to remain on her farm with the help of a negro servant; she also did weaving for herself and others to help support her family. In 1872 they removed to Illinois, settling near Bethany. She married (2nd) WILLIAM C. WARD on 23 May 1877, when she was aged 45 years and he was aged 58 years; she lived out her life in Marrowbone Township, Moultrie County, Illinois where she died 15 June 1931, aged 101 years.

(8) ABEL MAYBERRY b 1832, m LOUISE SHOEMAKER (1839-1908); d 1910.
(9) JOHN MAYBERRY b 1834, m MARY CARSON.

HOWELL MAYBERRY[6] was born on his parents' farm in Wilkes County, N.C. in 1820, and married 1 Jan 1842 MELISSA MARLOW. He was probably the first of his family (among the children) to die and it is believed he too was buried along with his parents "on the old Mayberry home place." The graves of most of his siblings and their spouses can be found in the cemetery but the graves for his parents and himself are not to be found leading to the conclusion they are the ones buried on the farm. He died before reaching the age of forty but four sons and one daughter were born to his wife before his untimely death; they resided in the same place and the first two were born in Wilkes County, but by the time the next three were born their home was in Alexander County, created 1847.

Children of HOWELL and MELISSA (MARLOW) MAYBERRY:

(1) NOAH MAYBERRY b 1844, died 1864, Civil War casualty.
(2) AMOS MAYBERRY b 1846; nothing further known.
(3) ANDREW SCROGGS MAYBERRY b 1848, m on 17 June 1869 MARTHA E. BROWN (b 31 May 1845, d 16 Apr 1932), dau of ISAAC and REBECCA (DAY) BROWN; ANDREW died in the 1890's. They had children:
  i LULA ALICE MAYBERRY b 1870, m JULIUS CARRIGAN.
  ii MARY ("MOLLIE") MAYBERRY b 1872.
  iii NANCY MAYBERRY b 1874.
  iv JONES MAYBERRY b 5 Sept 1880, m 31 Aug 1902 JOSEPHINE SPARKS (b 18 Mar 1881, d 28 Feb 1963) dau of W. LEWIS and CANSADIE ELIZABETH (HUTCHINSON) SPARKS.

7. (4) INGRAM JONES MAYBERRY b 15 May 1854 Alexander Co., m (1st) LUCY JOHNSON in 1880 (b 1843, d 1881); no children; m (2nd) MARY LUCINDA (YOUNGER) MAYBERRY, widow of his first cousin, REUBEN MAYBERRY.
(5) EMALINE MAYBERRY b 1858.

INGRAM JONES MAYBERRY[7] was born after the creation of Alexander County from Wilkes County; therefore his birthplace is listed in the former county; the date was 15 May 1854. In 1881 he and his bride and his cousin, REUBEN MAYBERRY, and the latter's wife and three children, left North Carolina and migrated north to settle in Moultrie County in Illinois. Within a few months after their arrival his wife, LUCY JOHNSON MAYBERRY died and was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery which surrounds the local Baptist Church between Bethany and Dunn. The following year his cousin, REUBEN, died following an accident in which he was kicked in the head by a horse, leaving his wife a widow with three children. In 1883 INGRAM married his cousin's widow, MARY LUCINDA and their first child was born 28 Mar 1884; a second child was born in 1885 and in Aug 1887 a son was born. Apparently the following winter there was an epidemic in the community and MARY LUCINDA and her oldest child (by her first husband), FLORENCE were both very ill; however, the 15-year old dau survived but the mother died in Jan 1888, leaving her husband with the six children. She and REUBEN were also buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

The three children of INGRAM JONES MAYBERRY and MARY LUCINDA (YOUNGER) (MAYBERRY) MAYBERRY) were:

(1) LILLIAN MELVINA MAYBERRY b 28 Mar 1884, m 17 Mar 1911 in Chicago, Illinois, EDWARD BANNON PALMER (b 5 Apr 1878, in Three Rivers, St. Joseph Co., Mich., d Apr 1965, Alhambra, California); she died 25 Dec 1969 in Huntington Park, CA.
(2) CORA BELLE MAYBERRY b 1885.
(3) LEONARD GUSTING MAYBERRY b 1887; resided Spokane, Wash.

(See page 504 herein, EDWARD BANNON PALMER, SR.)

INGRAM JONES m (3rd) a widow neighbor ten years his senior to assist him in raising all the children after the 15-year old step-dau married in 1889; he and that wife, PEREMELY COOK, with her four young children and his own three children migrated to Davenport near Spokane Washington, where he took up many acres of land offered by the Government and there he had his farm until his retirement 1918; he lived then in Los Angeles, California, with LILLIAN PALMER until his death in 1925.

VINCENT AND JOHN MEIGS

1. The emigrant, VINCENT MEIGS, was b 1583 at Bradford, Peverill, Dorsetshire, England and emigrated to New England some time around 1634-1637, sailing from Weymouth, the harbor on the English Channel in that shire. Records in this country do not reveal the full name of his wife although her maiden surname was believed to have been CHURCHILL; she died before he emigrated with their three sons. His son, JOHN MEIGS, with his wife, TAMAZINE (FRY), and their two infant daus, MARY and ELIZABETH MEIGS, accompanied the father to this country, where they settled first at Weymouth, Massachusetts, where the first record of VINCENT dates from 1639. There are variations in the dates and places where this family resided during the years in this country and one volume gives his English homeland as Devonshire--not Dorsetshire.

In 1643/44 he was a member of the Rev. SAMUEL NEWMAN's company which migrated to an area in southwest Massachusetts, where the town of Rehoboth was founded, the name being suggested by Rev. NEWMAN. However, the controversy will doubtless never be settled whether it was that company or WILLIAM CHESEBOROUGH and WALTER PALMER (subject of this volume) who were the real founders of Rehoboth; see Chapter One herein, p. 24.

The MEIGS family were in Rehoboth only a few years (see page 27) and one genealogy (WILCOX, WEBB, MEIGS FAMILIES) does not include Rehoboth as a town where the MEIGS family ever lived. Between 1639 and 1643 they may have resided at Guilford (according to the WILCOX book) in Connecticut. By 1654 the MEIGS family had settled in East Guilford (Hammonasett) where VINCENT built his home on the property later owned and built upon by Sergeant DANIEL MEIGS (1747-1822). East Guilford later became the town of Madison and VINCENT died 1 Dec 1658; tradition has been that his was the first burial in the Hammonassett Grave Yard. His Will was dated 2 Sept 1658, said to have been written on his death bed, was probated 2 Dec 1658.

The children of VINCENT MEIGS, all born in England, were:

(1) VINCENT MEIGS (JR.) b 1609, died 3 Nov 1700, aged 91 years, unmarried; the Court Record at New London, Conn. reveals settlement of his estate 17 Dec 1700.

2. (2) JOHN MEIGS b 28 Feb 1612, m 1632 in England TAMAZINE FRY dau of WILLIAM FRY of Weymough, England.

(3) MARK MEIGS b England 1614; lived on Long Island, N.Y. "He appears to have identified himself closely with the interests of the family until some time after their removal to New Haven, Conn. He was granted a lot in Easthampton, Long Island, but abandoned it before 1651; until 1658 he resided in Southampton with his wife, AVIS; after 1658 he removed to Huntington and was recorded there in 1672 and his Will was probated there in 1673, leaving all of his property after death of his wife to SAMUEL LUM, son of JOHN LUM, of Southampton.

Descendants of the emigrant VINCENT MEIGS apparently would be from the second son, JOHN MEIGS and wife TAMAZINE, and from their son, JOHN MEIGS (JR.) inasmuch as the emigrant's oldest and youngest sons left no issue.

JOHN MEIGS[2] probably born in the same place in Dorsetshire where his father had been born; he was born 1612, married 1632 THOMAZINE FRY (also THOMASINE and TAMAZIN), sister of WILLIAM FRY and MARY FRY (who married WALTER HARRIS and came to America in 1632) and dau of WILLIAM FRY, SR., of Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England. When JOHN and his wife emigrated to New England with his father and two brothers, they had at least one dau who had been born in 1633 (MARY) and perhaps also the second dau born 1635 (ELIZABETH); however, inasmuch as the date of their arrival here is not definitely known, ELIZABETH may have been born in this country.

JOHN's residences the first years are the same as those of his father (see preceding page). When the father removed 1644 from Rehoboth, Mass., JOHN is recorded at New Haven, Conn. where he took the oath of fidelity and the same year was admitted a freeman. A ninth generation descendant, RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS, in 1935 issued a "RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS OF VINCENT MEIGS Who Came to America About 1635" which was a follow-up to the first edition of the record prepared 1901 by HENRY B. MEIGS. He appears to have searched the records for his ancestor's history and writes as follows: (Pages 4 and 5.)

> "In 1648 JOHN bought the lot known today as 'Cutler Corner' on Church and Chapel Streets, fronting on New Haven Green, in the chief business part of the city... The conveyance of this property is on record and reads in this wise: 'WILLIAM JEANES passeth over to JOHN MEIGS his house and house lot lying on the corner over against the house of JOHN BUDD and the highway.' This property JOHN MEIGS owned for ten years, ceding it to the town in 1658 when he moved away.
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> "JOHN was a tanner and currier by trade and probably also a shoemaker and accumulated property. ... On 3 Mar 1653/54 he was admitted a planter at Guilford on his buying a one hundred pound allotment at Hammonassett (part of the town of Guilford of that day but soon came to be known as East Guilford, and later its territory was made into the town of Madison."

JOHN MEIGS died 4 Jan 1672 and his Will was proved that year. He bequeathed to his son, JOHN (JR.) "All my writings, manuscripts, my book of marters, rolls, history of the world, BACON, THOMAS BACON, SIMPSON's English-Greek Lexicon and THAM's Dictionary" which indicated his good education and interest in learning.

Children of JOHN MEIGS and TAMAZINE (FRY) MEIGS:

(1) MARY MEIGS b Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England 1633, m 3 Mar 1653 WILLIAM STEVENS of Guilford, Conn., d 30 Apr 1703. He was son of JOHN STEVENS of Guilford.
(2) ELIZABETH MEIGS b 1635, m 1650 in Guilford RICHARD HUBBELL.

(3) CONCURRENCE MEIGS b New England, date unknown; m HENRY CRANE of Killingworth, Conn., d 9 Oct 1708.

(4) JOHN MEIGS, JR. b Weymouth, Mass. 28 Feb 1641; m (1st) 7 Mar 1665 SARAH WILCOXSON of Stratford, Conn., dau of WILLIAM WILCOXSON of that city; she d 24 Nov 1691; they had seven children; he m (2nd) LYDIA (_____), widow of ISAAC CRITTENDEN; she d Dec 1729. JOHN, JR. died 9 Nov 1713.

3. (5) TRYAL MEIGS b 1646 Guilford, Conn., m 1668 ANDREW WARD(E) (b ca 1645) believed to be the "third" in line with the first name of ANDREW. Resided Killingworth (now Clinton) Conn. where their nine children were born. (See WARD(E) FAMILY herein for list of their children. Also see page 766 herein.)

The 1935 MEIGS chronicle, supra, devotes numerous pages in the Appendix to the family Coat of Arms which is not being included herein, in addition to a photograph of same. Numerous family genealogies studied by the compiler have a section devoted to the family's coat of arms with a photograph, some in color and some in black and white. However, the compiler has refrained from delving into this subject for most of the families in this volume for several reasons: in many cases it is merely a tradition in the family without any factual basis to insist a particular American family was entitled to a coat of arms of one special family in England with the same surname; in most of these American-published family genealogies, there is no corroborating evidence from the College of Arms in London proving that at some time in the past three hundred years the family has undertaken the great expense and tremendous amount of time required to process the coat of arms and have it authenticated by the College; and in many instances when a search was made by the College(i.e. for THOS. MINOR, WALTER PALMER and VINCENT MEIGS) or by a genealogist, no evidence was found establishing these as armigerous families. It certainly would take considerable funds and perhaps years of research to prove out a coat of arms for any of the families involved in this volume.

The "PEDIGREE OF MEGGS OF BRADFORD PEVEREL, DORSETSHIRE" was sent to the compiler by a researcher (Miss DAPHNE HILLS of Wimborne, Dorsetshire) in 1983 in response to being employed to search for any connection the American MEIGS family might have to the "MEGGS OF WHITE CHAPEL" (the name in England is always MEGGS). See pp. 195-199 of the 1935 MEIGS HISTORY. First of all,the researcher found the first names of VINCENT and MARK were unknown in the MEGGS family although considerable research was undertaken by Miss HILLS which included the Dorchester Public Record Office, their "Enquiry File", lists of MEGGS entries, Tudor Muster Rolls, Protestation Returns and Wills Index; the Bradford Peverell Parish Registers; Museum Files at Dorchester; and parish registers of neighboring towns of Stratton, Charminster and Winterborne; BOYD's Marriage Records; Poll Tax Lists, IGI London-Middlesex listings, Great Card Index and 1981 National Genealogical Directory.

The introduction in the 1935 MEIGS GENEALOGY to the subject of a coat of arms reads: (page 195)

> "Although the earlier generations of VINCENT MEIGS (or MEGGS) who turned their attention to the subject of his English origin, have used the Arms of the Bradford Peverel branch, as far as they have used any, and in consequence we have had these engraved for the purpose of this volume, yet, in view of its possible interest and value later, we have thought it worth while to publish the following information as gathered from the various books on Heraldry, and other sources."

The research done by Miss HILLS and the MEGGS PEDIGREE of Bradford Peverel (page 535) which she obtained reveal the common first names for the MEGGS men were HENRY, EDWARD, THOMAS, WILLIAM, NICHOLAS and ROBERT; only two were noted named JOHN and none named VINCENT or MARK. The first of the English MEGGS family were in the county of Kent.

In 1938 The National Historical Society in New York City caused to be published "THE WILCOXSON-WILCOX, WEBB AND MEIGS FAMILIES" by REYNOLD WEBB WILCOX, M.A., M.D., LL.D., D.C.L., devoted to these three families and the last section pertains to the MEIGS family. In the front of the book appears a full-page photo of the coat of arms with the name MEIGS in bold letters. The photo and description are similar to the one which appeared in the 1935 MEIGS HISTORY. The WILCOX-MEIGS History explains: "This ancient Coat-of-Arms of the MEGGS (MEIGS) family is reproduced in this history of the MEIGS family (and) are those blazoned ... for the MEGGS of Bradford, Peverel, Dorsetshire in the Visitation of Dorset (1623).

Additional Source:

> "GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT" by WILLIAM CUTTER, Vol. 1, pp. 550-552 and Vol. 4, pp. 1771-1772.

JARVIS and MICAH MUDGE

1. JARVIS MUDGE, born in England, came to this country about 1638; he died in New London, Connecticut early in 1653; he had married REBECCA, widow of ABRAHAM ELSEN, of Wethersfield in 1649. The first account of JARVIS MUDGE is dated 4 Dec 1638 when "an attachment was granted for him to appear at the next Courte," (Records of Mass., Vol. 1, p. 248). On 24 Mar 1640 a committee in Hartford Town assembly was named to speak with JARVIS MUDGE and another to see if they should have the sequestered ground. Six acres were set out for his use. However by 1644 he was living in Wethersfield, (Hartford Town Books), Connecticut.

At a Particular Court in Dec 1644 JARVIS was a defendant in an accusation of slander (extracts from the"Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut prior to the union with the New Haven Colony May 1665" by J.H. Trumbull, 1850). In Oct 1646 he was ordered by the court to pay five bushels of Indian corn, or the value thereof. On 7 Sept 1648 he was ordered to pay damages to two accusers and he received judgment of damages from one. On 17 Oct 1648 he again had to pay a judgment and on 28 Dec that year he received two judgments against him and he received a judgment in a suit he brought. On 6 Dec 1649 he received a judgment of ten sh. and the plaintiff was granted rights to a cow Mudge had sold him.

JARVIS MUDGE was one of 36 grantees, or planters, to whom home lots were originally granted in 1649 in Pequot, later called New London. Descriptions of acreage granted him are dated in 1650 and 1651, and his name is among those who purchased at the mill dam in July 1651. His death was the first in the plantation in any records now extant. After her husband's death in 1653, REBECCA MUDGE removed to Wethersfield. ("History of New London" by Miss Frances M. Calkins.)

JARVIS and his wife, REBECCA, had two sons, born New London:

2. (1) MICAH MUDGE b 1650, m MARY ALEXANDER.
(2) MOSES MUDGE b 1652.

2. MICAH MUDGE was born 1650, New London and died at age 75 years in the early part of Jan 1724 in Hebron, Conn. He m 23 Sept 1670 MARY ALEXANDER in Northampton, dau of GEORGE ALEXANDER and his wife, SUSANNA (who had married 18 Mar 1644). GEORGE was one of the first settlers and original proprietors of Northampton, Mass., and was the son of JOHN ALEXANDER who came from Scotland before 1640 and settled at Windsor. MICAH's wife, MARY had been born 20 Oct 1648 and died early in 1728, ("History of Deerfield, Mass." by George Sheldon, 1886, Vol. 2).

MICAH resided in Northampton, acted as a surveyor and appears to have been one of the original proprietors of Northfield, Mass., before the Indians burned the village and drove off the settlers in 1675. He returned with others thereafter as appears from an order from the General Court dated at Boston 24 May 1682 and he became an actual settler. A deed without date is recorded wherein twelve more pounds were paid to the Indians in addition to the amount paid in the original grant, and MICAH

MUDGE was one of the three grantees. During King Phillip's War a public solicitation was made for those who were made destitute and at a meeting of the Council 13 July 1676 in Hartford it was ordered that MICAH MUDGE should have ten shillings of the fund raised.

On 18 Mar 1686 MICAH MUDGE and BENJAMIN PALMER were chosen measurers of land at the rate of 2d per acre if unassisted.

Prior to 1698 MICAH removed to Lebanon, Conn., and was one of the early settlers of that town where he also served as a surveyor and assisted in laying out the town. He was granted 18-3/4ths acres at first and on 13 Mar 1699 he was granted another 16 acres and additional acres were measured out to him by WILLIAM CLARKE and two others; in April 1701 another 20 acres were granted to him; and on 4 Aug 1714 an additional 69 acres. On 28 Nov 1705 JOSIAH DEWEY and WILLIAM CLARKE signed a grant that MICAH should have a total of 120 acres.

On 22 Dec 1704 MICAH MUDGE was chosen "Ornary Keeper" for one year, i.e. keeper of a public house or tavern. On 10 Sept 1705 "in the fourth year of Queen Anne," MICAH sold a lot of land for eight pounds to JOSEPH TILDEN, being 100 acres.

MICAH was one of nine persons who organized the First Congregational Church in Lebanon on 27 Nov 1700, WILLIAM CLARKE and JOHN CALKINS being in that group and in 1702 his wife, MARY, was on the church roll, the only woman.

In disposing of some of his land, MICAH sold 66 acres on 1 July 1709 and gave his son, EBENEZER, some acreage by deed recorded 1714 which was witnessed by JOSEPH and WILLIAM CLARKE, the deed being dated 1 Sept 1711. He sold land to JOHN CALKINS 12 Nov 1716 and other acres to two others totalling 30 acres for one hundred fifty-five pounds on 9 April 1717. 1717.

In 1717 he moved with his family to Hebron and on 2 Sept that year the committee laid out ten of his 51 acres and on 29 Jan 1719/20 the selectmen sold him several parcels totalling over 60 acres.

The Will of MICAH MUDGE of Hebron is dated 17 Mar 1720/21 in which he mentions his dau, SARAH PALMER; he died Jan 1724 and on 2 Feb that year administration-with-the-will-annexed was granted to his widow, MARY MUDGE and to his son-in-law, JOHN PALMER of Windsor. The Will provided that SARAH PALMER would receive five pounds; also five pounds to dau THANKFUL NICHOLS and one pound to dau SUSANNAH. His Will gave the house and land to his wife but the use of it during her life was given to dau THANKFUL NICHOLS; afterwards, it was to go to grandson, MICAH MUDGE (11); other distributions of land under his Will included 30 acres to son, MOSES MUDGE and other land to son EBENEZER MUDGE; sums of money were also bequeathed to his grandsons.

MICAH's widow, MARY (ALEXANDER) PALMER, died early in 1728, age 80 years leaving debts and the Court on 5 Mar 1727/28 ordered that JOHN PALMER, administrator, should pay out of the estate of her husband, MICAH, the necessary amounts to discharge the debts.

MICAH and MARY MUDGE had the following children:

(1) MARY MUDGE b 8 Aug 1671, m at Northampton, _____ RUST; d there 3 Nov 1706, age 35 years.
(2) ELIZABETH MUDGE b 10 Oct 1673, m 27 Sept 1695 JOSEPH ALLYN, son of SAMUEL and HANAH ALLYN of Northampton; he was born 3 Nov 1672.
3. (3) SARAH MUDGE b Northampton ca 1675, m 14 Jan 1695/96 JOHN PALMER of Windsor (b 13 Apr 1673, d 10 Sept 1756), son of TIMOTHY AND HANNAH (BUELL) PALMER of Windsor and grandson of+NICHOLAS PALMER, the emigrant.
(4) MOSES MUDGE who married ELIZABETH _____.
(5) ABIGAIL MUDGE who married WILLIAM PHELPS.
(6) EBENEZER MUDGE b 26 Feb 1683 Northampton, d 21 Apr 1758 in Sharon, Connecticut; married ABIGAIL SKINNER.
(7) THANKFUL MUDGE b 1685, m WILLIAM NICHOLS of Lebanon; died in Sharon 3 Apr 1741.
(8) SUSANNAH MUDGE.
(9) MARTHA MUDGE who married ISAAC TILDEN.

The children of SARAH (MUDGE) PALMER and her husband, JOHN, will be found at the end of the Chapter on NICHOLAS PALMER herein.

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"History of Westfield, Mass." by George Sheldon (1886), Vol. 2.
Research of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK PALMER SPESSARD of Shreveport, Louisiana.

NICHOLAS PALMER

1. NICHOLAS PALMER[1] was born in England some time between 1610-1615 and apparently settled first in this country in Dorchester about 1635 (NE H&G REG. Vol.V, 1851, p.365) as this reference sets forth a list of about 40 or 42 names being "the First Settlers of Windsor, recorded in the Town Records of 1640, five years after their removal from Dorchester." His first wife, probably married in England, died in 1646. He died at Windsor, Conn. 30 Aug 1689. He married (2nd) 29 Oct 1646 JANE PURCHASE (or PURKAS) but the first wife was the mother of his four children; JANE d 16 Apr 1683.

The first record known of NICHOLAS reveals he was in the Pequot War and was a sergeant. He received grants of land in Windsor before 1653; was made a freeman 8 Oct 1668 together with his son, TIMOTHY (then aged 27) and was in the Oct 1669 Connecticut Census.

On 9 Mar 1658/59 the General Court of the Colony at Hartford remitted a third part of the fine imposed on NICHOLAS PALMER for giving cider to the Indians (Conn. Pub. Rec., Vol. I, p.330). On 16 May 1661 the Court of Elections at Hartford remitted 40s fine on NICHOLAS PALMER and wife (Ibid p.366), this being the second wife.

On 1 May 1675 NICHOLAS was deeded land by JOHN PURCHASE and on the same day he deeded land to ROBERT CASE and to JARED SPECK. This deed was made according to a prenuptial agreement with JANE (or JOAN), his second wife (who had had children by her first husband, JOHN PURCHASE), in accordance with his agreement to give to her children which she had by her first husband, housings and lands in Hartford (which had belonged to JOHN PURCHASE) when the children became of age.

NICHOLAS must have been in Windsor by the late 1630's as that is given as the birthplace of all his children on p. 359 NE H&G REG,supra, in an article entitled "Early Records of Windsor, CT." and on page 360 thereof the listing concludes with the children of his son, TIMOTHY, also born in Windsor, died 29 Aug 1713 at Windsor:

Children: (by the first wife)

(1) MARY PALMER b 3 May 1637, d 7 June 1639.
(2) HANNA PALMER b 11 Oct 1640.
2. (3) TIMOTHY PALMER bapt 20 Mar 1641, m 17 Sept 1663 HANNAH BUELL in Windsor, Connecticut, the dau of WILLIAM and MARY BUELL of Windsor (b Windsor 8 Jan 1646/47 died there 26 Sept 1704). Ten children all born Windsor.
(4) ELIZABETH PALMER b 7 Aug 1644.

2. TIMOTHY PALMER[2] was born in Windsor, Conn. and baptized 20 Mar 1641/42. He m 17 Sept 1663 at Windsor HANNAH BUELL (b 8 Jan 1646/47, d 26 Sept 1704), dau of the emigrant WILLIAM BUELL and his wife, MARY BUELL, also of Windsor. TIMOTHY became a freeman and was so listed in the Oct 1669 Census of that state, at the same time his father, NICHOLAS became a freeman. The tax list for 1686 in Windsor gives TIMOTHY PALMER rated at 72-00 and TIMOTHY, JR. at 22-00. TIMOTHY, SR. was an active resident

of Windsor during his entire life and had large land holdings in that town. The Grant Records record that TIMOTHY PALMER and "good wife PALMER" made contributions to the poor in 1676. There is no Will of TIMOTHY but Letters of Administration were issued to his son, JOHN on 5 Oct 1713; he died 29 Aug that year in Windsor; inventory of his estate was taken 2 Oct 1713.

HANNAH (BUELL) PALMER's father, WILLIAM, was born ca 1614 at Chesterton, Huntingdonshire, England and emigrated to America ca 1630 with his mother "who was termed at death 'Goode Buell' (this being a common term for an older woman, either as spelled or as 'Goody')." They settled first at Plymouth but in 1636 in the first land division at Windsor, Conn. he settled there ("Ancient Windsor" by Stiles), a part of the Plymouth Colony. "History of the BUELL Family in England and America" compiled by ALBERT WELLES (1881) page 23 recites his first place of residence as Dorchester, Mass., same as that of NICHOLAS PALMER. WILLIAM died at Windsor 23 Nov 1681. His Will dated 26 July 1681 was probated and his wife, MARY offered the inventory of his estate on 26 July 1681, which totalled £147. 2s. 7d. The widow d at Windsor 1 Sept 1684. WELLES description of WILLIAM BUELL is similar to that of most of those early New England non-conformists "as they refused to subscribe longer to the tenets either of the Church of England or of the Pope of Rome."

The WELLES chronicle pays tribute to those first non-conformists and explains the reason for many of them emigrating to America:

> "Under their leaders--mainly former ministers of the Church of England--they formed themselves into societies, and on account of the persecution to which their conduct had given rise, they were secret in their meetings and reticent in their religious speech. The hand of God was plainly visible in this religious movement for it appears the time had arrived when He should people America with men of powerful mental qualifications, strong minds and bodies and still stronger religious fervor and faith; and their religion was indeed remarkable inasmuch as they threw off at a stroke all the trammels of forms and ceremonies which they considered anti-Christian, and went back to the simplicity of the Gospel and the examples of Jesus as their guide in religious belief. ... Many of these early emigrants studiously had to conceal their origin and derivation and even change their names...."

WILLIAM had married at Windsor 18 Nov 1640 MARY _____ who died there 1 Sept 1684, and their seven children were born there, the fourth child, HANNAH, being the dau who married TIMOTHY PALMER.

In addition to above quoted sources (Stiles and Welles), a more recent (April 1978) history of "WILLIAM BUELL & EARLY DESCENDANTS" can be studied which appeared in TAG Vol. 54, No. 2. Stiles suggests the emigrant may have been from Wales; all seem to agree he was a "joiner or carpenter" and records exist of the work he performed on the first meeting house, including the pews, and the sums paid him by the parishoners for their individual seats or pews. (See also herein WILLIAM BUELL FAMILY.)

The Will of the widow, MARY BUELL of Windsor, dated 29 Aug 1684 mentioned her daughter, HANNAH PALMER, and her granddaughters, MARY and SARAH PALMER, (Early Probate Records by Manwarring, Vol. 1, p.280).

TIMOTHY and HANNAH (BUELL) PALMER had children, all born Windsor:

(1) TIMOTHY PALMER, JR. b 25 Aug 1664 (died young according to WELLES' "Buell Genealogy").

(2) HANNAH PALMER b 3 Oct 1666, m 5 Dec 1689, TIMOTHY HOSFORD[3] (John[2], William[1]) (b 20 Oct 1662); she d 8 July 1702 and her husband m (2nd) 24 Jan 1706 ABIGAIL BUCKLAND by whom he had two more children; he and HANNAH had four children.

(3) MARY PALMER b 14 May 1669, m 4 Apr 1690 SAMUEL HOSFORD[3] (apparently brother to above TIMOTHY who married her sister, HANNAH) (John[2], William[1]) (b 2 June 1669, d 1747); she died 9 May 1715 and her husband m (2nd) 17 Apr 1717 ELIZABETH BROWN of Colchester by whom he had three children; he and MARY had five children; named in grandmother's Will.

(4) SARAH PALMER b 25 Feb 1671/72, died by 1675.

3. (5) JOHN PALMER b 13 Apr 1673, m 14 Jan 1695/96 SARAH MUDGE, dau of MICAH AND MARY (ALEXANDER)+MUDGE of Hebron and Lebanon, Conn.born ca 1675, Northampton; he d 10 Sept 1756.

(6) SARAH PALMER b 12 Apr 1675, m 9 Feb 1697 NATHANIEL OWEN (son of JOHN); she was heiress mentioned in Will of her grandmother, MARY BUELL (above); she d 28 Apr 1731.

(7) SAMUEL PALMER b 7 Sept 1677;*removed to Hebron.

(8) MARTHA PALMER b 29 Dec 1679,d 16 Aug 1683.

(9) BENJAMIN PALMER b 24 Feb 1681/82 (Colony Records).**

(10) STEPHEN PALMER b 20 Jan 1686/87 (Colony Records).** m SARAH BARBER, dau of SAMUEL and MARY (COGAN) BARBER, (b 25 Aug 1698, d 4 Jan 1741/42); he died Windsor intestate and admin. granted 6 Dec 1720 to widow SARAH, and son, JOHN; his widow, SARAH, m (2nd) ISAAC PHELPS (b 26 Jan 1692, d 13 Oct 1753).

* TAG article by Dr. GEORGE E. McCRACKEN, p.156, Vol. 54, No.3, has identical birthdates for SAMUEL and MARTHA PALMER, i.e. 29 Dec 1679; however, "Early Records of Windsor, CT." (supra) give birthdates as above.

** These two not included in "Early Records of Windsor, CT." The "BUELL GENEALOGY" by ALBERT WELLES lists all ten children as above with identical birthdates. NEHGR Vol. 5, p. 365 includes NICHOLAS PALMER as a First Settler of Windsor, recorded in Town Records of 1640.

3. JOHN PALMER was born 13 Apr 1673 in Windsor, m 14 Jan 1695/96 SARAH+MUDGE (b ca 1675 Northampton), dau of MICAH and MARY (ALEXANDER)MUDGE of Hebron and Lebanon, Connecticut. He died 10 Sept 1756 at Windsor. He was in the Colonial service in the expedition to Port Royal. On 23 May 1716 the Governor and Council at Hartford, on petition of JOHN PALMER OF WINDSOR ordered that he be allowed ten shillings for damage done to his gun in the Port Royal Expedition. In the "Windsor Records" he is referred to as "Captain JOHN."

JOHN was active in the town of Windsor throughout his entire life and was appointed appraiser of numerous estates, some of which were:

27 July 1711, the estate of CORNELIUS GILLETT, SR.
1 June 1713, the estate of JOHN WILLIAMS.
5 Aug 1714, the estate of JAMES ENNO, SR.
17 Jan 1719/20, the estate of TIMOTHY PHELPS.
5 Mar 1722/23, the estate of SAMUEL BARBER.
15 Mar 1722/23, the estate of PETER BROWN.
26 Feb 1728/29, the estate of JOHN BROWN, SR.
4 Mar 1717/18 appointed "one of three persons to set off the dower for the widow of JOHN PORTER.

The Will of MICAH MUDGE of Hebron dated 17 Mar 1720/21 mentioned his dau, SARAH PALMER and on 2 Feb 1724/25 administration-with-the-will-annexed was granted to his widow, MARY MUDGE and to his son-in-law, JOHN PALMER of Windsor. (See also herein JARVIS and MICAH MUDGE.)

The Will of JOHN PALMER was dated 1 Mar 1753 and probated 5 Mar 1757 in which he mentioned his wife, SARAH, and sons, JOHN and SAMUEL. JOHN and SARAH PALMER were buried in the Poquonock Burying Grounds in Windsor.

JOHN and SARAH PALMER had the following children:

(1) JOHN PALMER b 11 June 1697/98.

4. (2) MARY PALMER b 17 Nov 1700, m JOHN LEE, JR. ca 1722 (born Westfield, Mass. 1687); two children; MARY d 2 Feb 1724/25:

5. i JOHN LEE, III, b 1723, d 1801, m 7 Oct 1747 ANN PHELPS (b 27 July 1728, d 1812), dau of Captain JOHN and THANKFUL (HITCHCOCK) PHELPS; they had:

6. (a) ENOCH LEE born 1758, d 1834, m DOROTHY SHEPARD (b 1760, d 1799) and had dau:

7. *PERMELIA who m JONATHAN MILLER, III, (b 1775, d 1819), whose two children: HARVEY MILLER m. ADALINE PALMER and

8. MARY MILLER m VAN RENSSELAER PALMER.

ii ICHABOD LEE born 24 Jan 1724/25, m SARAH BAGG, both of Westfield. ("Westfield Family Histories").
* (See also herein: LEE and MILLER FAMILIES.)

(3) BENJAMIN PALMER b 23 Dec 1703, d 23 Aug 1706.
(4) BENJAMIN PALMER b 11 Oct 1707, prob. d.y., not mentioned in his father's Will
(5) SAMUEL PALMER b 5 Apr 1712.

Sources: "Palmer MSS." pp.6007-6020, which lists following references:
"Some Early Records and Documents Relating to Town of Windsor, p.81 pub by Conn.Historical Society (1930); also that Society's Collection Vol.14, p. 157; Hartford Town Records in N.E. H&G Reg. Vol. 13, p. 54.
Windsor Town Records in N.E. H&G Reg. Vol. 5,pp. 359, 365.
Connecticut Public Records, Vol. 1,pp. 330, 366; Vol. 5, p. 568.
"History of BUELL Family in England and America" by Albert Welles.
"Ancient Windsor" by Stiles. "Mudge Genealogy" by Alfred Mudge,1868.
"WILLIAM BUELL & EARLY DESCENDANTS" by Dr.GEORGE E.McCRACKEN, TAG, Vol. 54, No. 2,pp.65-75; and No. 3, pp.150-158.
"Early Probate Records" by Manwarring, Vol. 1, p. 280.
Compiled by Frank Palmer Spessard of Shreveport, Louisiana.

WILLIAM PALMER OF YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

The date and place of birth of this WILLIAM PALMER are unknown but it is believed he lived in the vicinity of London, England. His wife was JUDITH FEAKE, dau of JAMES FEAKE, goldsmith of London; JAMES' brother, ROBERT FEAKE of London, subsequently became prominent in Watertown, Massachusetts and in Greenwich, Connecticut. The FEAKE family originally was of Norfolk County, England, but reached London early in the 16th Century (see "Palmer Families in America" Volume One, pp. 14-19; compiled and arranged (before 1954) by Hon. HORACE WILBUR PALMER, Ph.B., LL.B.,and edited and published 1966 by his widow, NELLIE MORSE PALMER).

WILLIAM PALMER is first found in America in the Plymouth Colony Records (7 Jan 1638/39) at a Court of Assistants for that Colony, and on 3 Sept 1639 he was "propounded to be free at the next court as an inhabitant of Yarmouth" and on 1 Sept 1640 he was admitted a freeman and took the oath (Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, Vol. 1, pp. 108,132, 161). The Plymouth Court granted Yarmouth the status of a settlement at this time and WILLIAM PALMER was one of the first persons to take up residence there early in 1639; however, he must have been there at least one year earlier for in June 1638 he received the commission of Ensign (Price's Colonial Lists of Plymouth, 1887, page 69); on 10 May 1639 he was named Sergeant and on 27 Sept 1642 he was made Lieutenant by the Court at Plymouth.

> "The Court on that date ordered the company against the Indians should have MILES STANDISH as Captain and WILLIAM PALMER as Lieutenant (Ply.Col.Rec.Vol.two, p.65) and again in the year 1645 he was appointed Lieutenant under MILES STANDISH (Vol. two, page 88). The list of males up to 60 yrs. of age who were able to bear arms in the Plymouth Colony in 1643 included WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth (Vol. three, page 194).
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> "On 5 Mar 1638/39 the Court ordered WILLIAM PALMER and three others of Yarmouth, a committee to make a division of of land (Vol. one, page 117).
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> "On 2 June 1640 WILLIAM PALMER was on the grand jury (Vol. one, page 155); and on 17 June 1641 he was on the jury at a court held in Yarmouth (Vol. V11, page 21). On 7 June 1642 he was appointed Surveyor of Yarmouth (Vol. two, p. 41). In addition, he was Representative from Yarmouth to the Plymouth Colony General Court for the years, 1642-1644, 1648-1650 (Vol. two, pp. 123,130,144,154). .....
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> "The residence or home lot of WILLIAM PALMER in Yarmouth has not with certainty been located as the early records of that town were destroyed years ago, but the Will of one WILLIAM CHASE, who also went to Yarmouth in 1639, and which is dated May 4, 1659, recites 'halfe of my lott of land att the Basse pond which I bought of WILLIAM PALMER...' (Desc.of William Chase in N.E., Vol. 87)," ("Palmer Families, etc." Vol. 1, pp. 9-10).

In 1652 a group of emigrants from England who had been settled first in Massachusetts and Connecticut removed to the area of Long Island, New York, founding a settlement originally called Middleboro; in 1665 the name was changed to Newton and that settlement is now in the Borough of Queens, New York City, between Long Island City and Jamaica. WILLIAM PALMER was one of this group of English who settled at Middleboro under the jurisdiction of the Dutch in what was then New Netherlands.

From 1657 to 1660 inclusive WILLIAM PALMER was a Magistrate in Middleboro (Documents relating to Col. Hist. of N.Y., Vol. 14, page 424). The Newton Records, Vol. one, page 132 reveal that on 1 Aug 1659 WILLIAM PALMER deeded his house and lot in Middleboro to SAMUEL SOLLIS and RICHARD FIDOE, it being located between Dowty and Richard Gildersleeve; the deed included a "right in Smith's meadoe formerly bought by WILLIAM PALMER of MATTHEW EDWARDS."

It is believed that WILLIAM PALMER died prior to 29 Nov 1661 inasmuch as his wife (as JUDAH PALMER) on that date deeded her house and lot in Middleboro to JAMES CRISTIE, signing the deed alone without any mention of her husband or even any recitation that she was a widow. As recently as 9 Mar 1660 there was an "agreement of the inhabitants regarding the killing of wolves which revealed that WILLIAM PALMER was taxed five shillings" (Vol. 1, page 41, Newton Rec.). There is no record of any will or administration of his estate; his widow removed to Greenwich or Stamford, Connecticut late in 1661 or early in 1662 and married (2nd) JEFFREY FERRIS as his third wife. However, he died in May 1666, and his Will is dated 6 Jan 1664/65 in which he mentioned his wife, JUDAH, and bequeathed ten pounds to each of the "four boies (boys) which I brought up" of his wife, to be "put out for them when they reached the age of eighteen years, and when twenty years old to receive it into their possession" (Fairfield Prob. Records, Vol. two, pp.17, 21). This refers to the four sons of WILLIAM and JUDITH: JOHN, JAMES, WILLIAM and JOSEPH PALMER.

There is no record of the birthplace or date of JUDITH (FEAKE) PALMER, but the Will of her second husband, JEFFREY FERRIS, contained a clue, according to the Palmer Families (page 11), supra:

> "If my wife should have a child while I live, or be with child when I die, I give to that child the other half of my farm, indicating that JUDITH (in 1664/65) was not more than 44 or 45 years of age and if so, then her birth would be between 1617 and 1620."

Following the death ca 1664 of her second husband, JUDITH (PALMER) FERRIS married (3rd) JOHN BOWERS, the latter part of 1666 or early in 1667 as his second wife; she died in 1668 (Stamford Vital Rec., Vol. one).

The compiler of Volume One, "Palmer Families in America" (HORACE WILBUR PALMER) conducted extensive research over many years to learn more about his ancestral family, this WILLIAM and JUDITH PALMER. It included a study of the original records of Plymouth and Watertown,

Mass., Newton, New York, and Stamford, Fairfield and Greenwich, Conn. In 1925 he concluded he had assembled a correct list of the children of that couple and their approximate birthdates which he furnished to his Associate, Dr. BYRON S. PALMER of Palmyra, New York. He has five sons in the list, the fourth one being named WILLIAM PALMER (JR.) born about 1654/55. However, on page 12 he explains his belief that there was an earlier son who died young named WILLIAM:

> "There may have been others (children) who died young, and we think there must have been a son named WILLIAM who was the oldest child and who died before 1654; otherwise a son would have been named WILLIAM before EPHRAIM, JOHN and JAMES were named, and also a daughter named JUDITH who died early. It seemed to be the custom in this family in the early generations to name the oldest son after the father and the oldest daughter after the mother. All of these children except the two youngest were born in Yarmouth, but the early records of Yarmouth for this period have been lost so that we are unable to give dates."

WILLIAM[1] and JUDITH PALMER had children:

(1) SUSANNA PALMER born ca 1640/41.
(2) EPHRAIM PALMER born ca 1642/43.
(3) JUDITH PALMER born ca 1646/48.
(4) JOHN PALMER born ca 1650/51.
(5) JAMES PALMER born ca 1652/53.
(6) WILLIAM PALMER born ca 1654/55.
(7) JOSEPH PALMER born ca 1656/57.

The oldest son above named, EPHRAIM[2] married ca 1668 SARAH MESSENGER, dau of ANDREW MESSENGER of Jamaica; about 1671 they removed to Greenwich, Connecticut. EPHRAIM received land from his father-in-law, who was one of the original purchasers of land from the Indians, in Jamaica. ANDREW was one of the early inhabitants in Greenwich and in 1642 sold some land and removed to Jamaica where he continued to live. EPHRAIM appears in "Grenewich" early in 1672 as one of the "27 Proprietors of 1672" although he did not settle there at the time his widowed mother moved to Greenwich. All the other siblings were minors and, therefore, did not have to be "admitted" to dwell in Greenwich. EPHRAIM received six acres on 31 May 1673; more acreage on 10 May 1675 and again on 24 May 1677 and on 5 Mar 1685/85 he was assessed one pound, twelve shillings, the year he died, probably early in August as an inventory on his estate was filed 19 Aug 1685 in the probate court at Fairfield, Conn. (VR Vol.3, page 140) showing his widow to be SARAH PALMER and seven children. The widow subsequently married one _____ GREGORY.

The youngest of the seven children born to EPHRAIM and SARAH MESSENGER PALMER was named JOHN PALMER, born 1682 in Greenwich, Conn., married 1702 in Greenwich (1st) ELIZABETH CLOSE (b 5 Aug 1684, d 1 Sept 1748, aged 64 years (Old Cemetery at Sound Beach)), dau of THOMAS and SARAH (HARDY) CLOSE of Greenwich. JOHN married (2nd) by 1757 MARY _____. On 15 Dec 1702 JOHN received his portion from his

father's (EPHRAIM) estate and released his mother, SARAH GREGORY. JOHN then bought land in the town of Stamford, Conn. on 20 February 1708/09 (Vol. B, page 100) and the last record of him there was a deed to his own son, MESSENGER PALMER dated 22 April 1765. JOHN appeared in the tax lists for Greenwich continuously from 1734 to 1766, always in East Society, or Old Town of Greenwich, and he was very highly taxed. A study of the records of deeds during the years 1756-59 which were recorded reveal he deeded land to his sons, JOHN, NEHEMIAH, MESSENGER and JUSTUS PALMER. There was no Will or administration of JOHN's estate but he must have died between 1767 and 1769 having disposed of all of his property to his various children, of which there were five sons and one daughter, (page 49) born between the years 1703 and 1723.

The fifth child of JOHN[3] and ELIZABETH (CLOSE) PALMER, born 1721 in Greenwich, Conn. was named JUSTUS PALMER;[4] he married AMY FERRIS, dau of NATHANIEL FERRIS of Greenwich. He died March 1771 there although after marriage they had removed to the town of Salem, Westchester Co., New York.

JUSTUS PALMER[4] was in the Greenwich tax lists from 1744 to 1766 from the East Society or Old Town section together with his father and brothers. On 25 March 1756 his father "deeded to his two dutiful and loving sons, MESSENGER and JUSTUS" land on the east side of the Mianus River below the main county road and bounded by land of JOHN PALMER, JR. (Vol. 8, p. 70). On 24 Sept 1757 the father deeded to his son, JUSTUS, a house in the same location. JUSTUS and AMY probably lived in Salem many years and their first three children were baptized in the church at Salem. He may have removed back to Greenwich in 1757 following his father's deeding to him a house on the east side of the Mianus River; if so, his last four children were probably born in Greenwich. Between 1747 and 1767 JUSTUS and his wife, AMY became the parents of nine children (page 95); at least two of them died young. Their last child was named SYLVANUS PALMER born 1 June 1767 in Greenwich.

SYLVANUS PALMER[5] married (1st) HANNAH WARD (b 28 Nov 1773, Amsterdam, N.Y., died 28 Dec 1830 in Amsterdam) although names of her parents were not revealed in the Palmer Families (page 118). A search by the compiler of the WARD GENEALOGY proved negative for this HANNAH WARD PALMER. Following HANNAH's death, SYLVANUS married (2nd) MARTHA TODD CLARK, widow of JOHN CLARK; names of her parents not shown.

The research done by Attorney HORACE W. PALMER (who died 1954) is set out on page 118 as follows:

> "SYLVANUS prob left Greenwich about 1790, perhaps with his brother, SOLOMON PALMER; then going to Galway, Saratoga Co., N.Y. He was in 1800 census there with his wife and one dau under ten years. On 16 June 1806 he was deeded land in Amsterdam, <u>where he continued to live the rest of his life</u> as a farmer..... SYLVANUS and other members of his family are buried in the Dodds Cemetery near Amsterdam where the DODDS family lived. Children:
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> (1) BETSEY PALMER b 1800-1802.
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> (2) PHEBE L. PALMER b 1808, d _____; m. FENNER PALMER, son of JOHN and HANNAH (LAMB) PALMER of Ridgeway, Michigan, (but this was incorrect as her name was <u>NANCY</u> LAMB)

of the WALTER PALMER family of Stonington, Connecticut. They had four children: (See pp. 322-324 herein.)

i LEONIDAS PALMER.
ii ENOS PALMER.
iii ALBERT PALMER.
iv EMMA PALMER."

(3) SARAH W. PALMER b 5 June 1810, d 21 Mar 1895, m (1st) JACOB DODDS 3 May 1827 (b 27 Feb 1805, d 15 Apr 1830); m (2nd) JOHN DODDS (b 27 Nov 1810, d 5 May 1848);.....

(4) SYLVANUS WARD PALMER b 9 Oct 1815 Montgomery Co., N.Y. m MARTHA CLARK 2 Apr 1836 in Schenectady, N.Y. (b 18 Mar 1818 Montgomery Co.) dau of JOHN and MARTHA (TODD) CLARK. In 1843 SYLVANUS WARD moved to Sugar Grove, Kane Co.,Ill. Later in June 1863 moved to Linn Co., Iowa, where he lived out his life. He and his wife had seven children including one named CHARLES ASBERY PALMER b 5 Nov 1841 in Montgomery Co., N.Y. who married in Illinois 1863 CATHERINE ANN BALDWIN; they both died in Iowa. They had four sons including GEORGE BALDWIN PALMER b 2 Oct 1871, m 1901 MYRIAM CORKNER; GEORGE was a physician residing in Ft. Dodge, Iowa; he died 6 Jan 1947 in Rolfe. Pocahontas Co., Iowa, (p. 120).

HORACE PALMER's "source" for the information set out revealing that PHEBE L. PALMER married FENNER PALMER of Ridgeway, Michigan, is given as the above named GEORGE B. PALMER; the latter also furnished the information about SYLVANUS WARD PALMER, about CHARLES ASBERY PALMER and in 1948 his widow, MRS. GEORGE B.PALMER furnished the information about her husband inasmuch as he died 1947. Unfortunately there is no family record or other clue given by this "source" to help in the task of learning the veracity of the statement that PHEBE L. PALMER (dau of SYLVANUS) married FENNER PALMER of Ridgeway, Michigan, quite some distance from Amsterdam, New York.

There are several discrepancies in this which time does not permit the compiler to sort out although much time has already been put forth to this effort without success. An interested descendant in this line may in the future take up the search where it ends here and seek more information about the wife of the FENNER PALMER born 1818 in Walworth, N.Y. who was aged 30 in the 1850 Census Report and had a wife, PHEBE, a year younger than he was; therefore she would have been born during the period 1818-1820, <u>not in 1808</u> as given on page 118 of Palmer Families in America. Other discrepancies:

1. How and when did the PHEBE L. PALMER from Amsterdam, N.Y. meet the FENNER PALMER in way off Ridgeway, Michigan?
2. Why have early family records in Ridgeway given her name as PHEBE <u>BLOOMER</u>, later explaining that she was living with an Uncle by that name?
3. Correspondence with the Dodds Cemetery, Amsterdam, confirmed that her parents, SYLVANUS and HANNAH were buried there; the two PALMER genealogists indicate her parents settled in Mich.
4. The Death Certificate for LEONIDAS PALMER, oldest son of FENNER and PHEBE PALMER, contains information given by ARTHUR J.PALMER: "Mother: PHEBE BLOOMER; birthplace of mother: WISCONSIN!"
5. Why does the list of children for PHEBE L. PALMER (page 118)

not include as the first child the daughter, ANN PALMER who was born 1841 and lived out her life in Ridgeway where she died in 1918?

"Palmer MSS." (handwritten volumes), page 838 sets out the information from which the typescript copies were subsequently made; and in recording this family lists PHEBE L. PALMER, wife of FENNER, as the dau of SYLVANUS[5], JUSTUS[4], JOHN[3], EPHRAIM[2], WILLIAM[1] and explains the following:

> "The proof of this intermarriage is found in the records of a transfer of land near Amsterdam, New York in 1851 by MARTHA PALMER, widow of SYLVANUS PALMER, (joined by their signing the deed also) FENNER and wife, PHEBE L. of Ridgeway, Lenawee Co., Michigan, and SYLVANUS W. PALMER of Kaneville, Kane Co., Illinois. Said land being purchased by SYLVANUS PALMER, husband of MARTHA in 1806. There would be no other reason for FENNER PALMER to join in such a sale were he not the husband of PHEBE, daughter of SYLVANUS."

In conclusion it is noted that some descendants of this PALMER family did reach Lenawee County, Michigan, where FENNER PALMER, husband of PHEBE, resided in Ridgeway. One JUBA born ca 1799 to ZEPHANIAH PLATT PALMER of Dutchess County, N.Y., descendants of the SYLVANUS PALMER born 1745 and descended from EPHRAIM PALMER (3rd) b ca 1697 Greenwich, Conn. reached Lenawee County, Michigan in the early 1800's where all his children were born, (p. 33).

Although the history of HORACE WILBUR PALMER was not published (by his widow) until 1966 (as Volume One, "Palmer Families in America") it is difficult for this compiler to understand why research done by HORACE up to the time of his death in 1954 did not call attention to the inconsistencies set out on page 118 of that volume and the manuscripts being prepared by his office relating to FENNER PALMER of Ridgeway, son of JOHN C. and NANCY (not HANNAH) (LAMB) PALMER, the latter being descended from WALTER PALMER of Stonington. HORACE was not a descendant of WALTER PALMER but of Lieut. WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth, subject of this paper.

(Mrs. HORACE (NELLIE) PALMER informed the compiler in the 1970's that she donated some sixty copies of Volume One of her husband's line, i.e. Palmer Families in America re Lt. William Palmer, to numerous libraries and historical societies across the United States. Volume One is indexed and has 889 pages. In the settlement of the Estate of NELLIE MORSE PALMER, the collection of typescript manuscripts being the originals, were deposited with the Connecticut State Library at Hartford. The carbon copies of these typescript MSS. were donated to three libraries: 1) the New York City Library on 5th Avenue; 2) the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston; and 3) the Los Angeles City Library.)

WILLIAM PALMER OF NEWBURY, MASS. AND HAMPTON, N. H.

According to the combined fifty years of research into the PALMER Families in America of Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and his Associate, Attorney HORACE WILBUR PALMER, the following were the first of many with this surname to reach New England:

1st WILLIAM PALMER of Plymouth, Mass. (arrived 1621).
2nd WALTER PALMER of Stonington,Conn. (arrived 1628/29).
3rd WILLIAM PALMER of Newbury, Mass. (arrived by 1636).
4th WILLIAM PALMER of Yarmouth, Mass. (arrived by 1638).
5th WILLIAM PALMER of Wethersfield,Conn.arrived by 1638).
6th THOMAS PALMER of Rowley, Mass. (arrived by 1638).

This history is that of one of the very first to settle first at Newbury and thereafter help found Hampton, New Hampshire. From pages 3981-3986 of the "Palmer MSS." the following is copied:

Several early Newbury settlers arrived in Boston in May 1634 with the Rev. THOMAS PARKER and went to Ipswich, Mass. where they remained during the winter of 1634/35. Early in 1635 these people went further north to the Parker River in Newbury and settled along that river. On 3 June 1635 the ship 'James' arrived in Boston with ANTHONY MORSE and WILLIAM MORSE and other Newbury people. Many other new ones came to Newbury in 1635 and on 6 May that year the town was organized.

The General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on 6 May 1635 granted that 'Wessacucon is allowed by the Court to be a plantation ... and the name changed and hereafter to be called Newbury' (Mass. Bay Colony Rec., Vol. 7, p. 146). In Oct 1637 WILLIAM PALMER and HENRY PALMER were recorded among the inhabitants of Newbury, Mass. (HISTORY OF NEWBURY by CURRIER, p. 43).

On 3 Mar 1635/36 the General Court ordered that the name of Winnacumet be applied to that section now kmown as Hampton (Vol. 1, p. 5). On 2 Nov 1637 the General Court made a conditional grant of Winnacumet to the inhabitants of Newbury or 'any other plantation upon the Merrimac below the first falls' (Vol. 1, p. 246). On 4 Sept 1638 the General Court changed the name of Winnacunnet to Hampton (Vol. 1, p. 271). On 6 Sept 1638 a petition was presented to the General Court of the Mass. Bay Colony for the right to begin a plantation at Winnacumet and this petition was granted on 7 Oct 1636 and settlement was begun at once (Vol. 1, p. 236). Among the signers of this petition was WILLIAM PALMER.

The following men of Newbury were received as inhabitants of Hampton on 7 Oct 1638: RICHARD SINGLETERRY, WILLIAM PALMER, JOHN MOULTON, WILLIAM EASTON, THOMAS MOULTON, NICHOLAS BUSBE and ABRAHAM TOPPAN (Hampton T.R., Vol. 1, p. 1).

On 22 May 1639 the General Court granted to Hampton the right to choose a constable and other town officers and to send a deputy to the General Court (Vol. 1, p. 259). Hampton did choose town officers without delay and selected CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY, WILLIAM PALMER and RICHARD SWAINE as justices 'to end all business under 20 shillings for this year.'

From the "HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON, N.H." from its settlement in 1638 to the autumn of 1892 by JOSEPH DOW (1894) Vol. 1 the date of the first settlement of that town appears to have been 14 Oct 1638 and he writes some of the trials and tribulations of those first settlers (pp. 12-13):

> "During the next fall session of the General Court, the Indian name by which the town had hitherto been called, was exchanged for the one that it has ever since borne. The brief record of the act is in these words: 'Winnacunnet shalbee called Hampton.'... About the same time ... the right of disposing of and laying out of the land was vested in the town. The people were now in full possession of town powers and privileges.
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> "In looking back upon this portion of our history, through a period of two centuries and a half, and finding the plantation steadily advancing under prudent management, we are apt to lose sight of the difficulties which the people had to encounter. Of their toils and trials, their sufferings and sorrows, we can have but very inadequate conceptions. They were alone in the midst of an unbroken wilderness. The forest around them had never before echoed with the sound of the axe. No house was opened to afford them shelter, no friendly hand extended to give them aid. Their dependence, under God, was upon themselves alone. Their first labors were undoubtedly expended in constructing for themselves, from the trees of the surrounding forest, log-cabins in which they might repose their weary limbs at night and find shelter from the frosts and storms of autumn and approaching winter.
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> "In the prosecution of their labors, and in the endurance of hardships, the people appear to have been cheerful and happy. They felt that they had embarked in an important enterprise, and with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, they were confident of success. Hence they were not discouraged by the privations and difficulties incident to a new settlement. .....
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> "Why was the name Hampton given to this new settlement north of the Merrimac? ... The common name of Southampton (in England on the English Channel) in 1630 was Hampton. The 'South' is said to have been added at a comparatively late day to distinguish it from Hampton in Middlesex. ... The last settlement of Rev. STEPHEN BACHILER in England was at South Stoneham, at St. Mary's Church, a dependency of St. Mary's Church, Southampton and this close connection between South Stoneham and Southampton in England, probably accounted for the Rev. STEPHEN BACHILER selecting the name of Hampton for the new settlement in the New World of which he was to be the first pastor. "

On 31 Oct 1639 at the first town meeting of which there is any record surveyers were appointed to "measure, lay forth and bound all such lots as should be granted by the freemen." A vote was passed imposing a fine of 1s (one shilling) on each freeman, who,after due notice of any town meeting, should fail to be at the place designated, within half an hour after the time appointed. ... only those were freemen who were admitted such by the General Court and took the oath of allegiance. This custom prevailed until the second charter changed the colony to a province.

On 24 Dec 1639 the town of Hampton granted land to fifteen persons including WILLIAM PALMER who was granted 100 acres; a further grant of land was made in June 1640. He was made a freeman 13 March 1638/39. He died after 1650 (NEHGR Vol. 51:310, July 1897).

CHARLES HENRY POPE's "PIONEERS OF MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE 1623 to 1660" described our subject WILLIAM PALMER as a yeoman, an original Newbury proprietor and one of the first persons licensed by the General Court of Mass. to begin a plantation at Hampton; he was also a Commissioner "for minor trials; a lot layer." The names of his wife and his daughter and the names of two sons are set out, i.e.

> "WILLIAM PALMER contracted with the town in 1640 that his son STEPHEN PALMER should take care of the herd of calves. Son EDWARD PALMER had a land grant in 1641."
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> (P. 3982 "Palmer MSS." explains "this name of STEPHEN is probably an error in copying and should have been CHRISTOPHER, which name was often written on the early records as 'XOPHER'." The original book has been checked and it is clearly CHRISTOPHER PALMER.)
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> "WILLIAM PALMER m (2nd) GRACE, the widow of JOHN SHERMAN and also the widow of THOMAS ROGERS. She survived WILLIAM and married as her fourth husband ROGER PORTER of Watertown. She d 3 June 1662 aged about 70 years. Her Will made bequests to her daughters ELIZABETH (PALMER) wife of DANIEL SMITH, and MARTHA (PALMER) wife of JOHN SHERMAN, and their children, and to her brother, JOHN COOLIDGE. JOHN and MARTHA SHERMAN sold their share in his estate in 1661 to his youngest son, JOSEPH PALMER. (pp.153-154)."

However, according to JAMES SAVAGE's "DICTIONARY OF FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND" p. 343 his widow was not the mother of his children:

> "WILLIAM PALMER 1st at Watertown 1636, 2nd at Newbury 1637, owned land at Great Ormsby, County of Norfolk, England; was a freeman 13 Mar 1639; removed to Hampton, N.H. and had children by first wife:
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> (1) EDWARD PALMER.
> (2) CHRISTOPHER PALMER.
> (3) STEPHEN PALMER.
> (4) MARTHA PALMER who married Capt. JOHN SHERMAN of Watertown.
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> "For second wife he had GRACE, the widow of THOMAS ROGERS, who survived him and married ROGER PORTER. ... CHRISTOPHER, son of WILLIAM, married a dau of EDWARD HILTON."

The POPE history explains the transfer of land to the dau MARTHA (PALMER) SHERMAN in this way:

> "On 10 Mar 1645 WILLIAM PALMER conveyed to JOHN SHERMAN of Watertown, Mass. and MARTHA, his daughter, SHERMAN's wife, all his property in Hampton and Newbury in lieu of an inheritance in Great Ormesby, England, which belonged to her."

See also: THE SHERMAN FAMILY as an Allied Family herein.

Following is a copy of this Deed of 1645 signed by WILLIAM PALMER transferring land to his dau MARTHA and her husband JOHN SHERMAN:

"To all faithfull people in Christ unto whom these present may come know yea that I WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton in the County of Norfolk in New England yoeman for and in consideration of a release of a certain parcel of land lying in Great Ormsby in old England by my daughter MARTHA PALMER which is now the wife of JOHN SHERMAN of Watertown in the which land the said MARTHA PALMER had a peculiar right and interest to the value of one hundred and five pounds and for other good causes and considerations me reasonably moveing have given granted and confirmed and by these present do give grant and confirm unto the said JOHN SHERMAN and MARTHA his wife my dwelling house and the house lot with all the other ground which I have at newbery which is 20 acres or thereabout with all rights and priviledges to the same belonging and also my house lot with all that my ground lying or being in Hampton aforesaid there being 110 acres or thereabout of upland and meadow and marsh the most part of it already laid out as it is mentioned in the town books of Hampton aforesaid with all my commonage right and priviledges to the said ground belonging and also three cows and two yearling steere calves and one suckling calfe and all my household stuff my wearing clothes only excepted to have and to hold the said cattell houses ground and household stuff with all commonages rights priviledges and appurtanences and all other things except as is before excepted to the said JOHN SHERMAN and MARTHA his wife their executors and assignes to the sole and proper use behoof and benefit of the said JOHN SHERMAN and MARTHA his wife for ever without any lest denial or interriputon of me the said WILL: PALMER my executors or assignes or any other lawfully claiming by or under me the said WILLIAM PALMER of any part or parcell thereof in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Sat. the 10th day of the first month Anno 1645.

(Signed) WILLIAM PALMER

Read sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
TIMOTHY DALTON
WILLIAM HOWARD./

This deed was acknowledged before
me 12th day of March 1645.
SAMUEL SYMONDS./

Copied out of the records of
Ipswich for the County
of Essex
Before me JAMES CHOUTE/

The foregoing document was received by the compiler in February 1986 as she was preparing this particular write-up; note it has no punctuation or paragraphing; as was usual for those times, one document was handwritten with no sentence structure indicated. Also received by the compiler in February 1986 was a copy of what was said to be the Last Will and Testament of WILLIAM PALMER which is dated "this 18th of ye seventh month (Sept.) 1644," which will be hereinafter set out.

According to POPE's "PIONEERS OF MASS." (supra) WILLIAM PALMER was divorced by the General Court 19 Oct 1650 from his wife, ELINOR, who had married another man in England. (page 342).

NEHGR 69:342-345 (Oct 1915) contained an article by J. GARDNER BARTLETT, Esq., of Boston, Mass. entitled:

"EXTRACTS FROM A RENTAL OF THE MANOR OF ORMESBY, CO. NORFOLK, ENGLAND, 1610" which follows:

"Among the early settlers of New England before 1640 were several individuals including WILLIAM PALMER all of Hampton, N.H., RICHARD CARVER of Watertown, Mass. and JOHN and WILLIAM MARSTON of Salem, Mass. All these colonists were from Ormesby, co. Norfolk, England, and most of them sailed from Great Yarmouth, co.Norfolk, for New England in Apr 1637 (See HOTTEN's Original Lists,pp.291-2). Of the two parishes in Norfolk named Ormesby, Ormesby St. Margaret (with Scratby) lies on the coast of the North Sea, about five miles north from Great Yarmouth, and its parish registers prior to 1675 are lost; Ormesby St. Michael adjoins Ormesby St. Margaret on the west, and its registers date from 1568.

"In the Public Record Office in London there is preserved a rental of the Manor of Ormesby for the year 1610 (General Series of Rentals and Surveys, portfolio 12, no. 52), and set out below are extracts from this rental which contain every mention in the roll of any of the family names given above. (The items reproduced which pertained to the surname PALMER were)

"... for landes late ... under THO. PALM^{r} ... d.ob.ROB'TUS PALM^{r}.
"Of SIMON MERSTON for landes ....
"Of THOMs PALM^{r} for his p.. prise uppon Set' Margarets Greene...
"Of AMBROSE PALM^{r} for landes late ROB'T PILCHE...
"Of ROB'T PALM^{r} for di. ane acre of lande late JOHN HARTE ...
"Of ROB'T MERSTONE for the Guildhowse in Ormesbie ...
"WILL^{m} PALM^{r} for lands heretofore occupied by RICHARD BULWER gen and for other freehould landes late ROB'T CAPPES...
"WILL^{m} PALM^{r} gen. for one acre three roodes of land in his crofte late Ilberds whereof is reserved to the lord of this Manno^{r} yearelie rent..."

According to p. 3984 "Palmer MSS." "the records in the Archdeaconry Court of Norwich, Norfolk Co., England, show that on 28 July 1636, one WILLIAM PALMER of Ormesby St. Margaret was presented for not attending church and was cited to appear on Sept. 28 following. On his failure to appear he was excommunicated. He is not found later in the records at that place and there seems to be little doubt that he is identical with the emigrant WILLIAM PALMER of Newbury and Hampton. Furthermore, in PHILLIMORE's 'Norfolk Parish Registers, Marriages,' Vol. 3, p. 88 is the following marriage entry from the parish registers of Ranworth:

"WILLIAM PAULMER, p. Omesbye and MARY STAMFORTH 30 Jan. 1608. (1608/09)

"This record is undoubtedly the first marriage of WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton, N.H. and she would then be the mother of all of his children except JOSEPH. As to his birthdate we think he was born about 1585-1589. We do not know whether his wife, MARY, came to America with him but are inclined to believe that she did not and that the ANN PALMER who came in the ship 'Amite' was his second or subsequent wife. It is quite probable that WILLIAM came with the Newbury people who arrived on 3 June 1635 in the ship 'James,' or another ship following soon thereafter."

The "Palmer MSS." pp. 3983-3986 contain the following regarding the children of WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton, New Hampshire:

(1) MARTHA PALMER b ca 1618 in England, married JOHN SHERMAN of Watertown, Mass. and on 10 Mar 1645/46 her father deeded to his daughter, MARTHA and her husband, JOHN SHERMAN his dwelling and house lot and all other land in Newbury, Mass., of about 20 acres and also all of his house and lands in Hampton of 'about 110 acres of upground, meadow and marsh, most of it already laid out, as mentioned in the town books of Hampton, with all commonage,' etc. also 'three cowes, two yerlen steeres, calfes and one sucking calfe and all my household stuff, my wearing close only excepted,' in consideration of a release by his said daughter of a parcel of land in Great Ormsbye in old England in which she had an interest to the value of 105 pounds (Essex Co. Quarterly Court Rec. Vol. 2, p. 349). This deed was acknowledged by him on 12 Mar 1645/46.

(2) EDWARD PALMER bapt 29 Mar 1623 in England; emigrated to Mass. with his father and two younger brothers. As a teenager on 22 May 1639 he was fined five pounds by the General Court at Boston and censured to be set one hour in the stocks for extortion. This was remitted to ten shillings and he paid same at a Court of Elections at Boston on 13 May 1640 (Mass. Bay Rec. Vol. 1, pp. 260, 291). He was granted five acres in Hampton on the Exeter Road in 1641 (N.E. Vol. 67, p. 78). There is nofurther record of him.

(3) CHRISTOPHER PALMER b 1627 in England.

(4) ROBERT PALMER b ca 1629/30 in England ("There is no further record of him in New England and it is not certain that he was a son...")

(5) JOSEPH PALMER b 1644 by the 2nd wife in America.

The Dow History of Hampton (pp. 20-21) explains the extent the pioneers were forced to undertake to preserve their cattle, of which in a few years they had 450 head. "For means of wintering so large a stock, they were much indebted to their extensive salt marshes. In summer they had no lack of pasturage. They had thus far enclosed but few, if any, pastures and were consequently liable to lose their cattle in the swamps and forests and to have their sheep destroyed by wolves and other wild beasts that prowled the woods. ... the town authorities appointed shepherds and herdsmen to whom was committed the care of the flocks and herds. The first herdsman was MOSES COXE appointed in the spring of 1640 and in full compensation for his services for the season he was to receive 20 pounds to be paid in three instalments. On 4 May the same year by an agreement made with WILLIAM PALMER, the care of the calves was committed to his son, CHRISTOPHER PALMER, a young man then in his minority. ... the engagement was renewed for the next year also. He 'shall keepe the calves every working day & every 4th Lord's day, 20 weeks from the tenth of this moneth.' Thus CHRISTOPHER PALMER was required to spend but one Sabbath in four in taking care of the calves."

Following the granting of acres of land to the original number (which included WILLIAM PALMER), in June 1640 grants were made to other individuals also, some of these being of special interest to this history as they too are the subject of an allied family write-up herein:

AQUILA CHASE THOMAS CHASE and FRANCIS PEABODY

On 23 Feb 1645 a List of the Shares of the Common was compiled which revealed WILLIAM PALMER and FFRAN PEABODY both had three shares while ACQUIL. CHASE had one share. Of the 147 shares provided, eleven were retained by the town. On 4 May 1644 WILLIAM PALMER and two others were chosen "wood reeves" to protect the forests. Even though he had removed from Newbury to Hampton WILLIAM PALMER was still considered a "freeholder" of Newbury (T.R. Vol. 1, p. 26).

Almost twenty years later in 1663 when it was "ordered and agreed that a tract of land in the western portion of the township should be surveyed and laid out to contain several thousand acres" seven men were appointed for this purpose including CHRISTOPHER PALMER, (p. 65 Hampton History).

The compiler had noted the discrepancy in the American histories and the "Palmer MSS." as to the name of the widow of WILLIAM PALMER, the local histories all seem to agree his widow was one GRACE PALMER (pp.899-900) Dow's History:

"He was married and had children before he came to this country. He married second GRACE ROGERS, widow of THOMAS ROGERS, who had died in Watertown about the date of the beginning of the plantation at Winnacunnet; and after WILLIAM PALMER's death, she returned to Watertown and married, third, ROGER PORTER. His children born in England:

(1) MARTHA PALMER who m Capt. JOHN+SHERMAN of Watertown.
(2) EDWARD PALMER had land granted to him by the town in 1641.
(3) CHRISTOPHER PALMER b ca 1626; m SUSANNA HILTON, 7 Nov 1650; dau of EDWARD HILTON; res Hampton; he d 30 June 1699; 1 son.
(4) JOSEPH PALMER who m. DEBORAH BATCHELDER, (This child was born in the new world by the second wife.) 25 Jan 1677; she was dau of NATHANIEL BATCHELDER; they lived on the homestead. He had four sons and four daughters."

The references contained on pp. 3983-3984 of the "Palmer MSS." to WILLIAM PALMER having a wife believed to have been ANN PALMER are not sufficiently explained inasmuch as both that ANN and the widow, GRACE ROGERS PALMER, outlived him so both could not have been his widow. The author of the "Palmer MSS." explains his research regarding ANN PALMER in this way: "CHRISTOPHER PALMER on behalf of ANN PALMER, widow of WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton, conveyed by deed house and lands which belonged to WILLIAM PALMER, in Newbury to WILLIAM SAWYER, and FRANCIS PLUMMER of Newbury gave his consent under date of 6 Oct 1647, as her husband. WILLIAM PALMER died between 12 Mar 1645/46 and 31 Mar 1647, the date that ANN PALMER married FRANCIS PLUMMER. ... ANN PALMER widow, married FRANCIS PLUMMER 31 Mar 1647 (Newbury VR). She d there as his wife 18 Oct 1665."

In an article entitled "ANCESTRY OF REV. JOHN SHERMAN and CAPT. JOHN SHERMAN" in NEHGR 51:309-314 appears the following: (July 1897)

"Re (the parentage of) CAPT. JOHN SHERMAN, Watertown, freeman, 17 May 1637.... the son of JOHN SHERMAN ... and of GRACE MAKIN, dau of TOBIAS MAKIN of Fingrinhoe, Co.Essex, Eng. ...

"THOMAS ROGERS married the widow whose former husband was named SHERMAN by whom she had had two children, JOHN and RICHARD SHERMAN. THOMAS ROGERS had one child by this widow SHERMAN, a dau ELIZABETH who married DANIEL SMITH.

"After the death of THOMAS ROGERS, his widow, GRACE SHERMAN ROGERS married for her third husband WILLIAM PALMER, a widower. PALMER's daughter, MARTHA, by a former wife, had married Capt. JOHN SHERMAN. ...

"WILLIAM PALMER died after 1650 for in that year he agreed to release to his son-in-law JOHN SHERMAN, land in Great Ormsby, Co.Norfolk, England. It is supposed he came from that place. His widow GRACE SHERMAN ROGERS PALMER married for her fourth husband ROGER PORTER, widower, who died 3 Apr 1654, aged 71 years.

"GRACE PORTER died in Watertown leaving a Will proved 17 June 1662. ... by which she gives nothing to the children of WILLIAM PALMER or ROGER PORTER but only to children of her blood...

The last item above would indicate that GRACE had had children only by her first husband, JOHN SHERMAN (two sons: JOHN and RICHARD) and by her second husband THOMAS ROGERS (a dau, ELIZABETH ROGERS) and that she was not, therefore, the mother of the son born in this country to a wife of this WILLIAM PALMER named JOSEPH PALMER; otherwise, GRACE would also have remembered and named JOSEPH in her Will. She did leave bequests to her grandchildren surnamed SHERMAN, who were the children of MARTHA (PALMER) SHERMAN and Captain JOHN SHERMAN, including one named JOSEPH SHERMAN. (See pp. 314-315 for Will of GRACE PORTER.)

Our subject, WILLIAM PALMER, must have had a wife other than this GRACE (SHERMAN) ROGERS who was the mother of his son, JOSEPH, born in this country, who married 25 Jan 1677 DEBORAH BATCHELDER, dau of NATHANIEL, who had four sons and four daughters during the period 1677-1700. JOSEPH had named three sons for his father (WILLIAM) and his two brothers, EDWARD and CHRISTOPHER. He did not name a dau GRACE which he might have done had she been his mother. (See p. 900 "History of Hampton" by Dow.)

On 25 Feb 1986 the compiler also received the following copy of what is said to be the Last Will and Testament of WILLIAM PALMER which he signed by using his mark on 18 Sept 1644 and in which he clearly names his wife as ANN:

"The day of death being certain and the time when uncertain and both Religious and human policy (?) call all men before death to dispose of their estate and I being in perfect understanding do thus dispose of my outward estate.

"First I will and bequeath to my wife all that her former husband gave her by his Will as it is found at my decease Secondly I give and bequeath to ANN my wife for the term of her life my house and half my twenty acres of land at my house by equal division and five acres of salt marsh and five acres of my fresh marsh and to have twenty

bushels of indian corn and my warmingpan and the best cushshing and two sows and have half (the use of) my barn during her life and one cow which she will Secondly I bequeath to my son JOSEPH my house and land at Newbury Thirdly I will and bequeath to my son CHRISTOPHER all my housing and land in Hampton not already bequeathed and after my wifes decease a full enjoyment of all my housing and land in Hampton to him and his heirs for ever and I will that if I and my wife die before my son JOSEPH be fourteen years of age that son CHRISTOPHER shall pay to JOSEPH till he come to the age aforesaid forty shillings by the year also my will is that my daughter MARTHA shall have ten pounds by the year for two years after my decease to be paid out of my estate further my will is that my daughter MARY shall have twenty pounds paid to her when she shall be at the age of twenty one years to be paid to her out of my estate. also I will and bequeath to my daughter MARY half my pewter and my featherbed upon the chamber as it is and also her mothers best goune and my will is that my wife shall keep in repair the housing she have for her life and I make my son CHRISTOPHER executor of this my last will

This eighteen of ye seventh
month 1644 WILLIAM PALMER
Witness to this my last will his mark
TIMOTHY DALTON SENIOR

The foregoing copy of what purports to be the last will and testament of WILLIAM PALMER is significant for the following reasons:

(1) The name of his wife (widow) is ANN PALMER.
(2) The name of his two sons are JOSEPH and CHRISTOPHER. (There is no mention of a son EDWARD).
(3) He names <u>two</u> daughters, MARTHA and MARY! which seems to be the first time MARY's name has appeared as a dau.
(4) His wife, ANN PALMER, had had a previous husband.
(5) The naming of his wife as ANN corroborates the research of DR. BYRON SMITH PALMER (and his Associate, HORACE WILBUR PALMER) (p. 3983 "PALMER MSS.")

The "Palmer MSS." have no reference to WILLIAM PALMER having been married to one GRACE (SHERMAN) ROGERS, whose son, Captain JOHN SHERMAN, had previously married MARTHA PALMER, dau of WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton and previously of Newbury. The brief sketch these manuscripts contain about the dau, MARTHA PALMER, contain only the following:

"After her husband's death,MARTHA married as her second husband one BOWMAN and MARTHA BOWMAN gave a bond on 20 Aug 1694 as widow of JOHN SHERMAN. GRACE SHERMAN, the mother of Capt. JOHN SHERMAN, married 2nd THOMAS ROGERS in England and had a dau, ELIZABETH, and she married 3rd ROGER PORTER."

Here again there is no mention of GRACE SHERMAN ROGERS having married WILLIAM PALMER. (See also pp. 849, 844 herein.)

THE FRANCIS PEABODY FAMILY

The spelling of this surname had several variations in early days in England, the oldest and most prevalent being PAYBODY -- two common words. It has been suggested they point back to a man or succession of men in the fourteenth century who paid the servants, creditors and employees of barons, manufacturers or public officials; thus they were a paymaster; "body" meant a person or individual; a pay-body. If such be its origin, the name would be a memorial of ability and trustworthiness. The spelling PEABODY which prevails in America was not found once in a hundred cases in early English records. The first record found in England was in the Will of one JOHN PAYBODY whose Will was dated 1520 and thereafter several Wills are of record with that surname.

The family appears first in Leicestershire in the area of Lutterworth, famous as the residence and burial place of the reformer, JOHN WYCLIFFE and undoubtedly his influence fostered the Puritan-pilgrimage thinking of many residents of that area during that period. The most common variations found were also PABODY and PABODIE and all were used in the parish records and variations at times noted in the same document.

According to the "PEABODY GENEALOGY" (1909) compiled by SELIM HOBART PEABODY, LL.D., edited by CHARLES HENRY POPE a search was commenced about 1860 by GEORGE PEABODY of London who made every effort to discover the origin of his family: (page vii)

> "What he found was noted and his manuscripts came to the Mass. Hist. Soc. which loaned them to the N.E. Historic-Genealogical Soc. The latter permitted Dr. SELIM PEABODY to study these notes ..... and in the summer of 1909 the search was carried to London and included examination of documents at Somerset House, in the Public Record Office and the British Museum... particularly viewing documents of Leicestershire which is believed to be the ancient home of this family, going through the transcripts of ancient parish records,etc."

One group of this family settled early in Rhode Island and a "GENEALOGY OF THE PEABODY FAMILY" (1867) by B. FRANK PABODIE of Providence lists the homeland of Lieut. FRANCIS PEABODY (listed as First Generation) as the village of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England. The father, JOHN PAYBODY "is the progenitor of all of that name in this country, is supposed to have emigrated to New England in or near the year 1635 ... probably did not come in the same vessel with his son, FRANCIS, but at some other time and most likely with his youngest son, WILLIAM as we find them named together in the list of the original proprietors of Plymouth. ... He died about 1666." WILLIAM PAYBODY born in England ca 1619-1620, married 26 Dec 1644 ELIZABETH ALDEN (b 1624/25, d 31 May 1717) the third child and eldest dau of JOHN ALDEN and PRISCILLA (MULLINS) ALDEN. "ELIZABETH is said to have been the first female child born after the landing of the Pilgrims. She died 17 June 1717, aged 93 years."

(1) JOHN PAYBODY was born in England ca 1590, m ISABEL _____, who survived him; three sons and one dau; date of death unknown.

His Will was made 16 July 1649 in which he is listed as "JOHN PAYBODY of Duxbrook in the Colony of New Plymouth" and his name appeared in the list of freemen of the colony dated 7 Mar 1636/37. His four children were all born in England. He received a grant of ten acres of land 1 Jan 1637/38 on Duxburrow side; another tract was granted him 2 Nov 1640 of thirty acres with "a meadow to it" at North River. He was a member of the jury which convicted three young Englishmen of the murder of an Indian 4 Sept 1638 and of the "Grand Inquest" at the court 4 June 1639; he was one of the sureties on a neighbor's bond 4 June 1645. The only other record pertaining to him is his Will which is brief in which he names his three sons in the order of their birth and his dau and leaves each of them one shilling; and bequeaths "unto JOHN PAYBODY the son of WILLIAM my lott of Land att the new plantation", and "unto JOHN ROUSE the son of JOHN ROUSE (probably the son of his dau ANNIS who had married JOHN ROUSE, SR.) my lands at Carswell in Marshfield" and "all the rest of my goods that are mine ... unto my wife, ISABELL PAYBODY... my sole executrix."

The grandson, JOHN PAYBODY had been born 4 Oct 1645, the first child of WILLIAM and his wife, ELIZABETH (ALDEN) and he was followed by six sisters! In Nov 1669 he was accidentally killed "his horse carryed him underneath the bow of a young tree and violently forcing his head into the body thereof, broke his skull."

There has been found no record of the son THOMAS and he may not have emigrated with the family; the Will mentioned these three sons:

"I give and bequeath unto THOMAS my eldest sonne one shilling.
"I give and bequeath unto FFRANCIS PAYBODY my second son ...
"I give and bequeath unto WILLIAM PAYBODY my youngest son..."

The children of JOHN PAYBODY and his wife, ISABEL PAYBODY:

(1) THOMAS PAYBODY b_____ England.

2. (2) FRANCIS PAYBODY b 1614 St. Albans, Hertfordshire, Eng. married (1st) LIDIA (LYDIA) _____ ca 1639/40; they had at least five children; prob. she died 1648. He married (2nd) 1650 MARY FOSTER, (daughter of REGINALD FOSTER of Ipswich, Mass.)mother of the other children.

(3) WILLIAM PAYBODY b England ca 1619/20, m 26 Dec 1644 ELIZABETH ALDEN, dau of JOHN and PRISCILLA (MULLINS) ALDEN.

(4) ANNIS PAYBODY who m JOHN ROUSE ca 1639 (also JOHN ROWE) of Marshfield. He d 16 Dec 1684; she d ca 1688; they had three sons and three daughters.

FRANCIS PEABODY[2] has his name enrolled in a copy of the certificate dated 2 Apr 1635 found in the Augmentation Office in Rolls Court, Westminster Hall, London, and published in the 'Gleanings for New England History," in Mass. Hist. Coll., 3d series, Vol. V111, p. 253. He is there called "Husbandman, 21 years of age." The notation follows:

"Theis underwritten names are to be transported to New England imbarqued in the 'Planter,' NICHOLAS TRARICE, Master, bound thither. The parties have brought certificate from the minister of Great St. Albans, Hertfordshire,and attestacons from Justices of Peace..."

CHARLES BANKS' "PLANTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH" (pp. 140-143) records the departure from London of this ship "Planter" about 10 April arriving Boston 7 June 1635 with the bulk of the passengers certified from St. Albans, Herts. and including the passenger: FRANCIS PEABODY, age 21 years, husbandman, bound for Ipswich where he first appears in records in this country.

In the summer of 1638 FRANCIS PEABODY became one of the original settlers of Hampton, old Norfolk County, New Hampshire where he accompanied the Rev. STEPHEN BACHILOR and twelve others and where he resided for several years. (See pp. 821, 826 herein.) This group included WILLIAM PALMER formerly of Newbury, Massachusetts (see p. 820 herein), and AQUILA CHASE (see p. 672 herein).

FRANCIS PEABODY was admitted a freeman in 1642 at Hampton and in 1644 he was appointed with two others of Hampton to see to finishing the meeting house. On 23 Feb 1646 the commons were divided into 147 shares, three shares were granted to "ffran: PEABODY." (During the early period when there was no capital letter "F" the double "ff" was used to indicate the capital letter "F".) In the dividion of the meadow, near the beach, three acres from "wast ground by the beach" westward to the river were allotted to "ffrances Pebodye of Hampton."

The 1909 PEABODY GENEALOGY (pages 8-9) indicates FRANCIS PEABODY must have been married twice, quoting an entry in the oldest book of records of Ipswich Court under date of 4 Nov 1645 "EUNICE COLE is to sit in the stocks at Hampton and to make acknowledgement of her slanderous speeches concerning SUSAN PARKINGS & LIDIA PEBODYE ... (EUNICE COLE's subsequent history down to her witchcraft trials and imprisonment are noted elsewhere.)" At that time it was noted the wife of FRANCIS PEABODY is given as LYDIA "as the historian of Hampton gives it in his genealogies," and this historian also adds a statement that "the child of FRANCIS PEABODY, LYDIA by name, was baptized at Hampton 30 Aug 1640." The Genealogy has no further information about this first wife, LYDIA, PEABODY. Some time after 1649 FRANCIS PEABODY, a widower, married one MARY "who was the mother of at least half of the fourteen children of this pioneer." In the 30 April 1680 Will of REGINALD FOSTER of Ipswich, she is referred to as "my daughter MARY, wife of ffrancis Paybody." The Will of FRANCIS PEABODY names his wife as MARY; it was proved 7 Aug 1698 indicating he died at age 85 years.

The children of FRANCIS PEABODY probably born by the first wife (before 1649) were:

(1) LYDIA PEABODY bapt 30 Aug 1640, m 8 July 1667 THOMAS PERLEY.
(2) JOHN PEABODY (2nd) b ca 1642; deposed 29 Nov 1674, aged about 32.
(3) JOSEPH PEABODY b ca 1644; deposed 10 Mar 1675, aged about 30.
(4) WILLIAM PEABODY b ca 1646.
(5) ISAAC PEABODY b ca 1648.

Children of FRANCIS and MARY (FOSTER) PEABODY, born Hampton:

(6) SARAH PEABODY b ca 1650, m at Ipswich 26 Mar 1678

ABRAHAM HOW. Her son, SAMSON HOW, mentioned in her father's Will.

(7) HEPSIBAH PEABODY b ca 1652, m 10 Apr 1678 DANIEL REA (RAY) of Salem Village (Danvers).

3. (8) MARY PEABODY b ca 1656, m (1st) the emigrant, JOHN DEATH (3rd) of Topsfield, Mass., son of ABIGAIL and JOHN DEATH, JR. (See page 702-703 Allied Families herein, D'AETH FAMILY.) They married ca 1669 when she may have been but 13 years of age! His date of death is unknown but his widow apparently married (2nd) SAMUEL EAMES. The D'AETH Genealogy gives this same name of SAMUEL EAMES as the husband of MARY DEATH, sister of JOHN DEATH (3rd). List of children of MARY (PEABODY) and husband JOHN DEATH is found on page 703 herein.

(9) RUTH PEABODY b 22 May 1658; not mentioned in father's Will.

(10) DAMARIS PEABODY b 21 June, 1660, d 19 Dec 1660.

(11) SAMUEL PEABODY b 4 June 1662, d 13 Sept 1667.

(12) JACOB PEABODY b 28 July 1664; had several children.

(13) HANNAH PEABODY b 8May 1668, m DANIEL ANDREWS.

(14) NATHANIEL PEABODY b 20 July 1669, m FRANCES _____; he died in 1715 leaving no children; his widow m (2nd) 10 May 1716 SAMUEL SHACKFORD of Portsmouth, N.H.

The lists of his children are at some variance in different published works in this country. NEHGR (1848) Vol. 2:153-155 has an article by C. M. ENDICOTT, Esq., of Salem entitled "THE PEABODY FAMILY" which lists the first child for FRANCIS PEABODY as JOHN born in 1642; the birth of a dau named LYDIA in 1640 is not included although a dau so named born 1654 is included on page 155 indicating she married JACOB PERLEY. This article lists the following of his children who predeceased him: RUTH, DAMARIS, SAMUEL and HANNAH PEABODY; another list of children has the oldest child as LYDIA PEABODY bapt 1640 who married THOMAS PERLEY.

The ENDICOTT article explains FRANCIS PEABODY was in Topsfield in Essex County in the 1650's where he was one of the most prominent men in that town both for property and enterprise--was a large landholder in Topsfield, Boxford and Rowley. "He married MARY FOSTER and lived to an advanced age, died 19 Feb 1697/98. His widow died 9 Apr 1705. Among his descendants have been men eminent for piety and distinguished for patriotism, literature and science. His wife's family, REGINALD FOSTER or FORSTER, is honorably mentioned in the 'Lay of the Last Minstrel,' and in 'Marmion'." The FOSTER family resided in Ipswich.

When FRANCIS PEABODY first arrived in this country he had settled for a time first at Ipswich in Essex County, Mass., before removing to Hampton, N.H. About 1650, having become a widower with five small children, he sold his Hampton property to ROBERT DRAKE for £76 13s and settled in Topsfield, Mass. a village near Ipswich where he had first resided. In the latter spot he was a selectman, a lieutenant of the local military company and a member of the church.

The last will and testament of FRANCIS PEABODY is believed to have been written by his pastor, Rev. JOSEPH CAPEN, who also served as

one of the witnesses. A facsimile of his Will and also a plain print copy thereof are contained in the SELIM H. PEABODY Genealogy (pp. 11-16) and in contrast to that of his father's, FRANCIS' Will is very lengthy. The inventory attached at the end of page 16 indicates he had become a rather wealthy man for those days with a total sum of £1327 which included the numerous pieces of land which he bequeathed to designated individuals. In the Will his name is spelled PEBODY and he signed it in his own handwriting (without making his mark) with a very distinctive signature although the signature appears to be spelled PABODY. In his Will he explains he has given more to his son, ISAAC "on consideration (of) ye providence of God disinabling him by ye loss of one of his Leggs," and providing for his grandchild, JACOB PEBODY (ye son of my son, JACOB PEBODY, deceased) by giving him "ye house which his father dwelt in together with all ye upland on ye side of ye brook (which) is on ... North side of ye aforesaid brook, also all ye meadow on ye same side of ye brook..." Thus there were at least five of FRANCIS' children who predeceased him whereas the ENDICOTT article in NEHGR named but four.

FRANCIS made very thoughtful and extensive provision for his wife, MARY, in his Will and "ordained my wife, MARY, to be an executrix together with my son JOHN PEBODY & ISAAC PEBODY as executors of this my last will & testament." However, he also provided that "in Case my wife shall marry again ... then all y^{e} privileges abovesaid shall cease ... Also I do order y^{e} SAMSON HOW (a grandson being son of his dau SARAH and ABRAHAM HOW) shall live with my wife till he shall come to y^{e} age of twenty one years & be at her Command to be helpfull to her on all accounts as she shall have occasion..."

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"Though the Pilgrims reached out into distant parts of New England and established trading posts as far and wide, from upper Maine to the Connecticut River, they made no attempt during the 1620's to establish any permanent settlements. .... The Puritans, on the other hand, soon had a number of flourishing towns--Salem, Charlestown, Boston, New Towne (Cambridge), Watertown, Lynn, Roxbury and Dorchester. Within two years the Mass. Bay Company had attracted several thousand settlers, six times as many as the Old (Plymouth) Colony, which had been too few in number and too poor to spread out from Plymouth and attempt any colonization.

"The presence (1628-1630) of the larger population to the north profoundly and permanently altered the Pilgrims' primitive economy. .... The rapidly growing Puritan settlements wanted and had the means to buy everything the Pilgrims could produce. .... Milk goats brought £4 a head, calves £10, while beef cattle brought as much as £28 ($1400.) a head. .....

"Captain Miles Standish prospered in the New World, leaving an estate of £258 ($13,000.) which was large for the time. ..."

("Saints and Strangers" by George F. Willison, pp. 312-313, 336, published 1945.)

(The foregoing comparison of the English pound to the dollar at that time differs considerably from the English pound today which is nearer $1.50 to the pound.)

THE THREE RICHARDSON BROTHERS: EZEKIEL, SAMUEL and THOMAS

This surname was originally adopted from the first name of someone named RICHARD by merely adding "SON" -- or "RICHARD's SON." It was a favorite name among the Normans, and the surname RICHARDSON unquestionably originated with them. It is found among no other people. This group made themselves masters of a large part of France in the ninth century which they called Normandy; they were governed by a succession of dukes who bore the name of RICHARD. After the conquest of England by the Normans, several kings of that country bore that first name, one of the most famous being RICHARD the LION-HEARTED. The name was prominent in every area of England as well as in Wales, Scotland and Ireland, (JOHN ADAMS VINTON's "RICHARDSON MEMORIAL" 1876).

The author VINTON was convinced that the first of this name in America was EZEKIEL who arrived 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet; during the years 1635/36 in addition to the arrival of his two younger brothers, SAMUEL and THOMAS, several with this surname reached America including at least five bound for Virginia.

The three brothers were the sons of THOMAS RICHARDSON[1] (born Standon, Hertfordshire, England ca 1570) and his wife, KATHERINE DUXFORD who married 24 Aug 1590 (b ca 1570 Westmill, Herts., d 10 Mar 1631/2 at Westmill), dau of SAMUEL and LILLIAN DUXFORD of Littlebury, county of Essex, England. THOMAS, SR. died 1 (or 8) Jan 1633. However, according to the "DUXFORD ANCESTRY OF THE RICHARDS AND WYMANS" KATHERINE RICHARDSON was the dau of one RICHARD DUXFORD of Westmill whose Will dated 23 Mar 1618 gave "to daughter, KATHERINE RICHARDSON, a tenement called 'Barwicke' where she was dwelling, a feather bed and bolster. ..." THOMAS and KATHERINE RICHARDSON (SR.) had seven children including the three sons who emigrated to America:

(1) EZEKIEL RICHARDSON b ca 1602, m SUSANNA _____, d 1647.
(2) SAMUEL RICHARDSON b ca 1604, m JOANNA ca 1635, d 1658.
2. (3) THOMAS RICHARDSON b ca 1608 m MARY _____ d 1651.

EZEKIEL RICHARDSON, one of the first settlers at Charlestown, Massachusetts, along with the subject of this volume, WALTER PALMER, and his wife, SUSANNA RICHARDSON were members of the church gathered at Charlestown 27 Aug 1630 which afterwards became First Church of Boston; thereafter both of them were dismissed from it with 33 others to form First Church in Charlestown on 14 Oct 1632.

EZEKIEL was representative to the General Court from Charlestown Sept 1635 and was one of the first of eleven selectmen along with WALTER and ABRAHAM PALMER chosen at Charlestown; he became a freeman the same date with the two PALMERs 18 May 1631.

By 1635 his two younger brothers, SAMUEL and THOMAS, had arrived "bound for Charlestown" and settled there (CHARLES BANKS' "TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY" page 72). All three brothers were said to be from "Westmill,

Hertfordshire, England. The first notice of record of THOMAS RICHARDSON is dated 21 Feb 1635/36 "when MARY, the wife of THOMAS RICHARDSON, united with the church at Charlestown, and he and his brother, SAMUEL, were admitted to membership 18 Feb 1637/38, in consequence whereof they were admitted freemen of the colony 2 May 1638." It is believed the two younger brothers, like the oldest one, had married just prior to their departure from England. The names of THOMAS and SAMUEL are found on Charlestown Town Records for the first time in 1637 when to each of them the town granted a house-plot clearly indicating that they had recently become citizens of the place. The same year their names are for the first time found on the records as citizens of Charlestown.

EZEKIEL served as a selectmen again in 1637, 1638 and 1639. In 1637 a lot of land was granted to him on "Misticke Side"(later called Malden) and also to each of his brothers. On 13 May 1640 EZEKIEL was appointed to appraise all livestock, etc. along with WALTER PALMER and a third individual.

In May 1640 the town of Charlestown petitioned the General Court for an enlargement of the territory which was granted, and an addition made of two miles square, soon increased to four miles square. By 5 Nov 1640 the church of Charlestown chose seven men including the three RICHARDSON brothers, as commissioners or agents, for the erection of a new church and a new town upon the land thus granted to be entirely distinct and separate from the town of Charlestown. The erection of log houses was undertaken during 1641 at and near the center of the new village which at its incorporation in Sept 1642 received the name of Woburn from Woburn in Hertfordshire, England. When a new church was to be formed, it was the practice to designate seven men of eminent piety and sound judgment to be the "seven pillars" of the new structure as they were called in allusion to Proverbs 9:1. They were to constitute the nucleus of the church ...

The church in Woburn was constituted 14 Aug 1642 and the seven men stood forth, one by one, and declared their religious faith and Christian experience. They were responsible for deciding on which other individuals should be admitted as members. It was also their duty to lay out the new town to be formed in connection with this church and make all needful arrangements for this purpose. The fact that the three RICHARDSON brothers were appointed on so important a service is conclusive proof of their general excellence of character and of the confidence reposed in their wisdom and integrity (page 34). The first settlers of Woburn by 1642 did not exceed thirty heads of families. After the RICHARDSON brothers removed to Woburn they lived near each other on the same street which, from its having been their residence and that of many of their posterity, has been known from time immemorial as "Richardsons' Row," which was located in the present town of Winchester (1876) a little north and east of the village.

On 13 Apr 1644 was held the meeting for the first election of town officers for the new town of Woburn and EZEKIEL RICHARDSON was chosen a selectman and continued to be so chosen in 1645-1647; he also was appointed along with two others "to end small causes under twenty shillings at

Woburn and so continued till death." EZEKIEL was among the group of five appointed a committee to lay out a road from Cambridge to Woburn. He died at Woburn 21 Oct 1647 and all his children were minors at that time; he was only in his mid-40's when he died. His Will was dated 20 July 1647 proved 1 June 1648 in which his wife, SUSANNA, and eldest son, THEOPHILUS, were joint executors. His Will included the phrase: "I doe frelie fforgive and discharge whatsoever accounts and demands have been between my Brother SAMUEL RICHARDSON and myself. Item I give unto my brother THOMAS RICHARDSON, his son THOMAS, ten shillings to be paide within one year after my decease." His widow married (2nd) HENRY BROOKS of Woburn who had had children by a former wife; SUSANNA (RICHARDSON) BROOKS died 15 Sept 1681 and her husband HENRY BROOKS died 12 Apr 1683. The Will of EZEKIEL clearly establishes the relationship of SAMUEL and THOMAS as his brothers.

EZEKIEL and SUSANNA RICHARDSON had the following children, the first six born before their removal from Charlestown to Woburn:

PHEBE RICHARDSON bapt Boston Church 3 June 1632, m HENRY BALDWIN.
THEOPHILUS RICHARDSON bapt Charlestown Church 22 Dec 1633, m MARY CHAMPNEY.
JOSIAH RICHARDSON bapt Charlestown Church 7 Nov 1635, m REMEMBRANCE UNDERWOOD.
JOHN RICHARDSON bapt Charlestown Church 21 July 1638, d 7 Jan 1642.
JONATHAN RICHARDSON bapt Charlestown Church 15 Feb 1639/40; d.y.
JAMES RICHARDSON bapt Charlestown Church 11 July 1641, m BRIDGET HENCHMAN.
RUTH RICHARDSON bapt Woburn Church 23 Aug 1643, d 7 Sept 1643.

See also pp. 14, 17 and 21 herein wherein the name of EZEKIEL RICHARDSON is included with that of WALTER PALMER both being among the prominent first citizens of Charlestown.

THOMAS RICHARDSON died in Woburn 28 Aug 1651 also in his mid-40's leaving seven minor children. There is no Will of his on record. An inventory of his estate found in the Middlesex Registry of Probate is dated 22 Sept 1651 and signed by his brother, SAMUEL, and three other men of the town. The total appraisal for his personal and farm items and cattle was £133. 13 3 and he also "died possessed of one dwelling house barn and 100 acres of land situate in the town of Woburn of which 25 acres are plowed land, and ten of meadow." Real estate was valued at £80.

THOMAS' widow, MARY,married(2nd) 26 Oct 1655 MICHAEL BACON, SR., an emigrant from Ireland and one of the original inhabitants of Woburn whose first wife (also MARY) had died 26 Aug 1655. MARY (RICHARDSON) BACON died 19 May 1670 and BACON married (3rd) another MARY 28 Nov 1670, MARY NOYES. He died 4 July 1688. His only son, MICHAEL BACON, JR., married 22 Mar 1660 SARAH RICHARDSON, his step-sister, dau of THOMAS and MARY RICHARDSON.

THOMAS and MARY RICHARDSON had the following children born in Charlestown:

(1) MARY RICHARDSON bapt 17 Nov 1638, m 15 May 1655 JOHN BALDWIN of Billerica, who may have been brother of HENRY BALDWIN of

Woburn, husband of EZEKIEL RICHARDSON's dau, PHEBE.

(2) SARAH RICHARDSON bapt 22 Nov 1640, m 22 Mar 1660 her step-brother, MICHAEL BACON, JR., only son of MICHAEL BACON, SR.

Children born in Woburn:

(3) ISAAC RICHARDSON b 14 May 1643, m 19 June 1667 DEBORAH FULLER (b Woburn 12 May 1650) dau of Lieut. THOMAS and ELIZABETH (TIDD) FULLER; he d Woburn 2 Apr 1689, aged nearly 46 years; ten children.

(4) THOMAS RICHARDSON, III, b 4 Oct 1645, m (1st) MARY STIMPSON in Cambridge 5 Jan 1669/70 (may have been STEVENSON). They had nine children; she d 7 June 1690; he m (2nd) in Billerica 29 Dec 1690 SARAH PATTEN, widow of THOMAS PATTEN of Billerica.

(5) RUTH RICHARDSON b 14 Apr 1647.

(6) PHEBE RICHARDSON b 24 Jan 1648/49.

3. (7) NATHANIEL RICHARDSON b 2 Jan 1650/51 at Woburn.

NATHANIEL RICHARDSON[3] was born 2 Jan 1650/51 at Woburn, Mass., the last child of his parents and was only nine months old when his father died leaving seven minor children in the family. In 1655 his mother married MICHAEL BACON, SR., and she died in 1670. NATHANIEL lived his life in Woburn and was made a freeman in 1690. During the Indian War known as "King Philip's War" he was a soldier in Captain PRENTISS' troop of horses and was wounded in the "Great Swamp Fight,' 19 Dec 1675. Seven other men from Woburn were also wounded in that tragic encounter, three of whom died as a result of the wounds they sustained. That terrible phase of the Indian war also caused the death of six captains amongst the settlers plus eighty men who were killed or mortally wounded; four hundred were disabled besides the wounded. Seven hundred Indian warriors out of the four thousand fell that one day and three hundred more died of their wounds or perished from the cold.

In 1728 and 1732 the General Court of Mass. made a grant of seven townships to those soldiers, or their heirs, who had done service in the Narraganset campaign of 1675 in "King Philip's War." NATHANIEL RICHARDSON died intestate 4 Dec 1714, aged 64 years; his widow, MARY, died 22 Dec 1719; no record of her parents.

Children of NATHANIEL and MARY RICHARDSON born Woburn:

(1) NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, JR b 27 Aug 1673, m ABIGAIL REED.

(2) JAMES RICHARDSON b 26 Feb 1675/76, m (1st) REBECCA EATON; m (2nd) ELIZABETH ARNOLD.

(3) MARY RICHARDSON b 10 Mar 1679/80, m (1st) THOMAS WYMAN; m (2nd) JOSEPH WINN.

(4) JOSHUA RICHARDSON b 3 June 1681, m HANNAH _____.

(5) MARTHA RICHARDSON b 1683.

(6) JOHN RICHARDSON b 25 Jan 1684/85, m ABIGAIL _____.

4. (7) THOMAS RICHARDSON b 15 Apr 1687, m (1st) ELIZABETH GREEN(E); m (2nd) JANE _____.

(8) HANNAH RICHARDSON b 6 May 1689, m (1st) TIMOTHY BALDWIN;

m (2nd) JOHN VINTON.

(9) SAMUEL RICHARDSON b 24 Sept 1691, m SARAH _____.

(10) PHINEHAS RICHARDSON b Feb 1693/94, m (1st) MARY ARNOLD; m (2nd) REBECCA FOWLE; he died 11 Apr 1738.

(11) PHEBE RICHARDSON b 4 Mar 1695/96, m DAVID WYMAN.

(12) AMOS RICHARDSON b 10 Aug 1698, m ABIGAIL _____.

(13) BENJAMIN RICHARDSON b 27 Aug 1700, d 5 Sept 1700.

THOMAS RICHARDSON[4] was born Woburn, Mass. 15 Apr 1687 and married (1st) in 1712 ELIZABETH GREEN(E) (b 4 Apr 1693 prob at Malden, died after 6 Mar 1735/36), dau of Captain SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (UPHAM) GREEN(E) of Malden. After marriage they lived about five years in Malden and about 1717 her father and several other Malden people removed from there to Leicester, a new town, incorporated 15 Feb 1713 of which Captain GREEN(E) was one of the principal founders. (See pp. 737-739 herein.) The part of Leicester where Capt. GREEN(E) and his relatives lived was called Greenville in honor of him. It was in the south part of Leicester, about a mile north of South Leicester railroad depot. They erected there a saw mill and a grist mill. Here THOMAS RICHARDSON made his home the remainder of his life. He resided near his father-in-law, near where the Baptist meeting-house now (1876) is in what has since become the Baptist parsonage. In 1729 THOMAS RICHARDSON was assessed for three hundred acres of land in Leicester. There is no record of his date of death. He had married (2nd) JANE _____ by whom he had two daughters; he had eight children by his first wife, some born in Malden and some in Leicester.

Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (GREENE) RICHARDSON <u>b Malden</u>:

(1) ESTHER RICHARDSON b 8 Oct 1713, m 18 Nov 1731 ZEBADIAH JOHNSON (b 1706 in Marlborough) son of DANIEL and DOROTHY (LAMB) JOHNSON. She d 5 May 1796, aged 82 years; he died 6 Sept 1793. Fifteen children.

(2) THOMAS RICHARDSON b 22 July 1716, m HANNAH SMITH (b 21 Jan 1716/17.

Their children <u>born in Leicester</u>:

5. (3) ELIZABETH RICHARDSON b 1718, m (1st) JONATHAN LAMB, JR., son of JONATHAN LAMB, SR. and his wife, LYDIA (DEATH)LAMB of Leicester, formerly of Framingham. JONATHAN was b 26 Feb 1715/16 at Framingham (See pp. 774-776 herein) and married ELIZABETH 27 Sept 1737. In 1753 a portion of the town of Leicester (where the LAMB family resided) was taken and a new town formed called Spencer; their first seven children were born in Leicester; the last three in the same place but it was then called Spencer. JONATHAN died 9 Apr 1760; she married (2nd) CALEB NICHOLS 8 Jan 1763. She died 21 June 1780, aged 62 years. They had ten children.

(4) SAMUEL RICHARDSON b 1722.

(5) JAMES RICHARDSON b 1723, m LEVINAH JOHNSON.

(6) PHILIP RICHARDSON b 1725; m (1st)CATHARINE BRIGGS; (2nd) ESTHER WEBSTER.

(7) MARY RICHARDSON b 1729.

(8) REBECCA RICHARDSON b 1731; m JAMES SMITH 1751 of Leicester.

(9) LUCY RICHARDSON b 1740 by 2nd wife in Leicester.

(10) ELIZABETH RICHARDSON b 1741 by 2nd wife, m NATHAN LAMB.

JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRÖDER, THE HESSIAN

In 1745 in or near Hesse-Kassel, Germany, was born JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRÖDER and his brother, name unknown, exact date unknown, who were included in the regiment of German mercenaries "rented" by the Prince of Hesse to King George 111 in 1775 to help his British troops defeat the American colonists. King George had great difficulty recruiting sufficient English soldiers for the American expedition and attempted to hire 20,000 from Catherine 11 of Russia which failed; he had similar disappointments when he tried Holland and Ireland. Finally the offers he received from various independent rulers of the many principalities in Germany came to his rescue; the bulk of almost 30,000 troops were from Hesse-Kassel and thus the term "Hessians" was affixed to all the German mercenaries although no more than 17,000 were from there. The remainder came from Hesse-Hanau, Brunswick, Waldeck, Anspach-Bayreuth and Anhalt-Zerbst. Of the total a little more than 17,000 returned to Germany at the end of the war; of the 12,000 who did not return, about 7,000 died of illness, accident or being killed during the war. Some 5,550 deserted the English and/or voluntarily remained in America after the war.

These German troops were excellent soldiers and well equipped and had been well trained; the officers received 12 pence a day; a non-commissioned officer received 8 pence a day; and the lowly private soldiers received five pence per day--at the same rate as the British soldiers. For centuries in Europe, mercenary troops had been a respected segment of an army, noted for their courage and exemplary loyalty to their "temporary masters." Every Hessian soldier was required to swear the following oath of allegiance to King George 111:

> "I, _____ do swear that I will be faithfull and bear true allegiance to His Most Sacred Majesty King George The Third; and that I will behave with Fidelity in the service in which I am now engaged."

From the time of the arrival of the first Hessians in America in 1776, they were encouraged by the Colonists to desert. Congress caused the distribution of notices (in German) offering inducements to those who would, and these promises were renewed from time to time. One proclamation dated 29 April 1778 promised fifty acres of land to every Hessian who would desert and for any captain who would bring forty men with him, he would receive eight hundred acres of wooded land, four oxen and other benefits; and further, the deserters would not be obligated to fight with the Americans against the English and the "loyal" Hessians. The largest number of deserters came from amongst the prisoners of war and many of them did join the American forces. However, General GEORGE WASHINGTON was opposed to the Hessians enlisting in the American armies and on 22 May 1778 Congress passed a resolution declaring all deserters and prisoners free from militia duty and further forbidding their serving in the militia.

In 1778, two years after fighting the colonists alongside the British the subject of this story, JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRÖDER, and his

brother "became convinced of the righteousness of the colonists' cause" and deserted; in escaping the only injury JOHANN received was when the third finger of his right hand was shot off. Of his brother, no information has been found--not even his name--although the facts of JOHANN's life were eventually related by him to his sons (of which he had nine) and in turn by the oldest son to his own granddaughter, CECELIA LORETTE PALMER of St. Joseph County, Michigan, who carefully wrote it all down in the Palmer Family History Book she commenced in 1870.

When the Hessian joined the American forces in 1778, being unable to read, write or speak either French or English, his name was phonetically entered as JOHN J. SCHREEDER and so it has remained although there have been variations in the spelling of the last name over the years; the oldest son, JOHN FERDINAND SCHREEDER dropped one of the middle "e's" and was always known as SCHREDER; however, those who remained in the area of Orange County, New York, retained the original American spelling of Schreeder, and some even spelled it SCREDER. For over ten years extensive research has been on-going to complete the family picture and identify all the nine sons of the Hessian, their spouses, children and descendants. Only the "Michigan line" has been complete all along down from the oldest son (born 1789 at Newburgh, Orange Co., N.Y.) whose children and descendants have preserved the family's history which commences with the birth of the Hessian in 1745 in Hesse-Kassel, whose granddaughter, MARY ("AMELIA") SCHREDER married in 1837 CYRUS A. PALMER at Ridgeway, Lenawee County, Michigan. CYRUS was the second of eleven sons born to JOHN C. PALMER of Walworth, Wayne County, New York (formerly of Granville, Washington County, N.Y.); this family eventually migrated into southeastern Michigan when it was not yet a state, settling on a 400-acre plot of land taken up by JOHN C. from the Government in 1827. In 1831 the adjoining acreage was taken up by a German family from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER, who had migrated about 1812 from Newburgh, N.Y. to Philadelphia, where he met and married a German girl, SUSANNAH WAMBOLDT. Both JOHN C. PALMER and JOHN SCHREDER were the sons of Revolutionary War soldiers -- the former from a long line of American patriots and soldiers and the latter from a Hessian soldier. In 1837 JOHN PALMER's son, CYRUS A. married the oldest child of JOHN SCHREDER, MARY; they had six sons and two daughters, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1887 and had CYRUS lived one more year they would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

CYRUS A. PALMER was born 1815 and died 1896, aged 81 years; his wife, MARY (SCHREDER) PALMER was born 21 July 1818, died aged 96 years and was buried on her 96th birthday. (See pp. 314-317 herein, re CYRUS A. PALMER's history, ancestors and descendants.)

From the National Archives File for JOHN J. SCHREEDER as a Revolutionary War soldier (military and pension files), and information his oldest son passed along to his descendants, a rather complete picture of this family has resulted including his war service:

1. JOHANN JOACHIM SCHRODER b 24 Mar 1745 (parents unknown) near Hesse-Kassel, Germany; following the end of the war he settled in the German community of Newburgh, Orange County, N.Y. and

there he married ELIZABETH HACK (HACH) who had been born Newburgh 19 May 1767 and was thus 22 years his junior; they married 15 Nov 1787 although the war had ended in 1783, and he had been discharged on 8 June that year at Snake Hill, Ulster Co., N.Y. They had a total of nine sons according to the family history book which unfortunately failed to list the names of any of them! However, from census records, VA letters, cemetery markers, etc. the names of three are definitely known: JOHN FERDINAND, ELISHA P. and ELIJAH R. SCHREEDER, JOHN being the oldest. Dates of birth of others are also not known. Following is believed to be the list of their sons; birth dates estimated.

2. (1) JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER b 24 Mar 1789, d 29 Nov 1883 Ridgeway, Michigan; had six daus and one son.
(2) ABIJAH SCHREEDER, born 1790.
(3) ELISHA P. SCHREEDER born 1791, 15 April.
(4) ELIJAH R. SCHREDER born 1793, d 24 July 1856 Ridgeway.
(5) BENJAMIN SCHREEDER, born 1794.
(6) CHRISTOPH SCHREEDER, b ca 1795.
(7) DANIEL SCHREEDER, born bef 1800.
(8) RUFUS H. SCHREEDER, b 29 Feb 1806.
(9) WILLIAM CHARLES SCHREEDER, b 6 Mar 1812.

2. In 1812 the oldest son, JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER, has left the family home and all his younger brothers and settled in the area of Philadelphia; he served in the War of 1812 as a Sergeant in Company "E", 1st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Penn. Militia, under Captain McLEAN (Penn. Muster Rolls of Volunteers Vol. 1 - 1890, p. 311). After the war he obtained employment in a flour mill and resided twelve miles north of Philadelphia. In the same War his brother, ELIJAH R. SCHREEDER serves from Orange County, N.Y.as ELIJAH SCREDER in a company in Colonel HARDENBURGH's Ulster regiment "which went to Plattsburgh and thence to Fort Hamilton, near the Canada line, for guard duty"(pp. 91-92 "HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY, N.Y."edited by RUSSEL HEADLEY (1908).

Following the Congressional Act granting pensions to soldiers of the Revolutionary War (passed in 1818), our Hessian soldier applied 18 May 1818 for a pension (NA file #19,320) by which time he is 73 years of age. There is nothing explained in his pension papers, however, that he arrived in this country as a Hessian soldier and deserted the British troops before he joined the American forces as a private on 1 Mar 1778; his name appears there as JOHN JOACHIM SCHREDER, borne SCHREEDER; served in Capt. THOMAS DeWITT's Co., 3rd N.Y.Regt., commanded by Col. PETER GANSEVOORT; he served three years and was mustered to the end of the war in 1783. His second enlistment in 1781 has his name as JOHN J. SCHREEDER, private in Capt. GEORGE SYTEZ's 7th Co. in 1st N.Y. Regt., commanded by Col. GOOSE VAN SCHAICK, (VA correspondence and "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of N.Y." edited by BERTHOLD FERNOW, Vol. XV (1887) p.199-200). He was granted a pension of $96. annually which he received until his death on 13 Dec 1825; he died at the home of his son, ELISHA P. SCHREEDER of Newburgh. In 1818 his Affidavit recalled that he had been "at the taking of a fort on Staten Island in the winter of 1780; he was also at the battle fought with the Indians near

Tioga Point and that he was at the Battle at York Town at the taking of Cornwallis..."

On 31 July 1838 his widow, ELIZABETH SCHREEDER signed her mark to an affidavit seeking a widow's pension as a result of her husband's Revolutionary War service giving her age then as seventy-one years; the Congressional Act awarding pensions to widows had only been passed on 7 July 1838! She recalled she had married the soldier on 15 Nov 1787 at the home of the minister, the Rev. Mr. KING, of the Presbyterian Church in the town of Montgomery, County of Orange. A corroborating affidavit was furnished by her son, ELISHA P. SCHREEDER of Newburgh. She was granted a pension of $96. annually until her death in 1851, aged 84 years.

JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER was granted pension for his war service on application No. 5544, service in the Penn. Militia; he applied on 13 Mar 1871 when he was 82 years of age. He gave his wife's name as SUSAN WAMBOLD and stated they married at Hatfield, Pennsylvania, on 20 Mar 1817. She predeceased him, died 1844, and there was never a request for a widow's pension. His request for pension carried dual war service in that he was in the Black Hawk War with the Michigan Militia, having removed from Philadelphia to Ridgeway, Michigan in 1831, and he served in 1832 at Tecumseh, Michigan.

On 6 Feb 1851 JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER filed affidavit for bounty land due him for his war service. He received two land warrants each for forty acres.

Children of JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER and SUSANNAH WAMBOLD(T):

3. (1) MARY ("AMELIA") SCHREDER b 21 July 1818 Abington, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania; m 17 Sept 1837 at Ridgeway, Michigan CYRUS A. PALMER (b 7 May 1815 Walworth, Wayne Co., N.Y., d 14 Oct 1896, Nottawa Twp., Wasepi, St. Joseph Co., Michigan) son of JOHN C. PALMER, SR. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER of Ridgeway, formerly of Walworth. CYRUS A. PALMER was an 8th generation direct descendant of the emigrant WALTER PALMER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER. (See pp. 314-317 herein.)
   (2) ISRAEL HALLOWELL SCHREDER b Abington 5 Dec 1819, m (1st) 12 Sept 1844; m (2nd) 4 July 1848 MARGARET GILLESPIE (b 2 Mar 1818 Sparta, N.Y.), dau of RICHARD and CLARINDA (ROBERTS) GILLESPIE; she died 17 Dec 1897; ISRAEL died 14 Mar 1904; both bur Tecumseh Cemetery.
   (3) CATHERINE ANN SCHREDER b 23 Jan 1822 Abington; died 10 May 1879 unmarried; bur Tecumseh Cemetery, Tecumseh,Mich.
   (4) ELIZABETH SCHREDER b 18 Dec 1825 Abington; m 3 July 1849 LEWIS SEBRING ELLIS (b 18 Feb 1828 Tompkins Co., N.Y., died 3 Dec 1902 Rea, Missouri); she died 25 Sept 1915; both bur Fillmore Cemetery, Fillmore, Missouri.
   (5) MARTHA MATILDA SCHREDER b 18 Jan 1831 Moreland, Penn., died 27 Oct 1849, aged 18 years, of typhoid fever at Adrian, Michigan, unm. Bur Tecumseh Cemetery.

(6) TACIE C. SCHREDER b 8 Feb 1834 Ridgeway Twp., Lenawee Co., Michigan; m 2 Feb 1869 _____ GRANGER; resided Ohio; died Ridgeway 13 June 1876 of consumption; aged 42 years; bur Tecumseh Cemetery; no children.

(7) SUSAN CRYSCILDA SCHREDER b 21 July 1838 Ridgeway, Mich. m 22 Nov 1860 WILLIAM ARNER; resided at Ridgeway where her father, JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER, lived out the last four years of his life. She died 11 Oct 1918, Ridgeway. She and her husband are bur in Ridgeway Village Cemetery where are also buried many generations of the PALMER family who lived in Ridgeway-Tecumseh since the arrival of JOHN C. and NANCY (LAMB) PALMER in 1831.

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THE MASONIC LODGE

On 30 July 1733 the first Masonic Lodge in America was installed at Boston, Massachusetts (Williams Haynes' "300-Year Stonington Chronology" page 34). The term "Accepted Mason" dated from the 1600's in England and was applied to those accepted and initiated into lodges. "The Order flourished early in the countries of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Russia, the Scandinavian countries and other parts of Europe and in India. ... It is said by some to date back to the time of Moses, Solomon and Nebuchadnezzar, but records go back only to 14th-Century guilds of working masons and builders. ....." (University One-Volume Encyclopedia, U.S. Office of Education).

In 1731 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN joined the Masonic Lodge in this country and its members included kings and more than a dozen Presidents of the United States.

Throughout the histories of numerous WALTER PALMER descendants there is a record of membership in the Masonic Lodge.

The oldest son (of a total of nine) of the Hessian (in the foregoing chapter), a grandson and a great-grandson were all simultaneously members of the Masonic Lodge No. 69 at Tecumseh, Michigan. The Hessian's son, JOHN FERDINAND SCHREDER, had transferred from Pennsylvania Lodge No. 136 to the Tecumseh Lodge following his migration to Michigan in 1831. His only son, ISRAEL HALLOWELL SCHREDER, was a member of that Lodge and of Tecumseh Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. ISRAEL's son, JOHN FREDERICK SCHREDER, was first in the Clinton (Mich.) Lodge No. 175 but later transferred to the Tecumseh Lodge No. 69 at which time the three generations were members at the same time.

THE SHERMAN FAMILY

There are at least two different versions of the origin of this surname. "GENEALOGIES OF RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES" Vol. 1, p. 783 explains:

> "The surname is of Germanic origin. In the fatherland the name is spelled variously SHERMAN, SCHURMAN, SCHEARMANN or SCHERMAN and was no doubt transferred to London and its vicinity centuries ago by the Anglo-Saxon emigrants where it is still numerous. From that metropolitan stock a scion was transplanted to Dedham, County of Essex which long flourished and sent out other shoots. The name is derived from the original occupation of the family -- cloth dressers or shearers of the cloth. The Dedham family retained this occupation. In New England are found two distinct families bearing the name of SHERMAN."

The 1920 "SHERMAN GENEALOGY" by THOMAS TOWNSEND SHERMAN has a similar explanation but different suggested place of origin of the name:

> "The name SHERMAN was borne in many parts of England more than six hundred years ago. It was written in various ways, including: SHEARMAN, SHEREMAN, SHIRMAN and SHARMAN. It was of English origin and came from the trade or occupation of wood worker or maker of woolen cloth. The shearer clipped the sheep and the shearman or sherman made the wool into cloth and was also known as a clothier or woolen manufacturer," (page one).

THOMAS SHERMAN explains his years of research into this family:

> "The preparation of this SHERMAN GENEALOGY during a period of several years has involved extensive searches in the English records and the examination of many Parish Registers and many Wills and probate records in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury at Somerset House, London, and at Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, Colchester, Norwich and other places, and also records in the London Public Record Office, the British Museum and elsewhere, of Manor Court Rolls, Lay Subsidies, Inquisitions Post Mortem, Patent Rolls, Proceedings of the Court of Chancery, etc.
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> "The family under consideration is the one early of Yaxley in the county of Suffolk and later in Dedham, county of Essex. The former was a small village or parish in the Hundred of Hartesmere in the northern part of Suffolk. ... Dedham was a village and parish in the Hundred of Lexden in the northern part of Essex near the River Stour. In the latter one there were two manors, one called Dedham Hall and the other called Over-Hall and Nether-Hall, lands in which manors were held by the SHERMANS as tenants.

(The "Hundred" of Hartesmere, Lexden, etc."was an administrative subdivision of a county which began under Tudor times, probably so named from its having originally contained either a hundred families, a hundred fighting men or a hundred hides. Jurisdiction was supposed to be vested

in the county's sheriff, but many hundreds got into private hands. In either case, a bailiff held a Court Baron and Court Leet every few weeks. They dealt with minor offences such as trespass, obstruction of the highway and assizes of bread and ale. ... Hundred courts, much decayed since Tudor times, lost almost all their functions after the County Courts Act of 1867. ... Surviving records are to be found in county record offices," ("Dictionary of Genealogy" by TERRICK V. H. FITZHUGH (1985) published by Alphabooks.)

There were several different SHERMAN emigrants to America whose descendants in this country are numerous; some of the more prominent ones being:

CAPTAIN JOHN SHERMAN) all from
Rev. JOHN SHERMAN and his brother, SAMUEL SHERMAN) Dedham, in
PHILIP SHERMAN and his brother SAMUEL SHERMAN) Essex Co.

WILLIAM SHERMAN who came to America ca 1632, settled first at Plymouth, Mass., and died 25 Oct 1679 Marshfield, Mass; his English place of origin is unknown.
Three SHERMANs reached Virginia from England: JAMES in 1643; EDMUND in 1650; and WILLIAM in 1652.
JOSEPH SHERMAN in 1636 reached Wethersfield, Conn.
THOMAS SHERMAN of Fairfield, Conn. arrived 1651; settled on Long Island thereafter.

THE SHERMAN GENEALOGY (supra) page 14 has the following about some of these SHERMANS pertinent to this PALMER history:

"CAPTAIN JOHN SHERMAN came to Watertown, Mass., with his mother, GRACE ROGERS (then wife of THOMAS ROGERS) and her husband about 1636. He lived and died there. He was the ancestor among others of:

"Hon. ROGER SHERMAN, signer of the Declaration of Independence and United States Senator ROGER SHERMAN BALDWIN.

"The Hon. SAMUEL SHERMAN, brother of Rev. JOHN SHERMAN, came about 1634 from Dedham with his father, EDMUND SHERMAN, who died at New Haven, Conn. 1641. He lived at Watertown and Boston, Mass. and then in Connecticut at Wethersfield, Stratford and Fairfield where he died 1700. His descendants included General WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN and United States Senator (and Secretary of State) JOHN SHERMAN.

"Rev. JOHN SHERMAN came in the ship 'Elizabeth' which sailed from Ipswich the end of April 1634, when he was aged twenty; he settled first at Watertown, Mass., then in Milford, Conn. and thereafter in New Haven, and finally back again to Watertown where he died 1685."

Captain JOHN SHERMAN, the emigrant, married MARTHA PALMER, dau of WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton, N.H. (see page 825 herein). In addition to his being the ancestor of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, ROGER SHERMAN (born 1721 Newton, Mass., d 1793) Captain JOHN was the ancestor of DOLLY and NANCY LAMB down through his daughter, MARTHA SHERMAN (b 21 Feb 1639/40) who married at Watertown 26 Sept 1661 FRANCIS BOWMAN,

which line eventually married into the GARFIELD line. ANNA GARFIELD married PHINEAS LAMB and were the parents of DOLLY and NANCY LAMB who married NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER. (See page 732 herein.)

ROGER SHERMAN served in the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1781, 1783 and 1784; he helped draft the Declaration of Independence and was one of the signers. He helped draw up the Articles of Confederation in 1777 and the Constitution in 1787. (See pp. 851-852 herein.)

WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN born 1820 was born Lancaster, Ohio. Following graduation 1840 from West Point he served against the Seminoles and in the Mexican War. Emerging from retirement in 1861 to join the Northern forces, he distinguished himself in the first Battle of Bull Run, the Battle of Shiloh, the Vicksburg campaign and other important engagements. In May 1864 in charge of the Union armies of the west he began his great march to split the Confederacy, capturing Atlanta and Savannah, and early the following year he marched north to force JOHNSTON's surrender at Durham Station, N.C. (Descends from emigrant, EDMUND,JR., see p. 853 herein).

The SHERMAN GENEALOGY admits that there is "no absolute proof that HENRY SHERMAN (b ca 1520) 'of Dedham and Colchester' was the son of THOMAS SHERMAN 'of Yaxley' whose line is traced back to THOMAS SHERMAN of Diss, county of Norfolk and thereafter in Yaxley, county of Suffolk, who died 1492." The author of that genealogy therefore lists that THOMAS SHERMAN as #1 in the lineage, followed by his only son JOHN SHERMAN #2 and the latter's only son THOMAS SHERMAN #3, who married JANE WALLER ca 1512. They had many sons including one named "HENRY SHERMAN OF DEDHAM AND COLCHESTER," which the author-compiler maintains is the progenitor of two of the American lines of SHERMANS. (See pp. 52-61.)

However, in 1951 BERTHA L. STRATTON published her "SHERMAN AND ALLIED FAMILIES" followed in 1954 by her subsequent research of that family in a book entitled "NEW LIGHT ON HENRY SHERMAN OF DEDHAM," and finally in 1969 her "TRANSATLANTIC SHERMANS" -- her research is in conflict with that of the 1920 Genealogy in that she could not find any proof that HENRY SHERMAN of Dedhan and Colchester was in fact, the son of THOMAS SHERMAN^{3}, grandson of JOHN SHERMAN^{2} and great-grandson of THOMAS SHERMAN^{1}. According to her research the line must commence with HENRY SHERMAN (SR.) as No. 1 (until further research will disclose his parents). Consequently in this chapter, the compiler will commence with this HENRY SHERMAN (SR.)$_{1}$ as the first in line and continue down with a history of that family.

Page 3 of the 1954 Stratton volume sets forth verbatim copy of Affidavit from the Public Record Office in a case in which "HENRY SHARMAN OF DEDHAM," furnishes a statement which included his age and residence. His deposition on 11 Oct 1574 gives the former "of the aige of 62 years or there abouts" which indicates he was born then in 1511 or 1512; he was not born in Dedham but resided there after 1534; further that "He also had a mansion at Ipswich and other property in Suffolk including Shire Hall at Woodbridge which was of Flemish design; his mansion, Southfields, was also Flemish in design." This was a family of considerable wealth and much property. The more recent research by STRATTON concludes: "after study of the new data (it appears) THOMAS^{3} of Yaxley was not the father of

HENRY SHERMAN of Dedham but that they were cousins of an unknown degree, both descending from a common armigerous Yaxley SHERMAN ancestor. The fact that HENRY of Dedham was born in 1511/12 mathematically precludes his being the son of THOMAS[3] of Yaxley." (See pp. 9-10 1954 volume.)

HENRY SHERMAN was the first of the Yaxley ancestry to settle in Dedham, the year being 1534 when he was about age 23 years. Dedham was a prosperous clothing village where interest in Puritanism attracted and kept lecturers of keen intellect. He became a leading clothier and was able to set up his sons, HENRY and EDMUND, in their own businesses; he sent his son, ROBERT, to the university; his daughters married well-to-do men.

HENRY had married AGNES (BUTTER?) (1st); she was bur at Dedham 14 Oct 1580 (NEHGR 50:417) and he m (2nd) MARION WILLSON,widow of EDMUND WILLSON, at Dedham 5 June 1581. (NEHGR 66:326). She had been MARION SMYTH and had married EDMUND WILLSON 6 Apr 1563; HENRY had no issue by MARION; he m (3rd) MARGERY _____; no issue by her. HENRY's Will was dated 20 Jan 1589/90 and proved 25 July 1590 (P.C.C. Drury 51) so he must have been about age 80 years when he died.

1. Children of HENRY[1] and AGNES SHERMAN: (all born Dedham)

(1) ALICE SHERMAN b ca 1542, m NICHOLAS FYNCE (FINCE) in or prior to 1562; seven children; she was bur 20 Oct 1580.
(2) JUDITH SHERMAN b ca 1545, m at Dedhamd 27 Oct 1566 WILLIAM PETFIELD;eight children; she was bur at Dedham 9 Apr 1601.
2. (3) HENRY SHERMAN (JR.) b ca 1546, m SUSAN LAWRANCE.
2A. (4) EDMUND SHERMAN b 1548,m (1) ANNE PELLATE ; (2)ANNE CLERE.
(5) JOHN SHERMAN b ca 1556, bur 16 Oct 1576 Dedham.
(6) THOMAS SHERMAN of Diss. Prob died before his father's Will was made as he is not mentioned in it.(Not in Stratton list.)
(7) ROBERT SHERMAN, M.D. b 6 Feb 1560/01, d London between 10 and 20 Jan 1602.

The Will of HENRY SHERMAN (SR.) makes bequests to his three sons, HENRY, EDMUND and ROBERT, to dau JUDITH PETFIELD, several of his grandchildren, and his wife, MARGERYE SHERMAN. (SHERMAN GENEALOGY pp. 53-57.) He had numerous land to dispose of and "according to the custom of the manor, ROBERT SHERMAN, youngest son of said HENRY, is his heir." (See also pp. 80-84 1969 Stratton Vol.) HENRY SHERMAN (JR.) called "the elder" after death of his father, was eldest son and heir of his father according to page 88 of Stratton's 1969 history. The father had 14 acres of copyhold land called the Hykell which land was held by later generations of this family.

("Copyhold" was a form of tenure for land held of a Lord of a Manor in return, originally, for agricultural services but, since Tudor times, for money payments. On the admission of a new tenant, a payment (fine) to the Lord was required, and on the death of the tenant a HERIOT. Tenure of such land could be transferred only by its surrender to the Lord and by admission by him of the new tenant, who might be the heir of the old one. A HERIOT was a fine payable by a copyholder to his Lord on inheriting copyhold land. FITZHUGH's Genealogical Dictionary.)

The Duchy of Lancaster Court Rolls for Dedham Manor contain numerous entries relating to HENRY SHERMAN (SR.) and his sons, HENRY (JR.), EDMUND and ROBERT. In Sept 1570 HENRY SHERMAN (JR.) is essoined (excused for non-attendance at the court baron or Manor Court); on 30 Sept 1572 EDMUND SHERMAN, son of HENRY (SENIOR) was essoined. On 4 Oct 1573 he was elected constable for the coming year. He and his father were living then on adjoining properties; 2 Oct 1581 EDMUND SHERMAN was elected constable. The court rolls show numerous transfers of land by the father to his sons, HENRY and EDMUND.

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2. HENRY SHERMAN (JR.) clothier of Dedham, b ca 1546/47 m SUSAN LAWRANCE at Moze, Essex County 14 June 1568 (NEHGR 67:154). He was buried at Dedham 28 Aug 1610; his Will was dated 21 Aug that year, proved 8 Sept 1610. (Consistory Court of London, Book Hamer No. 7, leaves 33-36). His Will is very lengthy and in it he remembers the following with bequests:

His wife, SUSAN	His daughter PHEABE FENN
His sonne HENRY SHEREMAN (3rd)	His brother, LAWRENCE of Esthorpe
His sonne NATHANIELL SHEARMAN	His sonne, SAMUEL SHERMAN
His sonne DANIELL SHEARMAN	Sole Executrix: SUZAN, his wife
His sonne JOHN SHEARMAN	His sonne, EDMUND SHERMAN
His sonne EZEKIELL SHEARMAN (also EZECHIEL)	

HENRY's widow, SUSAN, was buried at Dedham 13 Sept 1610; her Will was dated 31 Aug 1610, indicating she died less than a month after her husband. She named her son HENRY SHERMAN, sole Executor of her Will. Although her husband's Will did not mention a "daughter, ANNE WHITING" SUSAN made a bequest "vnto ANNE WHIGHTING my daughter..." as well as to"my daughter PHEABE FFENNE."

Children of HENRY (JR.) and SUSAN (LAWRANCE)SHERMAN, apparently all baptized at Dedham:

(1) PHEBE SHERMAN ba 1 May 1570, m SIMON FENN, clothier; his Will was dated 16 Jan 1609, proved 11 May 1610, thus he died before either of his wife's parents; he had named his father-in-law, HENRY SHERMAN, one of the overseers.
(2) HENRY SHERMAN (3rd) bapt 26 Aug 1571; clothier.
(3) SAMUEL SHERMAN bapt 11 Jan 1573,father of emigrant PHILIP.
(4) ANNE SHERMAN bapt 7 Aug 1575, m ANTHONY WHITING.
(5) DANIEL SHERMAN. bapt 1578.
(6) NATHANIEL SHERMAN bapt 19 June 1580, bur 21 June 1580.
(7) NATHANIEL SHERMAN, bapt 11 July 1582; clothier.

3. (8) *JOHN SHERMAN bapt 17 Aug 1585, (the father of CAPTAIN JOHN SHERMAN of Watertown, Mass.) m GRACE MAKIN.*
(9) EZEKIEL SHERMAN, clothier of Dedham, bapt 1587.
(10) *EDMUND SHERMAN of Colchester, bapt 1589/90,m JUDITH ANGER.*
(11) MARY SHERMAN bapt 27 July 1592.

*This EDMUND had a first cousin also named EDMUND SHERMAN who was a junior (being son of EDMUND,SR., who was brother to HENRY, JR. above), who married JOAN MAKIN,sister of GRACE who m JOHN (#8 above). It was EDMUND,JR. and JOAN SHERMAN who were parents of HESTER SHERMAN who m ANDREW WARDE, contrary to what was published in the WARDE GENEALOGY which erroneously lists EDMUND and JUDITH (ANGER) SHERMAN as the parents of HESTER (SHERMAN) WARDE. (See pp. 878-882 of THE ANDREW WARDE FAMILY herein.)

3. JOHN SHERMAN (SR.) bapt 11 July or 17 Aug 1585 at Dedham (NEHGR 50, p. 415 according to p. 98 SHERMAN GENEALOGY), married before 14 May 1610 GRACE MAKIN, sister of JOAN MAKIN, the wife of his first cousin, EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.); they were the daughters of TOBIAS MAKIN who held copyhold lands and buildings of the Manor of Fingringhoe, County of Essex, called "Yeoman." The Last Will of TOBIAS MAKIN was proved 10 Sept 1610 in which he had made bequests to "GRACE my daughter," "JOAN my daughter" and to "RICHARD SHERMAN, the son of EDMUND SHERMAN;" also, as was almost always included in these early Wills a "bequest to the poor of Fingringhoe of 20 shillings."

JOHN was bur at Great Horkesley, county of Essex 24 Jan 1616, aged about thirty-one years leaving his wife, GRACE, and two sons:

4. (1) (Captain) JOHN SHERMAN bapt Great Horkesley 3 Sept 1612; emigrated to New England.
(2) RICHARD SHERMAN bapt Great Horkesley 7 Aug 1614, remained in England.

GRACE (MAKIN) SHERMAN married (2nd) THOMAS ROGERS and resided at Dedham where their only child (a dau) ELIZABETH ROGERS was baptized 16 Nov 1617. About 1636 this threesome emigrated to New England and were accompanied by JOHN SHERMAN (JR.), then aged 24 years, unmarried. THOMAS was made freeman at Watertown, Mass. 17 May 1637 and died there in Nov 1638, aged fifty years; (Watertown TR, 1st Book, p. 6).

According to the 1920 SHERMAN GENEALOGY, the widow then married (3rd) ROGER PORTER who had been admitted freeman at Watertown 22 May 1637 and died there 3 Apr 1654, aged about seventy-one years. ELIZABETH ROGERS (half-sister to Captain JOHN SHERMAN) married DANIEL SMITH and had a son, DANIEL SMITH (JR.) GRACE PORTER, widow, died 3 June 1662, aged about seventy years; her Will was proved at Watertown 17 June 1662 in which she made bequests to her son, JOHN SHERMAN, and to his children; to her dau, ELISABETH SMITH, and to her son, DANIEL; but no mention is made of the son who remained in England, RICHARD SHERMAN who was "living there in 1662 at the time of the inventory of his mother's estate" (Stratton's 1969 History). GRACE PORTER's Will was signed with her mark and she named "my cousin, JOHN SHERMAN as overseer," (1920 SHERMAN GENEALOGY pp. 98-101); it was witnessed by JOHN AND MARY SHERMAN.

There is no mention on page 100 which lists the three husbands of GRACE MAKIN, of a marriage to WILLIAM PALMER of Hampton, N.H., which has been found in other sources but which is in conflict with the Will of WILLIAM PALMER in which his wife is named ANN.

In her Will GRACE PORTER called the Rev. JOHN SHERMAN her cousin, that is her nephew as the word was then often used; he was the son of her sister, JOAN MAKIN SHERMAN, wife of EDMUND SHERMAN.

4. JOHN SHERMAN (JR.) called Captain, was baptized at Great Horkesley, county of Essex, England, 3 Sept 1612. He emigrated with his mother, step-father and half-sister arriving in New England aboard the "Elisabeth of Ipswich" 30 April 1634, settled at Watertown (p. 412 POPE's "PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS, supra).

Captain JOHN SHERMAN (JR.) was a freeman at Watertown 17 May 1637; a Commissioner to end small causes 1652-1654; a Selectman 1636, 1641-43, 1648-50, 1652-54, 1657-58, 1667-1669, 1676-1677, 1680, 1682; Town Clerk 1664-1666; Clerk of Writs 1645; Sergeant of the Train Band; an Ensign; Lieutenant; then appointed Captain by the General Court 11 June 1680 by which time he is aged sixty-eight years, (Mass. Colonial Records, Vol. V, p. 282); he was Steward of Harvard College in 1660; from 9 Apr 1677 to Aug 1681 he was Schoolmaster (BOND's "HISTORY OF WATERTOWN" p. 1070); and Representative to the General Court in 1651, 1653 and 1663 (Col. Rec. Mass.).

Three grants of land had been given to Captain SHERMAN and prior to 1644 he had purchased ten lots, seven of which had been granted to THOMAS ROGERS, step-father of Captain SHERMAN, who had died in 1638. This SHERMAN homestead was on both sides of Common Street, then called Bowman's Lane; it eventually went to his son, JOSEPH SHERMAN.

JOHN SHERMAN married about 1637 MARTHA PALMER (b ca 1618 in England, died 7 Feb 1701 Watertown, Mass., aged about eighty-three years) dau of WILLIAM PALMER formerly of Great Ormesby, England, who settled in Newbury, Mass. and later in Hampton, N.H. The Watertown TR have record of death of both MARTHA and JOHN SHERMAN, in 1st book, p. 108 and 2nd book, p. 21. Captain JOHN (according to the STRATTON volumes) spelled his name "SHEARMAN". He died 25 Jan 1690/91 and administration was granted to his son, JOSEPH SHERMAN (his only surviving son) inasmuch as he died intestate.

Children of Captain JOHN and MARTHA (PALMER) SHERMAN, all born at Watertown, Massachusetts:

(1) JOHN SHERMAN (3rd) b 2 Nov 1638; wounded in King Philip's War 19 Dec 1675 and believed to have died in Rhode Island from his wounds.

5. (2) MARTHA SHERMAN b 21 Feb 1639/40, married 26 Sept 1661 at Watertown, FRANCIS BOWMAN (b 1630, son of NATHANIEL and ANNE BOWMAN; d 1687 Watertown); their children totalled nine, born probably all in Watertown:

i FRANCIS BOWMAN (JR.) b 1662, d 1744.

ii JOHN BOWMAN b 19 Feb 1663.

iii MARTHA BOWMAN b 2 Mar 1666/67, d 1667.

6. iv NATHANIEL BOWMAN (2nd) b 9 Feb 1668/69, m 16 Dec 1692 ANNE BARNARD (b 24 Aug 1670, d 16 Sept 1757) dau of JOHN and SARAH (FLEMMING) BARNARD; they had 7 daughters including:

7. (a) MARY BOWMAN b 1693, m SAMUEL GARFIELD of Watertown, whose son, ELIAKIM GARFIELD had dau ANNA GARFIELD ba 1762 who married PHINEAS LAMB. (See BOWMAN, GARFIELD and LAMB allied families herein.)

v JOSEPH BOWMAN b 18 May 1674; m PHEBE; d 8 Apr 1762.

vi ANNA BOWMAN b 19 Sept 1675.

vii SAMUEL BOWMAN b 14 Aug 1679; d 1746.

viii JONATHAN BOWMAN b ca 1682.

ix MARTHA BOWMAN b 4 Apr 1685.

(3) MARY SHERMAN b 25 Mar 1643, m TIMOTHY HAWKINS,JR. d 1667.
(4) ELISHABAH SHERMAN b ____, d 1649.
(5) SARAH SHERMAN b 17 Jan 1647/48, d unm 1667.
(6) JOSEPH SHERMAN[5] b 14 May 1650, m 18 Nov 1673 ELIZABETH WINSHIP (dau of EDWARD WINSHIP of Cambridge, Mass., b 15 Apr 1652, Cambridge, prob died before her husband). They had eleven children and the ninth child was:

i WILLIAM SHERMAN[6] b 28 June 1692 Watertown, "cordwainer and farmer of Watertown and Charlestown" also Newton and Stoughton; m (1st) REBECCA CUTLER; he m (2d) MEHETABEL WELLINGTON of Watertown 13 Sept 1715; he d Stoughton intestate 20 Mar 1740/42; his fourth child was:

(a) Hon. ROGER SHERMAN[7] b 19 Apr 1721 Newton; a statesman, mathematician, judge, mayor, poet, senator; was self-educated; on his own astronomical figuring he made and published almanacs;he was Treasurer of Yale which conferred on him an honorary M.A. "His greatest skill in diplomacy was shown in his part in the drafting of the Constitution. It was his idea that Congress should be formed by representation by state for upper house and by population by lower house. He was from Connecticut." (STRATTON's 1969 History.)

JOSEPH SHERMAN died 20 Jan 1731 intestate and son, JOHN, the oldest of eleven children administered the estate. JOSEPH, like his older brother, had also been a soldier in King Philip's War; a surveyor; constable; "fence viewer"; Assessor; Selectman; Deputy for Watertown to the General Court of Mass.

(7) GRACE SHERMAN b 20 Dec 1653, d 21 Feb 1654/55.

On the following pages will be found a brief pedigree chart composed by the compiler to enable the reader to more easily understand (1st) the descent covering 300 years (1511-1810) from the one progenitor, HENRY SHERMAN (SR.)[1] down through his two sons: HENRY SHERMAN, JR.[2] and EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.)[2A] and in the 10th generation the intermarriage of two female descendants of HENRY, JR. to the two PALMER brothers, descended from EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.); and (2nd) to see the relationship of the sister, MARTHA SHERMAN, and her brother, JOSEPH SHERMAN, and her granddaughter, MARY (BOWMAN) GARFIELD, and JOSEPH's grandson, the Hon. ROGER SHERMAN. MARY GARFIELD was the ancestor of DOLLY and NANCY LAMB who married NATHAN and JOHN C. PALMER.

The Hon. ROGER SHERMAN remains perhaps the most outstanding of numerous descendants of the Yaxley and Dedham, England emigrants with this surname. In 1910 the Lucy Jackson Chapter of the D.A.R. erected a stone marker at the place of his birth in the eastern part of Newton, Massachusetts, on present (1920) Waverly Avenue. Two statues have been made by the State of Connecticut by IVES; one the State gave to the U.S.

and it stands in Statuary Hall in the Capitol; the other is in the Conn. State Capitol. He resided in Stoughton, Mass., New Milford and New Haven, Connecticut. He married (1st) 17 Nov 1749 ELIZABETH HARTWELL (b 31 Aug 1726 Stoughton, d 19 Oct 1760 New Milford, bur there in the Old Burying Ground) dau of Deacon JOSEPH and MARY (TOLMAN) HARTWELL of Stoughton. She was aged 34 years when she died and left no Will and letters of administration on her estate were not issued. He m (2nd) at Danvers (now Peabody), Mass. 12 May 1763 REBECCA PRESCOTT (b 20 May 1742 and d 19 Apr 1813, aged 71 years) eldest dau of BENJAMIN and REBEKAH PRESCOTT of Danvers, (now Peabody) Mass. ROGER SHERMAN contributed seven pounds towards building the Yale College Chapel and from 1765 until 1776 he served as Treasurer of the College. He died at New Haven 23 July 1793. His Will was dated 6 Aug 1793 and his inventory included a Coat of Arms.

RE: EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.) and (JR.)

To continue this SHERMAN family history, the following pages will contain data regarding the younger son, EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.) whose older brother, HENRY SHERMAN (JR.) named for their father (HENRY SHERMAN[1]) has had his story told in the preceding pages. Reference to the pedigree chart at the end of this section will reveal the line of descent down from the progenitor through his second son, EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.) who is being given the identification number 2A inasmuch as his older brother (HENRY,JR.) is designated number 2; likewise, the son of EDMUND (SR.) will be numbered 3A, etc. It should be remembered that the two grandsons of HENRY SHERMAN[1] married sisters, i.e. JOHN married GRACE MAKIN and EDMUND (JR.) married JOAN MAKIN; JOHN and EDMUND (JR.) SHERMAN were first cousins.

2A. EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.) was baptized ca 1548 at Dedham, married (1st) 25 Apr 1570 ANNE PELLATTE by whom he had seven children; she was bur 8 June 1584 and he married (2nd) 11 Sept 1584 ANNE CLERE by whom he also had seven children. The first wife was bur 8 June 1584 (Dedham parish register). This brother's descendants paralleled those of his older brother in achievements and prominence. His eminent SHERMAN descendants included Archibald PHILIP PRIMROSE, 5th Earl of Roseberry, Prime Minister of England; General WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN of the Civil War; HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin; JOHN SHERMAN, a Senator and Secretary of the Treasury; and several early prominent Puritan ministers and many others, including Admiral FREDERICK C. SHERMAN.

EDMUND was buried at Dedham 22 Dec 1600 at which time all his children by his second wife were still minors. They are not being listed herein except for his second child, EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) bapt Dedham ca 1572, by the first wife. (All are listed on page 146 of STRATTON's "TRANSATLANTIC SHERMANS" which is still available from the author, 79 Sommers Lane, Staten Island, N.Y. 10313; all SHERMAN descendants should make an effort to own a copy of this splendid research work.)

3A. EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) was baptized at Dedham ca 1572, married JOAN MAKIN (dau of TOBIAS MAKIN of Fingringhoe, Essex County) who was a sister to GRACE MAKIN who had married EDMUND's first cousin, JOHN SHERMAN. EDMUND (JR.) should not be confused with another first cousin (younger brother of said JOHN) also named EDMUND who married JUDITH

ANGER. The giving of the same first names to several of these male SHERMANs by the two brothers (HENRY, JR. and EDMUND, SR.) could cause much confusion; HENRY, JR. had eleven children and named sons HENRY, SAMUEL, JOHN and EDMUND; EDMUND, SR. named his sons HENRY (2nd, being named for the grandfather), EDMUND (JR.), SAMUEL and JOHN.

3A
EDMUND (JR.) was a beneficiary under the Will of his grandfather, HENRY SHERMAN (SR.)[1] and also under his father's Will which included the following bequest: "To son, EDMOND, after decease of my wife all the houses and lands before given to said wife and a house and seven acres called Ryes where he now dwells and my sherman's occupation. Also he is authorized -- and his heirs forever -- to appoint a poor child to be freely taught by the Schoolmaster of the Public Grammar School in Dedham..." EDMUND (JR.) arrived on the "Elizabeth" 1634, aged ca 62 years. He was 1st at Watertown; then Wethersfield 1635; then New Haven.

3A. The children of EDMUND (JR.) and JOAN (MAKIN) SHERMAN, all baptized at Dedham, were: (STRATTON lists only nine children)

(1) EDMUND SHERMAN (3rd) bapt June or Oct 23 1599, clothier; married twice; children by 2nd wife, GRACE STEVENS:
  i JOHN SHERMAN bapt 21 Aug 1664.
  ii MARTHA SHERMAN bapt 28 Sept 1666.
  iii EDMUND SHERMAN IV bapt 25 Nov 1669.

(2) ANN SHERMAN bapt 15 Sept 1601.

(3) JOAN SHERMAN bapt 13 Dec 1603.

4A. (4) HESTER (ESTER, ESTHER) SHERMAN bapt 1 Apr 1606 (NEHGR 50:415) married ANDREW WARDE (b 1597, England; died 1659 Fairfield, Conn.) about 1626; emigrated to N.E., with small children, settling first at Wethersfield, Conn. and were among first settlers there; then moved to Stamford; then to Hempstead, L.I., then Fairfield. They had nine children. See ANDREW WARDE FAMILY for his history and list of their children. HESTER died 1667.

(5) RICHARD SHERMAN bapt 16 Oct 1608; bur 27 Oct 1647 Dedham.

(6) BEZALEEL SHERMAN bapt 17 Sept 1611.

(7) JOHN SHERMAN (REV.) b 26 Dec 1613, bapt 4 Jan 1614. He received his A.B. from Trinity College, Cambridge 1629; his A.M. in 1633. He came to Watertown and was dismissed from the Church there to the church in Wethersfield, Conn. He resided there until 20 Nov 1639 he went to Milford, Conn. and was on the list of free planters; admitted to Milford Church 8 Nov 1640; same month was one of the five persons chosen by General Court of New Haven Colony magistrates of the Colony; married twice; fourteen children.

(8) A child baptized 18 June 1616 (NEHGR 50:416).

(9) Hon. SAMUEL SHERMAN b 12 July 1618; came to New England; active in public affairs, leader in New Haven Colony; was ancestor of General WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

(10) GRACE SHERMAN b 1614/15; m JOHN LIVERMORE; d Mass. 1690.

3A (11) _____ (dau) mentioned in Will of SAMUEL SHERMAN.

EDMUND died 1641 at New Haven, his wife survived him in England. His bro, SAMUEL's Will of 1643 left bequests to "my loving sister SHERMAN, EDMOND's widow, to her sons, SAMUEL and JOHN and her daus, GRACE and ESTER WARD."

300 YEAR PEDIGREE CHART TRACING TWO SONS OF HENRY SHERMAN AND INTERMARRIAGE of THEIR DESCENDANTS 1803-1810 IN THE 10TH GENERATION IN N.Y.

HENRY SHERMAN[1] ba ca 1511/12 Dedham, Essex Co., England called "The elder of Colchester" who m ca 1542 AGNES BUTTER and had four or five sons including:

HENRY SHERMAN, JR.[2] ba ca 1546, m 14 June 1568 SUSAN LAWRENCE at Moze, Essex Co. (Parish Reg. p.27); a wealthy clothier; 11 children.

JOHN SHERMAN[3] ba Gr.Horkesley, Essex Co., Eng., 17 Aug 1585, m bef 14 May 1610 GRACE MAKIN, dau of TOBIAS MAKIN and had but 2 sons before he died age 30; bur 24 Jan 1616.

(1) CAPT. JOHN SHERMAN[4] bapt Gr.Horkesley 3 Sept 1612; emigrated to Watertown,Mass. ca 1636 with mother, step-father and half-sister; ca 1637 m MARTHA PALMER, dau of WM. PALMER of Hampton, N.H.

(2) RICHARD SHERMAN bapt 7 Aug 1614; he remained in England.

CAPT. JOHN and MARTHA (PALMER) SHERMAN had six children including:

MARTHA SHERMAN[5] b 21 Feb 1639/40, m 26 Sept 1661 at Watertown, Mass. FRANCIS BOWMAN (b 1630, son of NATHANIEL and ANN BOWMAN).
They had 9 children including:

NATHANIEL BOWMAN[6] b 1668, m ANNE BARNARD (dau of JOHN AND SARAH (FLEMING) BARNARD) 16 Dec 1692 (b 24 Aug 1670, d 16 Sept 1757).
They had seven daus including:

MARY BOWMAN[7] b 1693, m SAMUEL GARFIELD ca 1714 (b 3 Sept 1690 Watertown,Mass.)
They had eight children including:

EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.)[2] ba ca 1548 Dedham, m 25 Apr 1570 (1st) ANNE PELLATTE; she d and was bur 8 June 1584; 7 children he m (2nd) ANNE CLERE 11 Sept 1584; seven children.

EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.)[3] born Dedham ca 1572, m JOAN MAKIN sister to GRACE MAKIN, ca 1598/99; had 5 sons & 4 daus including:

(1) HESTER SHERMAN[4] ba 1 Apr 1606; m ANDREW WARD, JR. 1626 in England. (See ANDREW WARD FAMILY herein.) and

(2) JOHN SHERMAN[4] (REV.) b 26 Dec 1613; rec'd. A.B. at Trinity College,Cambridge; great preacher of N.E. who fled England to escape persecutions.

HESTER and ANDREW WARD had:
ANDREW WARD (3rd)[5] b ca 1642 Conn., m ca 1667/68 TRYAL MEIGS (b 1646) (SEE MEIGS FAMILY herein.) They had:

Capt. PETER WARD[6] b 14 Oct 1667, m 30 Mar 1699 MARY JOY (b 1680); they had:

MARY WARD[7] b 10 Apr 1713 at Killingworth,Conn., m 18 Jan 1729 JOHN PALMER (1705-1788) and had 6 children including:

ELIAKIM GARFIELD[8] b 3 Oct 1732, son of MARY (BOWMAN) AND SAMUEL GARFIELD. ELIAKIM m 3 July 1759 (1st) HANNAH CHASE (b 11 Jan 1736/37, d 1767) and had 5 children including:

Capt. FENNER PALMER[8] b 15 Sep 1735, son of JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER, Killingworth. m ca 1754 LYDIA _____ and had ten children including:

ANNA GARFIELD[9] ba 1762, m PHINEAS LAMB and had 13 children including:

NATHANIEL PALMER[9] b 1763 who m (1st) SARAH _____ and had ten children including:

DOLLY LAMB[10] b 1 Dec 1781, who married 1803 - NATHAN PALMER[10] b 22 Aug 1782

NANCY LAMB[10] b Nov 1791, who married 1810 -- JOHN C. PALMER[10] b 21 Oct 1789

For additional information on these ALLIED FAMILIES, the reader should see the following chapters in this section:

NATHANIEL BOWMAN
AQUILA CHASE
EDWARD GARFIELD
WALTER AND JACOB JOY
THOMAS LAMB
VINCENT MEIGS
WM. PALMER OF HAMPTON, N.H.
ANDREW WARDE

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The compiler is at a loss to understand the reference in the following American books to the marriage of GRACE (MAKIN) SHERMAN ROGERS to WILLIAM PALMER OF HAMPTON, N.H. (her son's father-in-law):

(1) "HISTORY OF HAMPTON" by Dow - page 900.
(2) "PIONEERS OF MAINE AND N.H." by CHARLES HENRY POPE pp.153-4.
(3) GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF FIRST SETTLERS OF N.E. On the Basis of FARMER's Register by JAMES SAVAGE p. 343.
(4) NEHGR Vol. 51:310-314, July 1897.

In none of the SHERMAN GENEALOGIES that were studied for this chapter was there a reference to GRACE (MAKIN) SHERMAN having four husbands; all agreed she had married (3rd) ROGER PORTER and died as GRACE PORTER.

However, there is no question as to her first husband being JOHN SHERMAN and that he was the father of her two sons, (CAPTAIN) JOHN SHERMAN, JR. and RICHARD SHERMAN.

THE SPENCER FAMILY

A brief explanation of the derivation of the name SPENCER is given by W. D. SPENCER in his "MAINE SPENCERS" (1898), published Concord, New Hampshire:

> "SPENCER is not an Anglo-Saxon word but was merely borrowed from the Low Latin 'dispendere' -- ' to weigh apart.' It then became the old French form 'despensier' or 'despenser' and this form in turn became in Middle English 'spencere or spensere' now preserved in the proper name SPENCER or SPENSER, formerly DESPENSER. The meaning at this point is 'one who weighs out,' a 'dispenser, caterer, or clerk of the kitchen.' Hence the buttery or cellar was called a 'spense' as it was under the control of this officer. Of course, only honest men could hold such an office. The Latinized form of the name as it occurs in the Doomsday Book ca A.D. 1085 is DISPENSATOR.' "

Many American SPENCERS descend from four brothers who emigrated from Bedfordshire, England and their descendants are extremely numerous. Extensive historical accounts of this family and several genealogies have been published in this country for almost one hundred years. The problem here is to briefly set forth the history as it pertains to SPENSERs who intermarried eventually with descendants of our subject, WALTER PALMER, and of necessity confine this write-up to them alone. There were several other emigrants from England with this surname; thus not all Americans with the last name SPENCER can claim descent from "the four SPENCER brothers." The compiler commences with the research article of the late eminent professional genealogist, DONALD LINES JACOBUS, M.A., whose article "THE FOUR SPENCER BROTHERS" appeared in several issues of THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST in the 1950's, to wit: Vol. 27, pp.79-87, the next issue pp. 161-185, and concluding in the following issue which by that time carries the family into the mid-1700's.

1. JOHN SPENCER was born probably a few years after 1500, married ANNE (MERRILL?) and was buried 9 June 1558 at Edworth, Bedfordshire, England; ANNE was buried there 16 June 1560; her Will was dated 13 June 1560, proved 21 Apr 1561. Her second son, JOHN (JR.), was buried there two months before his mother on 21 Apr 1560, thus leaving but two survivors for her--her sons, MICHAEL and GERARD. Her Will mentions her son, GERARD, aged seventeen years; and specifies that her son, MICHAEL is "to have the chest that was his brother, JOHN's"(who predeceased the mother by about two months). MICHAEL was a witness to his mother's Will. From the wording of her Will, JACOBUS places this family in the yeoman class, somewhat better off than the average village family of that time and place.

Children of JOHN and ANNE SPENCER born prob Bedfordshire:

2. (1) MICHAEL SPENCER b prob 1530-1535.
   (2) JOHN SPENCER bur 21 Apr 1560.
   (3) GERARD b ca 1543, died Beds. ca 1577; m 30 July 1568 ELLEN WHYSTON; four children.

MICHAEL SPENCER[2] was b prob 1530-1535 and was still living in 1599. He married (1st) at Edworth 20 Jan 1555/56 AGNES LIMER (bur there 23 Feb 1561/62) by whom he had at least three children; m (2nd) ELIZABETH _____ about 1563 (bur Stotfold, Beds., 18 Nov 1599). She may have been the mother of his next six children. However, the Edworth baptismal records do not indicate the name of the mother of the older children except only MICHAEL's 8th and 9th children (GERARD and RICHARD), baptized after he removed to Stotfold, have the mother's name as ELIZABETH SPENCER. There may have been another wife in between AGNES and ELIZABETH who could have been the mother of the children born 1564-1571; however, there is no record of that marriage and it is presumed, therefore, that ELIZABETH was the mother of the six youngest children. Sometime between 1571 and 1576 MICHAEL removed his family to Stotfold in the same county

Children of MICHAEL and AGNES SPENCER baptized Edworth:

(1) JOHN SPENCER (2nd), named for grandfather, bapt 20 Apr 1557.
(2) MICHAEL SPENCER (JR.) bapt 27 May 1558; bur 15 Apr 1560.
(3) ANNE SPENCER bapt 24 July 1560.

Children of MICHAEL and ELIZABETH SPENCER, probably all baptized at Edworth except the last two who were baptized at Stotfold:

(4) JOAN SPENCER bapt 21 Aug 1564.
(5) ALICE SPENCER bapt 30 Aug 1566.
(6) CATHERINE SPENCER.
(7) THOMAS SPENCER bapt 12 Mar 1571.

3. (8) GERARD SPENCER bapt 20 May 1576, name recorded as "GERAT" but name is spelled GERARD at baptism of his own children.

(9) RICHARD SPENCER bapt 9 July 1580, became a prosperous London haberdasher; died there the end of May or beginning of June 1646 apparently unmarried. His Will dated 17 Mar 1645, codicil 29 May 1646, proved 8 June 1646, calls him "gent." ("GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND" by WATERS, pp. 514-515). RICHARD made numerous bequests to his many nephews and nieces, including three of the sons of his brother, GERARD (above): JARRARD, THOMAS and MICHAELL and to the "children of his nephew, WILLIAM SPENCER, son of said brother, JARRARD SPENCER, deceased." WILLIAM was the first of the four emigrant SPENCER brothers to die in New England.

GERARD SPENCER[3] (also JARRARD, GARRARD) was bapt at Stotfold, Bedfordshire 20 May 1576, married at Upper Gravenhurst, same county, 10 May 1600 ALICE WHITBREAD (WHITBRED) and died before 1646. He moved from Stotfold, probably some years before four of his sons emigrated to N.E., and probably to London where his younger brother, RICHARD, had become a prosperous haberdasher.

ALICE WHITBREAD belonged to a prominent family in Bedfordshire who had resided there before 1500 although records before that date are fragmentary. The history of her family appeared in TAG Vol. 32, No. 3,

pages 131-142 (July 1956) in an article by CLARENCE ALMON TORREY, Ph.B., of Boston who explained "... two branches of this family were found. The first known ancestor in each branch was named THOMAS WHITBREAD, the first born presumably by 1500, and the second also named THOMAS, believed to have been born ca 1522." The relationship of these two men was apparently not discovered and was not explained. However, the compiler of the WHITBREAD history places ALICE (WHITBREAD) SPENCER in "the second THOMAS WHITBREAD Line", i.e. the one born ca 1522, married ca 1546, wife's name unknown. They may have had several children but only the name of one son is known:

> JOHN WHITBREAD b ca 1548, married ELEANOR _____, resided Upper Gravenhurst and bur 28 Nov 1598. No Will or probate record found.

JOHN's wife was also known as ELLENOR (probate record for her) and she was of Elstow; she was bur Upper Gravenhurst 20 Nov 1628. Her nuncupative Will was probated 18 Apr 1629; it was "uttered by her in her lifetime and since her death put into writing ..." She named her eldest son, WILLIAM, and his eldest son, HENERY; also her godsonne, WILLIA' SPENCER; THOMAS SPENCER; and her youngest son, JOHN, she named executor. A copy of her Will was entered in the Bedfordshire Archdeaconry Court as No. 122. The author of the history explains that "The manner in which she bequeathed her many silver pieces 'forever to the heirs of the WHITBREADS' suggests she was a woman of great family pride, even though not of great wealth, and accords with the belief that she may have at one time belonged to a family of a somewhat higher social status than her husband's family was in her generation. Her eldest son, WILLIAM SPENCER, by 1639 styled himself 'a gentleman,' and owned much land which may have been inherited from his mother's side."

The children of GERARD and ALICE (WHITBREAD) SPENCER were all baptized at Stotfold, Bedfordshire:

4. (1) WILLIAM SPENCER bapt 11 Oct 1601, died Hartford, Conn.1640.
   (2) ELIZABETH SPENCER bapt 31 Oct 1602, m _____ TOMLINS.
   (3) JOHN SPENCER bapt 22 Jan 1602/04, died young.
   (4) HENRY SPENCER bapt 11 Aug 1605; bur 20 Oct 1607.
   (5) THOMAS SPENCER bapt 29 Mar 1607, d Hartford 1687.
   (6) RICHARD SPENCER bapt 11 Dec 1608, bur 6 May 1614.
   (7) _____, a son, buried 24 Mar 1609/10.
   (8) MICHAEL SPENCER bapt 5 May 1611, d Lynn, Mass. 1653.
   (9) GERARD SPENCER bapt 25 Apr 1614,d Haddam,Mass. 1685.

The above named WILLIAM, THOMAS, MICHAEL and GERARD are the "four SPENCER brothers" who emigrated to New England. The "ALDERMANS IN AMERICA" by WILLIAM ALDERMAN PARKER (1957) whose family intermarried with this SPENCER family presents quite a different picture of the ancestry and emigration of members of the SPENCERs. (See pp. 14-16 and 578-580.) Their genealogy of this family commences with one ROBERT DESPENCER "who accompanied WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR to England" whose father held lands in France prior to 1066; it continues down into the 22nd generation which is the "WILLIAM SPENCER born 1611, came with his father and brothers to America in 1632." In the 14th generation the family dropped the "De" from the name and thereafter it was merely SPENCER.

The ALDERMAN history in writing of the family's emigration to New England explains:

"GERRARD (JARED) SPENCER, pioneer to America (bapt at Stratford, England in 1576) came to Cambridge, Mass. in 1632 with his five sons, JOHN THOMAS, WILLIAM, MICHAEL and GERRARD, JR.; JOHN returned to England." Thus this record indicates that there were five SPENCER brothers who emigrated and that their father accompanied them!

The JACOBUS story of the "four SPENCER brothers", pages 84-85, refutes the inclusion of the fifth son, JOHN, and also does not include the father, GERARD, as an emigrant who accompanied the sons:

> "Before concluding this chapter, it seems advisable to dispose of an error which occurs in many printed sources to the effect that the four SPENCER brothers were accompanied to N.E. by a fifth brother, the JOHN who was baptized at Stotfold 22 Jan 1603/04."

He relies on the Will of the Uncle RICHARD SPENCER who died at London in May or June of 1646 and did not mention in that Will this nephew, JOHN, or any children of that nephew which certainly would have been done had that JOHN survived, married, and had children. RICHARD who apparently had not married left bequests to his brother's (GERARD) sons, THOMAS, MICHAEL and GERARD (all settled in N.E. by 1646) and inasmuch as the fourth nephew, WILLIAM, had predeceased RICHARD (died at Hartford in 1640), the Will gave a large legacy to the children of the deceased WILLIAM. JACOBUS also explains that the father of the four brothers, GERARD, "died before 1646" -- the date of the Will of his brother, RICHARD, inasmuch as GERARD is not mentioned in the latter's Will either. There is no indication in the JACOBUS story that the four sons were accompanied by their father to New England.

In concluding the section on GERARD and ALICE (WHITBREAD) SPENCER, JACOBUS emphasizes that "The records cited establish the parentage of the four New England SPENCER brothers and their descent from JOHN and ANNE SPENCER of Edworth. Various attempts which we have seen to push the line further back either contain fatal flaws or lack any acceptable evidence to sustain them."

WILLIAM SPENCER[4] was baptized at Stotfold, Beds. 11 Oct 1601; married AGNES (probably TUCKER) (see NYGBR 71:220) probably the dau of RICHARD and AGNES (WYATT) TUCKER. They had but three children and he died in 1640; AGNES married (2nd) WILLIAM EDWARDS (bapt Parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, Middlesex, England 1 Nov 1618, died Hartford, Conn. Colony, ca 1680), son of the Rev. RICHARD EDWARDS by whom she had one son, RICHARD EDWARDS (2nd) born 1 May 1647.

In placing AGNES SPENCER as the dau of the TUCKER family, historians usually explain the following: (p. 220 NYGBR of Vol. 70) from the article "DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM EDWARDS" by ELIZUR YALE SMITH:

> "WILLIAM EDWARDS was the first colonist and the progenitor in New England of this famous family, the outstanding member of which was WILLIAM's great-grandson, the REV. JONATHAN EDWARDS,M.A.

"The earliest biographer of the Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, M.A., was the Rev. SAMUEL HOPKINS, D.D. He had studied theology under EDWARDS, had lived in the EDWARDS household and was familiar with the history and traditions of the family. In his biography, publishted in 1765, DR. HOPKINS states that AGNES, the wife of WILLIAM EDWARDS, had a brother who was Mayor of Exeter, Devonshire, and another brother who was Mayor of Barnstaple, Devonshire. The only two men who bore the same name and were Mayors of these two cities, anytime near this period, were JAMES TUCKER, Mayor of Exeter in 1638, and WALTER TUCKER, Mayor of Barnstaple in 1639. The names of all three, JAMES, WALTER and AGNES TUCKER appear on the Barnstaple records. ... The author has been unable, after exhaustive research, to discover a record of the marriage of AGNES, but there are strong indications that her name is here correctly given. For over a hundred years historians and genealogists have been searching for her name. ...

"When WILLIAM EDWARDS married the widow SPENCER he became the step-father of three small children, but they were not a drag on his own pocket-book; for WILLIAM SPENCER left an estate which inventories at £ 213-12-02; one third of which was willed outright to his widow and the other two thirds to the children.

"The widow SPENCER did not greatly elevate her social position when she married (2nd) WILLIAM EDWARDS, but there were not many eligible bachelors or widowers in Hartford in 1645 ... she had been a widow for five years and had three children to rear. Her first husband, WILLIAM SPENCER, was a man of much weight and consequence in the two Colonies in which he lived, Massachusetts Bay and Conn. He came from a family of the gentry in England. ... That he stood high in the community is evident from the fact that in 1638 he was named one of the four men, all designated as gentlemen, to whom Governor JOHN WINTHROP granted the charter to form the Military Company of the Massachusetts, the name of which was soon changed to the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company, and which is today the oldest military organization in the United States.

"In 1639 WILLIAM SPENCER joined the Hooker settlement at Hartford. He is listed on the monument in the Ancient Burying Ground in Hartford as one of the founders of the Connecticut Colony. There he was elected a selectman, became a Deputy to the first session of the General Court in 1639, and was appointed on a committee of that body, to make the first code of laws for the Colony. No doubt his untimely death in 1640 ended a brilliant career."

According to some references, WILLIAM SPENCER was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, England coming to New England with friends of JOHN WINTHROP in 1631; they settled in Cambridge. In 1633 he may have then returned to bring his wife and came with her in the ship "Mary and John" (according to page 203 WM. R. CUTTER's GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT (Vol. 3). Passenger lists searched do not seem to agree on the arrival of the four SPENCER brothers. One JOHN and a WILLIAM SPENCER are listed by BANKS as passengers on the "Mary and John" which sailed from Southampton 24 Mar 1633/34 but no wives are listed for them (page 111) and the other three brothers, GARRETT, MICHAEL and THOMAS are not included here. The list of passengers arriving 1630 on the "Mary and

John" which numbered 160 does not include any SPENCERS. JOHN FARMER's "GENEALOGICAL REGISTER OF FIRST SETTLERS OF N.E." (with additions by SAMUEL DRAKE) pp. 270-271 lists the following four believed to be the four SPENCER brothers:

1) GARRETT SPENCER 1634 in Cambridge; 1637 in Lynn, Mass.
2) MICHAEL SPENCER 1634 in Cambridge; 1637 in Lynn, Mass.
3) WILLIAM SPENCER 1632 in Cambridge; freeman 1633; representative 1635; one of the founders of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston.
4) THOMAS SPENCER 1632 in Cambridge; brother of John; freeman 1634.

Also listed was one JOHN SPENCER at Ipswich 1634, returned to England. If the reference for THOMAS' being "brother of JOHN" referred to the next item regarding"JOHN at Ipswich" it must be in error as JACOBUS explains (pp85-86) their brother named JOHN must have died without issue before 1646 and never emigrated; JOHN SPENCER of Ipswich must have been another JOHN than the brother of the "four SPENCER brothers."

The list of passengers by BANKS' ("TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY") does list the four SPENCER brothers and also three others including one named THOMAS who went to Maine and one named JOHN who settled at Newbury; it may be that they and the third one, ROGER SPENCER were related in some way.

The history by CUTTER (supra) lists several important positions held by WILLIAM SPENCER, including:

In 1634 he was on the committee to confer with the governor and assistants in regard to the care of the common stock, which led to the formation of the house of representatives. He was the first representative chosen, and held the office until he left the colony.
In 1639 he went with his family to Hartford where his brother, THOMAS had settled.
In 1639/40 he was representative in the general assembly in Hartford and while there he prepared the first revised laws of the colony.
4 May 1640 WILLIAM made his Will and died at Hartford 1640.

The LUCIUS BARBOUR "FAMILIES OF EARLY HARTFORD" includes the name of WILLIAM SPENCER as one of the early members of First Church there and as becoming a freeman in March 1632/33.

The "ALDERMAN HISTORY" reveals the Will of WILLIAM SPENCER divided his estate into thirds: to his son, SAMUEL one-third; to his widow, AGNES, one-third; and to his two daus SARAH and ELIZABETH, one-third.

The children of WILLIAM and AGNES

5. (1) ELIZABETH SPENCER b ca 1633, m (1st) 1649 WILLIAM WELLMAN (being his second wife) who died at Killingworth, Conn. 9 Aug 1671; they had eight children; she m (2nd) JACOB JOY 23 May 1672 (he died 1690) son of WALTER and DEBORAH (WATHREN) JOY; they had four children.

(2) SARAH SPENCER b ca 1636, m bef 17 Aug 1656 JOHN CASE (although ALDERMAN HISTORY gives 1657 as the year) who was b in Aylesham, England 1616, sailed from Gravesend 3 Sept 1635, settled at Windsor, Conn. Became owner of large acreages; spent some years in Newton on Long Island but 1656 returned to Conn. and in 1667 settled in Simsbury. They had ten children, the first five in Windsor; the others in Simsbury; the last child was born in 1682 when SARAH would have been aged 46 years; SARAH although 20 years younger than her husband predeceased him and died 3 Nov 1691; he died 21 Feb 1704, aged 88 years after marrying a second time Mrs. ELIZABETH LOOMIS, widow of NATHANIEL LOOMIS; she d 1728, aged 90 years.

(3) SAMUEL SPENCER b ca 1638 prob in Cambridge, Mass, m SARAH _____ who d 24 Apr 1706; eight children; d ca 1716.

ELIZABETH SPENCER[5] was born probably at Cambridge, Mass. ca 1633, m (1st) 1649, aged 16 years, WILLIAM WELLMAN (being his second wife) who died at Killingworth, Conn. 9 Aug 1671, leaving his widow with eight children, ages 2 to 21 years. WILLIAM WELLMAN emigrated in 1640 with a large party of Puritans led by the Rev. RICHARD BLYMAN; they departed from the port of Bristol and the bulk of the passengers were from Wales although some were from the English counties close to the Welch border. It is believed WILLIAM came from Somersetshire on account of the surname which was quite common in the records of that shire. It is thought his surname had possibly originated in the city of Wells where both the surname and the city's designation may have been derived from the existence of a well known as "St. Andrew's Well" near the bishop's palace. There is no record of children born to WILLIAM and his first wife. After his marriage to ELIZABETH SPENCER they removed in 1650 to Gloucester and then to New London. In 1664 the family removed to another new settlement on the shore of Long Island Sound where grants of land were received. The community was first known as Kenilworth; later it was Killingsworth; now it is Clinton, Connecticut.

An article entitled "WILLIAM SPENCER's DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH" in TAG Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 7-9, Oct. 1944 written by the eminent genealogist GEORGE E. McCRACKEN, Ph.D., F.A.S.G., Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, suggests ELIZABETH and her sister may have been twins. He also suggests WILLIAM's first wife may have been the mother of the first two of his children, MARY b ca 1650 and MARTHA b ca 1653 and his marriage to ELIZABETH may have been later; ELIZABETH and WILLIAM had a total of eight children <u>if</u> all eight were hers, the last one, RACHEL, born ca 1670, died 1682.

ELIZABETH (SPENCER) WELLMAN's children by WILLIAM WELLMAN:

(1) MARY WELLMAN b ca 1650, m in Norwich 1 Jan 1666 THOMAS HOWARD (1st); 5 children; m (2nd) Aug 1677 WILLIAM MOORE, three children.

(2) MARTHA WELLMAN b ca 1653; m 20 Feb 1672/73 (as a second of his three wives) Lieut. CLEMENT MINOR (bapt Hingham, Mass. 4 Mar 1637, d 8 Nov 1700 New London, Conn.)second child of GRACE (PALMER) MINOR and her husband, THOMAS.

Without definite proof that the eight WELLMAN children were not those of ELIZABETH SPENCER, we must accept them as SPENCER descendants and consequently when MARTHA WELLMAN married Lieut. CLEMENT MINOR, she was also marrying a descendant (through his mother) of our subject, WALTER PALMER; GRACE PALMER MINOR was the oldest child of WALTER born in England; the name of her mother has never been definitely ascertained. MARTHA and CLEMENT MINOR had but one child, a dau named PHEBE MINOR, b 13 Apr 1679 who married in 1697 JOHN STEBBINS; MARTHA (WELLMAN) MINOR died 15 July 1681 and her husband m (3rd) JOHANNA. (See published MINOR GENEALOGIES of JOHN A. MINER, 1970 and 1981.)

(3) BENJAMIN WELLMAN b ca 1654.

(4) ELIZABETH WELLMAN b ca 1657; d Killingworth 5 Feb 1717; m there 9 Jan 1678/79 Sergt. JOHN SHETHER.

(5) WILLIAM WELLMAN (JR.) b ca 1661; d 25 Aug 1736 at Killingworth; m (1st) ELIZABETH _____; m (2nd) 25 June 1730 ELIZABETH GRISWOLD.

(6) SARAH WELLMAN b Killingworth 16 Oct 1665, d by 14 Mar 1668.

(7) SAMUEL WELLMAN b Killingworth 19 Jan 1667/68.

(8) RACHEL WELLMAN b ca 1670, died 1682.

ELIZABETH SPENCER WELLMAN m (2nd) at Killingworth 23 May 1672 JACOB JOY(date and place of birth unknown), son of WALTER and DEBORAH (WATHREN) JOY. (See page 763 herein, "THE JACOB JOY FAMILY.") Their children were:

(9) DEBORAH JOY b 23 Feb 1672/73, m 19 Nov 1691 ANDREW WARD (3rd) of Killingworth. (See WARD FAMILY herein.)

(10) JACOB JOY (JR.) b 14 Mar 1674, died young.

(11) WALTER JOY (2nd) b 14 Aug 1677, died 1690.

6. (12) MARY JOY b 17 Sept 1680, m 30 Mar 1698 PETER WARD, brother to above ANDREW WARD. They had six children, including:

7. MARY WARD b 10 Apr 1713, m 18 Jan 1729 JOHN PALMER (b 1705 Killingworth, died Dover, Dutchess County, N.Y.), son of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and SARAH(FENNER) PALMER. (See page 159 herein.)

The foregoing concludes the history of ELIZABETH SPENCER, dau of WILLIAM SPENCER; however, her cousin, SAMUEL SPENCER, third child of her Uncle THOMAS SPENCER (younger brother to her father) had a son, JOHN, who married ELIZABETH PALMER, and he had a dau, HANNAH, who married ELIZABETH's brother, GERSHOM PALMER, descendants of the subject herein, WALTER PALMER.

1. Sergt. THOMAS SPENCER, one of the "four SPENCER brothers" who emigrated to New England was bapt at Stotfold, Beds., 29 Mar 1607, m (1st) ANN DERIFIELD (b ca 1610); m (2nd) at Hartford, Conn. 11 Sept 1645 SARAH BEARDING who died bef 1674, dau of NATHANIEL BEARDING. THOMAS died at Hartford, Conn. 11 Sept 1687; his Will was dated just two days previously. (See page 162 JACOBUS article in TAG, supra).

THOMAS and his first wife, ANN had three sons, probably born at Hartford, Connecticut:

(1) OBADIAH SPENCER b ca 1639, d May 1712.
(2) THOMAS SPENCER (JR.) b ca 1641, d 23 July 1689.
2. (3) SAMUEL SPENCER b ca 1643, d 8 Jan 1726/27.

THOMAS and his second wife, SARAH, had the following children:

(4) SARAH SPENCER b ca 1646, m THOMAS HUXLEY who d 21 July 1721; she d 24 Oct 1712.
(5) ELIZABETH SPENCER bapt 26 Mar 1648, m SAMUEL ANDREWS.
(6) JARED (GERARD) SPENCER b ca 1650, d 1712.
(7) HANNAH SPENCER b 15 Apr 1653, m (1st) GEORGE SEXTON,JR.; m (2nd) 29 Nov 1698 DANIEL BRAINERD, SR.
(8) MARY SPENCER b 18 May 1655, m 7 Oct 1675 THOMAS ROOT; she died Westfield, Mass. 4 Nov 1690.
(9) MARTHA SPENCER b 19 Mar 1658, m ANDREW BENTON.

SAMUEL SPENCER[2] was born ca 1643, married SARAH _____ (b ca 1660, d Windham, Conn. 15 Apr 1733, aged ca 73). He was the heir of his Uncle BARNABAS DERIFIELD of Braintree, Mass., and lived there for some years before settling in Windham; this uncle was the brother of ANN DERIFIELD, SAMUEL's mother. SAMUEL and SARAH had the following three children:

(1) JOHN SPENCER b ca 1684, m in Windham 29 Aug 1712 ELIZABETH* PALMER (b Rehoboth 14 Sept 1691); he died 5 April 1772.
(2) SARAH SPENCER bapt 5 Sept 1686, m at Windham 16 Sept 1708 JOHN CRANE.
(3) HANNAH SPENCER bapt 7 Sept 1689, m at Windham 28 June 1715 GERSHOM PALMER*(b 14 Nov 1694 Rehoboth, Mass., d 11 Dec 1776) son of JONAH and ELIZABETH (KENRICK) PALMER of Rehoboth; she d 22 Nov 1766.

*ELIZABETH PALMER was born in Rehoboth, Mass. 14 Sept 1691 and was a fourth generation down from the emigrant, WALTER PALMER. Her brother, GERSHOM PALMER was b 14 Nov 1694 and three years after ELIZABETH married JOHN SPENCER, he married HANNAH SPENCER, younger sister of JOHN. (See page 167 JACOBUS' article re "THE FOUR SPENCER BROTHERS" in TAG, Vol.27). A brief pedigree outlining their descent from WALTER PALMER appears on the following page.

The JOHN PALMER (mentioned on preceding page) who also married into the SPENCER FAMILY (married MARY WARD, granddaughter of ELIZABETH SPENCER (WELLMAN) JOY) was also in the fourth generation down from the emigrant, WALTER PALMER[1], Deacon GERSHOM PALMER[2], GERSHOM PALMER, JR.[3]. JOHN PALMER was the second son of GERSHOM (JR.) and his wife, SARAH (FENNER) PALMER and was responsible for starting a long line of male descendants who bore the first name of FENNER after the FENNERS of Saybrook, Connecticut. SARAH (FENNER) PALMER was the dau of Captain JOHN FENNER of Saybrook. JOHN and MARY (WARD) PALMER named their first son FENNER PALMER;*he became a Captain in the Revolutionary War; for at least seven generations thereafter there was at least one male PALMER who bore the first name of FENNER. *(See also p.159 herein for previous first name of the first FENNER PALMER.)

SPENCER-PALMER INTERMARRIAGES

WALTER PALMER[1] and first wife were the parents five children all born in England, the fourth being:

JONAS (JONAH)[2] PALMER m (1st) in Rehoboth, Mass. 3 May 1655 ELIZABETH GRISWOLD (GRISSELL) of Charlestown (bur 11 Feb 1691/92); he m (2nd) 9 Nov 1692 ABIGAIL (CARPENTER) TITUS, widow of JOHN TITUS of Rehoboth. JONAS and ELIZABETH had 7 children, including:

JONAS[3] PALMER b Rehoboth 29 Mar 1662. He removed to Windham, Conn. He m in Rehoboth 28 May 1689 ELIZABETH KENRICK, dau of GEORGE and RUTH (BOWEN) KENRICK (b Rehoboth 12 Sept 1661, d Windham 5 Aug 1725, aged 63 years); he died Windham 19 Sept 1730, aged 68 years. They had six children, all born Rehoboth, including the following two who married a sister and brother, JOHN and HANNAH SPENCER:

ELIZABETH[4] b 14 Sept 1691

m in Windham 29 Aug 1712 JOHN SPENCER (b ca 1684) son of SAMUEL SPENCER and wife, SARAH. ELIZABETH died Windham 1 July 1750. JOHN m (2nd) 24 Jan 1750/51 ELENOR ARNOLD; he d Windham 5 Apr 1772. ELIZABETH's eight children were:

(1) EBENEZER SPENCER b 8 May 1714.
(2) ANNA SPENCER b 6 May 1717.
(3) ELIZABETH SPENCER b 29 July 1719, d 1742.
(4) JERUSHA SPENCER b 16 July 1721, d 1722.
(5) JOHN SPENCER (JR.) b 24 Jan 1723, d 6 Mar 1766.
(6) SAMUEL SPENCER b 15 June 1729, d 1748.
(7) DAVID SPENCER b 27 May 1731.
(8) DEBORAH SPENCER, a twin, born 27 May 1731; d 16 Oct 1735.

GERSHOM[4] b 14 Nov 1694

m in Windham 28 June 1715 HANNAH SPENCER (bapt 7 Sept 1689, Braintree, Mass.) She d in Scotland Parish 22 Nov 1766, aged 78 years. Her husband m (2nd) MRS. NAOMI ALLEN of Coventry; he died Scotland Parish 11 Dec 1776, aged 83 years; buried beside HANNAH in Palmer Ground in Scotland Parish.

GERSHOM and HANNAH had the following six children:

(1) JONAH PALMER b 18 July 1716, died 14 Nov 1719.
(2) PHEBE PALMER b 20 Nov 1718.
(3) SHUBAEL PALMER b 4 Jan 1720.
(4) MARY PALMER.
(5) ELIZABETH PALMER.
(6) HANNAH PALMER b 16 May 1726.

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JOHN TALCOTT FAMILY OF ESSEX, ENGLAND

The TALCOTT family of England originally was of Warwickshire origin but were of considerable consequence in the county of Essex by the 17th Century (according to research conducted in London in 1985 by professional genealogist, DAPHNE HILLS of Wimborne, Dorsetshire). It was found that there were two other TALCOTTs also in Essex and both were mentioned in the Visitation of 1634. S. V. TALCOTT in 1876 set forth the origin and history of his TALCOTT family in "TALCOTT PEDIGREE IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA" and the first two generations of this JOHN TALCOTT family are of interest to this history:

1. JOHN TALCOTT[1] of Colchester, county of Essex, England, died in 1606; his Will was dated 23 Sept 1606 and proved 10 Nov that year. The first name of his first wife is unknown; she was _____ WELLS; he m (2nd) MARY PULLEN who died in 1625; her Will is dated 9 June 1625. He had children by both wives:

Children by first wife:

(1) JOHN TALCOTT[2] (JR.)married ANNE SKINNER, dau of WILLIAM SKINNER, yeoman, of Braintree, county of Essex, England and MARGERY SKINNER. JOHN (JR.) died 1604, predeceasing his father; ANNE TALCOTT died 1637 at Felsted, Essex Co. Their son, JOHN TALCOTT was the colonist who emigrated to Connecticut. JOHN (JR.) and ANNE had six children.

(2) ROBERT TALCOTT of Colchester was an Alderman and Justice of the Peace; he d 1641; his Will was dated 11 Aug 1641 and proved 1 Oct 1641; he m JOANNA DRANE, dau of JOHN DRANE of Bramford, county of Suffolk; six children.

(3) _____, dau who m _____ BARNARD; two children.

Children by second wife, MARY PULLEN TALCOTT:

(4) THOMAS TALCOTT "matriculated pensioner from Pembroke, Cambridge, Michaelmas 1588" (indicating he was born ca 1570), i.e. passed the examination necessary for entry to the University and "Pensioner" ="Equivalent to Oxford Commoner, i.e. someone who pays for his own Commons (food); not on the establishment." B.A., 1592/3; M.A. 1596; Fellow 1599; ordained Deacon and Priest London 2 Sept 1598; Rector of St. Mary's Colchester 1603-1641; Chaplain to Earl Marshall 1634. Married MARGARET BIGGS, dau of JEREMY BIGGS of county Suffolk and had five children; died 1641; bur 17 Sept that year at St. Mary's Colchester; in Visitation of Essex 1634.

2. (5) GRACE TALCOTT who married JOHN DEATH, son of THOMAS and JOAN DEATH (also D'AETH). (See: D'AETH (DEATH) FAMILY.)

(6) JOANNA TALCOTT, m _____ KNEWSTUBLE.

(7) MARIA (MARY) TALCOTT, m _____ MARSHALL.

(8) EME TALCOTT m THOMAS ADLER.

(9) JOHN TALCOTT "of Madrid, Spain, living 1625."

GRACE (TALCOTT) and her husband JOHN DEATH had a son named for the father, JOHN DEATH, JR. who married ABIGAIL _____, but little information has been found about GRACE and her husband in this country. The son and his wife, ABIGAIL had two children and following the death of JOHN, JR. his widow with the two children set sail for America, landing in Ipswich Harbor, later called Topsfield.

The older brother of GRACE TALCOTT, JOHN, JR., had had six children although three of them (daughters) died young; the three remaining children including JOHN TALCOTT (3rd) all emigrated to America. CHARLES BANKS' "Planters" (supra) p. 99 lists as passengers aboard the "Lyon" sailing from London 22 June 1632, arriving 16 Sept at Boston: JOHN TALCOTT of Braintree, Essex Co., wife DOROTHY, JOHN and MARY TALCOTT bound for Cambridge, Massachusetts. The interest of this PALMER history in these families is explained in this way:

ABIGAIL DEATH had a son who accompanied his mother to America, named for his father, JOHN DEATH (3rd) who married MARY PEABODY the dau of FRANCIS PEABODY, the emigrant and his 2nd wife, MARY FOSTER PEABODY; MARY PEABODY, the daughter was born in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts ca 1656, her father's 8th child.

JOHN DEATH (3rd) and MARY (PEABODY) DEATH had seven children, including their fifth child named LYDIA, b 1682 Sherborn, Massachusetts, who married in 1708 at Watertown JONATHAN LAMB

MARY (FOSTER) PEABODY had been born in Exeter, Devonshire, England ca 1615-1619, the dau of the emigrant, REGINALD FOSTER.

Lieut. JONATHAN LAMB was b 11 Nov 1682 Roxbury, Massachusetts, the son of ABIEL LAMB, SR. and ELIZABETH (CLARK) BUCKMINSTER, a widow (ABIEL being the youngest son of the emigrant, THOMAS LAMB, who reached America with The Winthrop Fleet of 1630). JONATHAN and LYDIA (DEATH) LAMB had nine children including the first son named JONATHAN LAMB, JR. b 1715/16 who married ELIZABETH RICHARDSON, the dau of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (GREEN) RICHARDSON. JONATHAN, JR. and his wife, ELIZABETH, had ten children including the ninth, a son named PHINEAS (PHINEHAS), the Revolutionary War soldier who married ANNA GARFIELD about 1780. PHINEAS and ANNA LAMB had thirteen children, the oldest being DOLLY who married in 1803 NATHAN PALMER of Granville, N.Y., and the fifth child being NANCY who married 1810 JOHN C. PALMER, younger brother to NATHAN. The GARFIELD family resided "next door" to the PALMER family although they were in two different states: Granville in New York and Wells in Vermont join on the border separating the two states.

Sources:

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THE JOHN UPHAM FAMILY

As long ago as 1845 a small (92 pages) family history of JOHN UPHAM and some of his descendants was published, compiled by ALBERT G. UPHAM. In 1887 another volume, "GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY OF THE UPHAMS of Maine and Illinois" was published privately in which FRANK KIDDER UPHAM informs us that the emigrant, JOHN UPHAM, "was the progenitor of all the American UPHAMS, so far as has been ascertained, either in the United States or British Provinces. In 1892 a larger volume was published at Albany, N.Y., by JOEL MUNSELL's SONS, compiled by F. K. UPHAM, covering the UPHAM GENEALOGY and descendants of that emigrant. In this latter book the author has devoted many pages to his explanation of the name UPHAM and how it developed and he refers to a DR. UPHAM who had a brief sojourn in England as long ago as 1844, whose notes on the subject were referred to by F. K. UPHAM in compiling his own 1892 volume. The first entry of the name found in England was a document dated 1208 but it is believed the name had been in use as early as 1140. On page 9 of the latter volume he explains:

> "... at the period when family names first began to be used, they were derived either from (1) the profession, or (2) some personal peculiarities of the individuals bearing them, or (3) from his place of residence, or landed estates. We shall endeavor to show that the latter was the fact with regard to the surname UPHAM; that it was first given to the family of that name because they were possessors of land, so called. ... UPHAM, as the name of a place, occurs in records previous to the introduction of surnames."

The latter reference is indicated by an entry from the Doomsday Book (Vol. 2, p. 36) of land held by an individual in a place called VPHAM; this early date (1041-1061) also indicates an Anglo-Saxon origin rather than a Norman one. It might have been informed, the author explains, by the uniting of two Anglo-Saxon words: "UP, an adjective, signifying exalted, high," and "Ham in names of places, denoting a home, dwelling, village." However, the author feels the name is more primitive,"as old as the language itself, and perhaps of Celtic, or even earlier origin." He suggests reference to the Biblical use of HUPHAM (Numbers 26:39): "... the family of the HUPHAMITES."

In England the name UPHAM was found mainly in the Southwest counties, such as Somerset and Devon and over a hundred years ago when interviewed some members of a Somersetshire family said "there were but few of this name in England, so far as they were aware, and they believed all came from the same original family," (page 17).

1. JOHN UPHAM was born 1600 in Somersetshire, married in England ca 1626 ELIZABETH _____ (b England 1603) and had three children born there before they emigrated "bound for Weymouth," (BANKS' "PLANTERS" page 128). From some Wills it has been suggested she may have been ELIZABETH WEBB although this is an assumption; her date of death is unknown but she predeceased her husband and he married a second time "in his old age, in 1671."

The BANKS and HOTTEN passenger lists on early emigrants to New England reveal JOHN and ELIZABETH UPHAM and three children (JOHN, JR., age 7 years, NATHANIEL age 5 years and ELIZABETH age 3 years) and one SARAH UPHAM sailed from Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England in March 1635, arrived 5 May that year with the group whose leader was the Rev. JOSEPH HULL. It is believed SARAH was a sister of JOHN but no further information about her has surfaced. Rev. HULL had formerly been a rector in the established Church of England.

JOHN UPHAM was prominent in the settlement of Weymouth, Mass., where this original colony located, and also later in the settlement of Malden. At both places he was a deacon in the church. On 2 Sept 1635 he was admitted freeman at Weymouth at the same time with the Rev. HULL and others of the HULL company. This same date the name of the place where they settled was changed from Wessaguscus to Weymouth and it was made a "plantation" at the same time with the privilege of sending a deputy to the General Court, which court on 8 July 1635 had given permission to Rev. JOSEPH HULL and twenty-one families "to sit down at Wessaguscus." They were not the very first settlers in that area, however, according to the history of Weymouth; as early as the autumn of 1623 came Rev. WILLIAM MORRELL, "a clergyman of the established Church;" and they also had there "the Rev. Mr. BARNARD, their first non-conformist minister," but the date of his being there is unknown.

In 1636 at a meeting in the town of Weymouth held the 12th of June, to assign land to families JOHN UPHAM received 30 acres. That year he was elected representative to the General Court (Records Vol.1, page 128), the court "holden in Boston." He was re-elected a second term of the court for the same year; also for both terms of the General Court for 1637 and for the first term for 1638 held at Newton; he was also a deputy for 1639 and on the "5th day of the 9th month"(Nov.) of the same year he was "appointed to be in the place of MR. PARKER, who is gone to England to order small business in the town of Weymouth." (These settlers had sailed from the harbor at Weymouth, Dorsetshire, so it was natural they would name their first home in New England the same.)

In 1640 JOHN and ELIZABETH had a tragedy in the family when oldest son, JOHN (JR.), then aged 12 years, died; the records reveal he was buried at Weymouth 5th day, 4th month (June), 1640.

JOHN UPHAM served as a commissioner and also a deputy for Weymouth and in 1642 he was one of the "six who treated with the Indians for the lands at Weymouth, and obtained a title from them thereto." In 1643 JOHN was a selectman and in 1644 power was given him by the General Court in connection with two others, to "end small causes at Weymouth". He was also a selectman in 1645-1647. He remained in Weymouth until 1648; but for the next two years no record of him has been found; some time between 1648 and 1650 he removed to Malden, a new community established on the north side of the Mystic River by several settlers from Charlestown who gathered there to form a new church.

JOHN UPHAM was active in civic affairs in Malden and by 22 Mar 1651 was a selectman there and again in 1655; his name appears as a witness to documents, including one which established the bounds of Charlestown and Malden. In 1657 he with two others was appointed a commissioner by the Supreme Court, "for ending small cases at Malden for one year." In 1657-1658 he was one of those responsible for compiling an inventory (of a deceased citizen) and witnessing a deed.

He was again appointed commissioner for Malden 5 Apr 1659 by the Supreme Court and also he was executor of the Will of RICHARD WEBB and guardian of his son. In 1661 and 1662 he was reappointed commissioner and chosen as one of the grand jurors that year. The town records for Malden from about 1664 to 1678 have been lost "thus depriving (his descendants) of a great source of information concerning JOHN UPHAM for the thirty year period between 1648 and 1678." The Deed records reveal some transfers of land to and from JOHN UPHAM including a conveyance of land from him to his son, PHINEAS UPHAM, in 1664.

There is no record of the death of ELIZABETH UPHAM but she probably died in the year 1670, aged 67 years; the date of the last notice about her is 2 Dec 1670 and by 14 Aug 1671 JOHN UPHAM "appears to be about contracting his marriage to the widow, KATHERINE HOLLARD." The Suffolk Deeds (Book 7, page 224) has the following record:

> "JOHN UPHAM -- KNOW ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;
> THAT WHEREAS there is a consummation of marriage intended between me JOHN UPHAM, Sen. of Malden in New England and KATHERINE HOLLARD widow and Relict of ANGELL HOLLARD late deceased I the said JOHN UPHAM do hereby wholly disclaim and utterly refuse to receive and take any goods Estate or appurtenances any way whatsoever belonging to the said KATHERINE and especially any money goods Estates or movables whatsoever that have been formerly or now are anyway belonging to the Estate of her former husband ANGELL HOLLARD.
> IN WITNESS WHEREOF I set to my hand and seal this 14th day of August 1671.
> JOHN UPHAM and a Seal."

The Malden records indicate the marriage took place in August 1671. During the years 1678-1680 "Deacon JOHN UPHAM was moderator of the several town meetings." (Some information about JOHN UPHAM has been obtained from other sources than the Town Records of Malden which were lost.) No Will for him has been found; he died at Malden 25 Feb 1681 and in 1887 the gravestone was still standing in the Old Burying Ground there revealing his age as 84 years. (The author of the UPHAM histories points out the discrepancy between that age of 84 years when he died in 1681 which would indicate he was born as early as 1597 whereas the passenger lists for 1635 list his then age as 35 years which places his birthdate as the year 1600.)

Another discrepancy appears in the 1887 volume which gives the name of his second wife as CATHERINE HOLLAND (not KATHERINE HOLLARD). This volume also suggests the first wife was ELIZABETH WEBB; however, in

a copy of the 1887 volume of the UPHAMS of MAINE AND ILLINOIS found at the Library of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, on page nine, someone has crossed out the surname for ELIZABETH UPHAM (which was printed in as WEBB?) and printed over it the surname SLADE. This compiler has not pursued this line of research and this information is included herein for the benefit of any future researchers who may wish to still prove ELIZABETH UPHAM's maiden name.

According to NEHGR Vol. 23:33-38 (Jan 1869) an UPHAM GENEALOGY ("Communicated by a Descendant of the UPHAM FAMILY") recites that the "Deeds and probate records show that Deacon JOHN UPHAM was brother-in-law to JOANNA, wife of ROBERT MARTIN, of Rehoboth, and to RICHARD WEBB of Weymouth." (This has been the basis on which his wife's surname is given as ELIZABETH WEBB.)

Children of JOHN and ELIZABETH UPHAM, the first three born in England:

(1) JOHN UPHAM, JR. b 1628; d June 1640 Weymouth, Mass.
(2) NATHANIEL UPHAM b 1630, afterward a Minister of Cambridge, Mass.; married ELIZABETH STEDMAN; no issue.
(3) ELIZABETH UPHAM b 1632, m THOMAS WELCH (WELSH); d 12 Jan 1705, aged ca 75 years; 13 children. (Tombstone record.)
2. (4) PHINEAS UPHAM born prob very soon after the family reached Weymouth (in 1635), m RUTH WOOD (b 1636/37, died 1696/96).
(5) MARY UPHAM b Mass., m JOHN WHITTEMORE; she died 27 June 1677; had six children.
(6) PRISCILLA UPHAM b Mass., m THOMAS CROSSWELL; d 8 Dec 1717; aged 75 years; 12 children.

According to the 1845 JOHN UPHAM FAMILY HISTORY, he had more daughters than were listed above (in the 1887 F. K. UPHAM volume); the volume by ALBERT G. UPHAM (pp. 13-14) believes JOHN had five daughters:

1. ELIZABETH who m THOMAS WELSH;
2. MARY who m JOHN WHITTEMORE;
3. PRISCILLA who m THOMAS CROSSWELL;
4. HANNAH UPHAM (in a deposition she is called the dau of JOHN UPHAM and said to have been aged 44 years when the document was prepared in 1679; this would indicate her year of birth as 1635; she may have been a twin to PHINEAS.
5. _____ day who married THOMAS PRESCOTT; (according to the Will of Lieut. PHINEAS UPHAM, he left legacies to "his three sisters, viz. - wife of THOMAS WELSH (ELIZABETH), the wife of JOHN WHITTEMORE (MARY) and the wife of THOMAS PRESCOTT (_____).

ALBERT UPHAM also believed JOHN UPHAM had a total of eight or nine children and the ninth child may have been another son named NATHAN, but no information is furnished other than a possible birthdate of 1634 which indicates he would have been born in England; this child's name is not included in either passenger list found.

The ALBERT UPHAM volume also suggests an adopted son who was given the first name of JOHN "brought from the Island of Barbadoes, fatherless and friendless, was by the magistrates committed to the said JOHN UPHAM's care and provision..." However, the NEHGR article agrees with the F. K. UPHAM history of 1887 that there were only six children.

PHINEAS UPHAM[2] may have been born while on the voyage from England in 1635 or shortly after the arrival of the family in New England. "It has been suggested that the scriptural significance of the name "PHINEHAS, the peace of God," may have indicated the feelings of peace and thankfulness which followed the family's safe arrival in America and so have been given to the first born in the New World." (See 1892 history, page 47.) This volume also mentions the adopted son, JOHN, according to a record dated 19 June 1660; the suggestion is offered that this "was probably the JOHN UPHAM who was admitted freeman in 1668 as at that time he would have been about twenty-one years of age."... His gravestone at Charlestown reveals the following:

"JOHN UPHAM died 25 Nov 1677, AE. 30."

In the record of deaths, it is stated that he died of small pox. Inasmuch as JOHN and ELIZABETH's first son named JOHN (JR.) had died in 1640, they followed the custom of the times and named another son the same, even though this one was adopted.

PHINEAS was the only son of the emigrant who left posterity; thus he (like his father) is the ancestor of all the American UPHAMS. He was always known as Lieutenant PHINEAS; he held that rank and rendered important service in the Indian war with King Philip. He married 14 Apr 1658 RUTH WOOD, b prob 1626/37, parents unknown; may have been dau of a RUTH and EDWARD WOOD of Charlestown;on 20 Aug 1642 RUTH WOOD died in that village. There are numerous references to PHINEAS UPHAM in the records in connection with the births of his children, the conveyance of land to him and the various positions which he held. He accumulated much land and during the years 1663-1664, 1672,1673,1675 there were records of land conveyed to him; the latter year a lot of fifty acres were granted to him "of Malden", and they were surveyed, confirmed and recorded.

In 1675 PHINEAS was constable for a year; in 1673 he was appointed with three others to survey a road from Cambridge to Malden; in 1674 his name is signed to two inventories made by him; as early as 1672 he was interested in the settlement of the town of Worcester. As early as September 1675 he held the rank of lieutenant serving under a Captain WAYTE, (Military Rec., Liber 1, p. 280)(pp. 54-55 of the 1892 History). On 24 Sept 1675 he was on his march into the Nipmuch country in company with Captain GORHAM, one of the Plymouth officers. An account of that expedition was written by Lieutenant PHINEAS which has been preserved, portions of which are as follows:

> "First, we marched to Mendon on the 6th day at night; the next day we marched from Mendon in to Hassanamissit (now Grafton) hoping there to have had an Indian for our guide, but the Indians were all gone from thence, and we were thereby disappointed of our expectations; and on the next day we marched unto Pakachoug (now Worcester) where we found a field of good corn ... but we could not find any Indians, neither the sign of any being there of late, and we marched from thence unto Manchang (now Oxford) and Cha-

banamagum (now Dudley) where we found some cornfields and some wigwams which we burnt and destroyed but could not find our enemies, which was a great discouragement to us, having taken so much pains to find them. Then we returned and marched to an Indian plantation called Shockologaud where we could not find any Indians but found a quantity of good corn which we did not destroy ... Now, seeing in all our marches we find no Indians, we verily think they are drawn together into great bodies far remote from these parts...."

The "Roster of Officers of the Army of the United Colonies" organized for the Narragansett Campaign 19 Dec 1675 in the Massachusetts Regiment included PHINEAS UPHAM, Lieut., in the 4th Company with ISAAC JOHNSON as Captain. A list of those killed and wounded 19 Dec 1675 at the Indians Fort at Narragansett totalled 31 killed and 67 wounded and of the officers the names included LIEUTENANT UPHAM as having been wounded. One grave of forty buried at Wickford was marked by a tree called the "grave appletree"; the wounded were sent to Rhode Island and were well cared for. Of the nature of the wounds sustained by Lieut. UPHAM nothing is known and doubtless will never be known; it is known he did not recover from the effects. He had remained at Wickford several days and did not reach Rhode Island until 6 Jan following; how long he remained there is unknown; and how or when he returned to Massachusetts is not known. The next notice found of him is that of his death in Oct 1676 in Malden, when he would have been just 41 years of age. No stone bearing his name has been found among those of the other members of his family in the Old Cemetery at Malden. It is assumed he was buried at the spot where his wife, RUTH, was also buried but no stone marked for him was erected; twenty years later she died, aged 60 years.

The General Court of the Colony voted a pension to his family after his death. Doubtless his widow did not have the funds for a proper tombstone for her husband; later a stone for her was placed on her grave which explains:

"HERE LYES THE BODY OF RUTH UPHAM, AGED 60 YEARS:
DIED JAN. 18: 1696-7"

When her husband died RUTH UPHAM had seven minor children, the oldest being aged 17 years, the youngest just one year old.

The authors of these UPHAM histories write eloquently of these two ancestors -- the father, JOHN, and son, PHINEAS:

"It would seem that Lieut. PHINEAS UPHAM possessed in a high degree that genius of enterprise so characteristic of his father. In the military service of his country it is manifest that he was esteemed a meritorious and efficient officer, having in his short career, attracted the favorable notice of the government and been once associated with an officer of the Plymouth Colony in the command of a highly hazardous expedition into the enemy's country.

"In battle Lieut. UPHAM exhibited the character of a brave man and patriot, purchasing with mortal wounds the palm of victory; and the government was not unmindful of his great sacrifice, but bore testimony 'to the long and good services he did to the country,and the great loss sustained by his friends in his death'."

Lieut. PHINEAS and RUTH (WOOD) UPHAM had the following children all born at Malden:

(1) PHINEAS UPHAM (JR.) b 22 May 1659, m by 1683 MARY MELLINS MELLEN), d Malden Oct 1720, aged about 62 years; they had five sons and three daus.
(2) NATHANIEL UPHAM b 1661, m.SARAH _____; many ch. d 1717.
(3) RUTH UPHAM b 1664, died age 12 years.
(4) JOHN UPHAM (2nd) named for grandfather, b 1666.

3. (5) ELIZABETH UPHAM b ca 1667, married 28 Oct 1691 SAMUEL GREENE(b 5 Oct 1670, d 1735/36) son of THOMAS GREENE, JR. and REBECCA HILLS GREENE of Malden, Massachusetts. They removed to Leicester about 1717 being some of the original founders. The list of ELIZABETH's seven daus and one son will be found on pp. 738-739 of the THOMAS GREENE FAMILY herein.

(6) THOMAS UPHAM b 1668, m (1st) ELIZABETH HOVEY of Topsfield in 1693 (d 16 Feb 1703/04, age 32 years); m (2nd) MARY BROWN 2 Oct 1704 (died 1707); he m (3rd) RUTH (CUTLER) SMITH of Charlestown, widow of JOHN SMITH (b 1688, d 12 May 1758; THOMAS died 28 Nov 1735, age 67. They had five sons and one dau.
(7) RICHARD UPHAM b 1675.

THE VALENTINE (VOLLENTINE) FAMILY

PHILIP VOLLENTINE and his wife, JANE, were the parents of a son named JOEL VALENTINE (changed spelling) born 1765, who married 1794 ANNA WATERBURY (born 1770, d 28 Apr 1824, Nassau area of Rensselaer County, N.Y.) the daughter of DANIEL and ANNA (BOUTON) WATERBURY. (DANIEL was born 15 Mar 1742 and died 15 Mar 1798.) JOEL's Will is dated 4 June 1828 at Nassau, (and he died there 12 July 1828) and is as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I JOEL VOLLENTINE of the Town of Nassau County of Rensselaer and State of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of a sound and perfect mind, memory, blessed Almighty God for the same, Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. FIRST I give and bequeath unto my wife, ANNA VOLLENTINE, three cows and eight sheep to be kept on the place for her own use and also her support during her life and all the household furniture while she lives and then said furniture is to be divided equal among my five daughters except one bed and bedding, which I give unto my son, DAVID, and also I give and bequeath unto my three sons, DANIEL, HOSEA and SACKET VOLLENTINE each fifty dollars and the three cows and eight sheep to be divided equal between them at my wife's death, and the said fifty dollars is to be paid as quick after her decease as can be without interest. the furniture which I have given my five daughters and the residue of the household furniture when my wife has done with it is all that I give them. And also I give and bequeath unto my sons JOHN and DAVID VOLLENTINE the farm and all the utensils for to have and to hold, and the remainder of the stock to go to defray expenses the said JOHN and DAVID must pay the rent and taxes yearly. I hereby appoint my sons, JOHN and DANIEL VOLLENTINE Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all my former Wills by me made. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named JOEL VOLLENTINE to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of:

JOEL VOLLENTINE. L.S.

_____ _____ _____

(Their names failed to come through on the photocopy.)

Note: This handwritten Will uses the earlier form of writing a double "ss" as follows: "fs", i.e. Nafsau, Blefsed, etc. but for clarity the compiler has typed the above transcription with using the common practice today of a double "ss", Nassau, blessed, etc.)

JOEL and ANNA VALENTINE had the following children, born Nassau:

(1) JOHN VALENTINE b 9 Dec 1795, m 1 Jan 1820 at Nassau, ANNA PALMER*(b 7 Dec 1804 Nassau, d 6 Jan 1895, aged 90 years), the sixth child of FENNER PALMER, JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG of Nassau. He died 30 Mar 1847 in Arcadia, Wayne Co., N.Y. and both are buried in North Main Street Cemetery in Newark, Wayne County. They had two children:

i DANIEL BRAYTON VALENTINE b 9 May 1821, m 9 Sept 1841 SALLY ANN GALLOWAY at Newark (b 21 Oct 1821 in Wayne Co.) dau of MILO and ANN GALLOWAY; died 25 June 1900, Chicago. They had 7 children all b Wayne Co., N.Y.:

(a) MARY ELIZABETH VALENTINE b 31 Aug 1843.
(b) ANNA VALENTINE b 25 Jan 1846, d 20 Apr 1848
(c) ELLA (NELLIE) VALENTINE b 20 Apr 1848.
(d) JOHN VALENTINE b 19 Oct 1850, d 1852.
(e) JOHN VALENTINE b Mar 1851, d 19 May 1853.
(f) RICHARD HERRICK VALENTINE b 28 Jan 1853.
(g) CHARLES VALENTINE b 6 Nov 1855.

ii MARY ELIZABETH ("BETSEY") VALENTINE b 9 Mar 1823.

(2) DAVID VALENTINE b ca 1797.
(3) DANIEL VALENTINE b ca 1798.
(4) HOSEA VALENTINE b ca 1803.
(5) ANNICE VALENTINE b 7 Dec 1804.
(6) SACKET VALENTINE b 1808, m CATHERINE MURPHY
(7) MILLAHA VALENTINE b
(8) _____ a dau b_____
(9) _____ a dau b _____
(10) _____ a dau b _____

* See page 217 No. 48 for ANNA PALMER, dau of FENNER PALMER,JR. and his first wife, ELIZABETH HOAG PALMER.
See pp. 178-179 for ANNA PALMER who married JOHN VALENTINE.

Source: HOWARD GILBERT McNEIL, Fort Worth, Texas (1985).

THE ANDREW WARDE FAMILY

The name WARD or WARDE is of English origin and was spelled both ways in England and Ireland; the New England emigrant settler spelled his surname WARDE. ANDREW WARDE was born 1597 probably in either Gorleston or Homersfield, County of Suffolk, England. The names of his parents are not being included in this history as there have been doubts through the years of exactly which WARDE couple in England could claim kinship. In 1910 an enormous genealogy was published entitled "ANDREW WARDE AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1597-1910" by GEORGE K. WARD, A.M., Secretary of the Association of Descendants of ANDREW WARD which organization was responsible for issuing the genealogy. It has long been out of print but copies are available in the larger libraries in the United States and on microfiche.

Page 7 of this volume explains:

"The family belonged to the nobility, including barons, lords knights, etc.... HORATIO WARD, Esq., a gentleman of wealth and culture, spent twenty or more years of his life in London, much of it being given to an assiduous search for the ancestors of ANDREW WARDE (the emigrant). ... His researches led him to the conclusion that the American colonist of that name belonged to the WARD FAMILY living in Homersfield and Gorleston, Suffolk County, England... (perhaps) a grandson of RICHARD WARD of Homersfield. ... The current opinion that ANDREW was the son of RICHARD seems to have been founded upon insufficient evidence.

"RICHARD of Homersfield's Will seems to indicate that his son, ANDREW, had the bulk of his inheritance, obviously to start him with an estate, or in some business, so that he was certainly over twenty-one years of age in 1597 .... we have the testimony of a noted genealogist of half a century ago, H. G. SOMERBY, of Boston, based upon BLOMFIELD's 'HISTORY OF NORFOLK COUNTY, ENGLAND,"to the effect that ANDREW WARDE of Fairfield, Connecticut, was the grandson and not the son of RICHARD WARDE.

"Unfortunately, a most careful search, instituted by learned genealogists of the present day, has failed to reveal any positive facts regarding ANDREW WARD, the supposed father of ANDREW WARDE of Fairfield, Conn. This much, however, is known, viz., that a MR. ANDREW WARDE, gent., was buried 23 Jan 1615 at St. Michael's Cornhill, London. (Harleian Collection, Parish Register Series, Vol. V11, page 219). .... a certain RALPH WARD (which is the name of a brother of ANDREW, son of RICHARD) was buried at the same place."

However, the eminent professional genealogist of very recent years, DONALD LINES JACOBUS, issued his two-volume "HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT,"in which he disputs the relationship of the colonist ANDREW WARDE to the RICHARD WARD family of Gorleston or Homersfield; page 643 contains this paragraph:

"The statements in the PREFACE to the "ANDREW WARD GENEALOGY" (above quoted) with regard to the colonist ANDREW WARDE's being of

the family of RICHARD WARD of Gorleston or Homersfield have been investigated (by COL. CHARLES E. BANKS). No such person as RICHARD WARD was found; ... every reference given has proved to be fictitious. It is likely that these statements were the invention of a fraudulent genealogist, innocently accepted by members of the WARD family, through whom they found their way into the book. ANDREW may have been the son of RALPH WARDE, nephew of the JOHN WARDE of Stratford, Conn., and cousin of DR. JOHN WARD; but positive proof has not been found."

The ANDREW WARDE GENEALOGY contains on page one a copy of a Coat of Arms inferring it is that of the WARD or WARDE family of Gorleston and Homersfield, Suffolk County, England. This pattern of reproducing in so many American genealogies a coat of arms of a family in England with the identical surname has been followed in so many volumes in this country; however, unless there is also the proof authenticated by the College of Arms in London indicating (1st) that the particular coat of arms is true and correct; and (2nd) that the American family has been proven to be a direct descendant of the early English family, that particular coat of arms cannot rightfully be claimed by the American descendants.

As previously stated herein, this compiler has communicated with the College of Arms in reference to only one so-called Coat of Arms, i.e. that of the subject of this volume, WALTER PALMER. A full explanation of this will be found in the Addendum at the end of this book. However, it has been noted in so many of these families recorded herein that coats of arms were attributed to them; but the compiler has not expended the great amount of time and expense necessary to prove any of them. The only other comment on this subject pertains to the SHERMAN FAMILY Coat of Arms which is explained (page 17) by the author BERTHA STRATTON in her third volume entitled "TRANSACLANTIC SHERMANs": (See page 844 herein.)

"The SHERMAN FAMILY of this book descends from this armigerous YAXLEY SHERMAN family through its descendant, HENRY SHERMAN of Dedham, Essex County, after 1534, as stated in the registration of arms by his great-grandson, EDMUND SHERMAN."

The exact date of the arrival in America of ANDREW WARDE and his wife, HESTER (ESTER, ESTHER) may not be known nor the name of the ship on which they sailed. Most of the usual sources have been consulted for this information unsuccessfully; BANKS' "TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF 2885 ENGLISH EMIGRANTS" (supra) does list him as being bound for "Watertown and Wethersfield"(page 81,126) although ANDREW is not included in BANKS' list of passengers emigrating with The WINTHROP FLEET in 1630.

1. ANDREW WARDE with his wife, HESTER SHERMAN, whom he had married in England, settled first in Watertown with three and perhaps four of their children; the fifth child was born ca 1635 by which time it is believed the family was already settled in Watertown, Massachusetts. HESTER (SHERMAN) WARDE was the 4th child of EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) and his wife, JOAN (MAKIN) SHERMAN of Dedham, Essex County, England, who emigrated

to New England in 1634 settling first in Watertown; but by 1635 EDMUND SHERMAN had removed to Wethersfield and also the ANDREW WARDE family had removed to Wethersfield. ANDREW was a "founder of the Connecticut Colony" and an original settler at Wethersfield.

> "(In 1635 the boundaries of Watertown, as determined by the Court, there were embraced the towns of Watertown, Waltham, Weston, the largest part of Lincoln and that part of Cambridge lying east of Mount Auburn Cemetery between Fresh Pond and the Charles River.)"

ANDREW was made a freeman 14 May 1634 at Watertown and "No one had a right to vote unless he were a freeman; and none could be admitted to a freeman unless he were a church member; and the church was Congregational." Some estimates of the arrival in Massachusetts of this family was as early as 1630. He early assumed prominent positions in the colony; his name is recorded in the second book of inventory as having "an homestall of ten acres" which estate he held as late as 1642, several years after he removed from Watertown to Wethersfield.

At a session of the Mass. Bay Colony held 3 May 1635/36 the following action took place according to the record of the Minutes:

> "A Commission graunted to severall persons to governe the People att Conecticott for the space of a Yeare... (which included) ANDREW WARDE, ... (and they) shall have full power and auethorite to hear and determine in a judiciall way by witnesses vpon oathe, examine within the said plantacon, all those differences w'ch may arise between 'partie & partie' as also vpon misdemeanors to inflict corporall punishment or imprisonment to ffine & levy the same if occacon so require, ...
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> "Following out these instructions, ANDREW WARDE removed from Watertown, Mass. and settled with his family in Wethersfield, Conn. He was a member of the Upper House when war was declared against the Pequots 1 May 1637. This was the first formal assertion of the sovereignty of the Colony.
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> "ANDREW WARDE was twice a member of the Committee, or Lower House of the General Court in 1637 and of the same House again in 1638."

HENRY R. STILES' "HISTORY OF ANCIENT WETHERSFIELD" (1904) explains ANDREW WARDE's move from Watertown to Wethersfield this way: (page 756)

> "In the spring of 1635, being one of the five dismissed from the church there (at Watertown) 'to form a new church at the Conn. Watertown'(as Wethersfield was then called)...."

Other positions held by ANDREW WARDE included the following:

Deputy for four sessions after the confederation of the three towns (Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield) into a colony in 1639.

He was frequently thereafter a member of both branches of the General Court.

In 1637 he was a collector of rates.

In 1637 he was a member of the church in Wethersfield and

one of its staunchest and most esteemed supporters.

Wethersfield, Connecticut, as a parish dates from the spring of 1636 when a handfull of Watertown men were selected (including ANDREW WARDE) to leave there and form the town of Wethersfield which would be in the adjoining state of Connecticut. ANDREW received twenty acres of "Adventurers' Land". The three first towns organized in Connecticut were Windsor in 1633, Hartford and Wethersfield in 1635 and those forming the latter were all from Watertown, Massachusetts.

In 1639 ANDREW WARDE served as Magistrate and was associated closely with the Governors and principal men of the Colony. In the 1640's another town was ready for organization, called Stamford, and here again ANDREW WARDE was one of the original pioneers to settle there and help organize that town. He obviously had an intuitive love of town building, was a great organizer, possessed initiative and must have had a talent for getting along with people. Following a decision of the General Court of New Haven on 14 Nov 1640, some of the Wethersfield residents (including ANDREW WARDE) "were to take possession of their new domain ... to begin a removal thither this Winter. First, these men ... have bound themselves under the paine of forfiture of five pounds a man, to goe or sende to Rippowam (former name of Stamford) to begin and prosecute the designe of a plantation there, by ye 15th of May next, the rest, theire familyes, thither by ye last of November 12 months..."

During his years living in Stamford, ANDREW WARDE continued his civic and religious activities. He was made the first constable in that town's election 26 Oct 1642; later a magistrate which office he assumed 27 Oct 1646 for one year; he represented Stamford in 1644-1646 at the General Court of the New Haven Colony. On 27 Oct 1641 he was admitted a member of the court and received the charge of freeman to treat with the court about the plantation. The position of the constable in those early years was one of great dignity and of solemn responsibility.

In 1639 another town was to be organized, Fairfield and by 1645 ANDREW WARDE had removed to settle there where he lived out the remainder of his life and where he died fourteen years later in 1659. He was buried in the Old Cemetery at Fairfield, aged 62 years (Vol. 7, p. 347 "CONNECTICUT NUTMEGGER"). On 13 June 1907 some of his descendants gathered at the Old Cemetery for the unveiling of the ANDREW WARDE MONUMENT. Several addresses were delivered reciting the history of this great, yet humble, emigrant and recounting the lifetime of service he devoted in each instance to the founding of a town. In the concluding remarks in the introduction of the WARDE GENEALOGY, the author sums up ANDREW's life in this way: "The records of Watertown, Wethersfield, Stamford and Fairfield, each in turn bear witness to the valued services of ANDREW WARDE. His abilities, quickly recognized, secured for him honorable positions, placed him in the front rank and singled him out as a man whose fitness to represent his constituents honorably and with discretion was unchallenged." The WARDE GENEALOGY concludes: "Thus ended the life of this good man. His career was an eventful one."

The STILES' HISTORY OF ANCIENT WETHERSFIELD records (p. 726) that ANDREW WARDE appears to have gone for a time to Westchester (to live) which was then under the Dutch Government, but eventually he returned to Fairfield. NATHANIEL GOODWIN's "GENEALOGICAL NOTES ... TO THE FAMILY HISTORY OF FIRST SETTLERS OF CONN." (1865) also claims that ANDREW WARD prior to settling at Fairfield had lived at Hempstead, Long Island, (p.237).

The Will of ANDREW WARDE was dated at Fairfield 8 June 1659 and probated at a session of the court held there the 20 of Oct 1659; no executor was named in the Will and the court duly appointed his widow, "ESTER WARDE and WILLIAM WARDE, the son of ANDREW, as his administrators." He made the following bequests in his Will:

"I give unto ESTER, my beloved wife, forty pounds, to be pay'd out of my movable estate, and one-third part of all my lands and housing in Fairfield during her widowhood; but in case a second marriage be performed then to possess noe part of the said housing or land any longer, but my will is, a third part of what the said lands may be indifferently judged to be rented per annum shall be pay'd unto her use during her life.

"2. I give unto my sonn, JOHN, fifty pounds to be payd unto him at the age of one and twenty years.

"3. I give unto my daughter, SARAH, forty pounds, to be pay'd within one year after her marriage.

"4. I give unto my daughter, ABIGALL, forty pounds, to be pay'd unto her at the age of eighteen years.

"5. I give unto ANDREW and SAMUEL all my housing and lands, with such rights and dues that doth belong, as an installment, equally to be divided when the eldest commeth to the age of one and twenty. .... and in case any of my two sonns ANDREW and SAMUEL dye before they come to age of one and twenty, as aforesaid, then my will that the survivor shall enjoy all that is due to both.

"6. And, farther, my will is that what doth remayn of my movable estate after all debts and legacies be pay'd, shall equally be divided between my two sonns, ANDREW and SAMUEL.

"7. And for the rest of my children, they have received their full portions already, except my sonn EDMOND, who, if he come to this place, my will is that out of my two younger sons, ANDREW and SAMUEL's, portions, there may be pay'd twenty pounds.

(signed) ANDREW WARDE

On 27 Dec 1665 HESTER WARDE signed her Will with her "Marke" which was a large "E" and it was probated 28 Feb 1666 in which she made bequests to:

1. Son WILLIAM WARD
2. Son ANDREW WARD
3. Son SAMUELL WARD
4. Dau MARY (WARD) BURR
5. Dau ABIGAILL (WARD)
6. Dau ANNA (WARD) NICHOLLS
7. Grandchild HESTER WARD
8. Grandchildren, SARAH and NATHANIELL BURR
9. Un-named grandson, child of her son, JOHN.

The WARDE GENEALOGY lists the following nine children for ANDREW and HESTER WARD: (actual birthdates are unknown)

(1) EDMUND WARD b England prob ca 1628.
(2) WILLIAM WARD b England prob ca 1629, m 1657 DEBORAH LOCKWOOD.
(3) ANNE (ANN,ANNA) WARD b England prob ca 1631, m ca 1650 CALEB NICHOLS; she d 1690.
(4) MARY WARD b prob in Watertown, Mass. ca 1635, married son of the emigrant JEHU BURR who came in the Winthrop Fleet in 1630; two sons accompanied him, JEHU and JOHN; sources in this country disagree on which one became husband of MARY WARD.
(5) JOHN WARD b in this country ca 1637, d 1683/84; m 18 Apr 1664 MARY HARRIS (b 1 Mar 1646), dau of WILLIAM HARRIS.
(6) SARAH WARD b in this country ca 1640, m NATHANIEL BURR (born in this country ca 1635, d Fairfield, Conn. 26 Feb 1712) son of the emigrant JEHU BURR (see above); her husband married (2nd) after her death HANNAH (GOODYEAR) WAKEMAN, widow of SAMUEL WAKEMAN.
(7) ABIGAIL WARD who married (1st) 2 May 1670 MOSES DIMON (b 14 May 1677); m (2nd) EDWARD HOWARD.
2. (8) ANDREW WARDE, JR. b ca 1645, settled in Killingworth, Conn., m 1667/68 TRYAL MEIGS (b 1646) dau of JOHN and TAMASIN(FRY) MEIGS (see page 803 herein).
(9) SAMUEL WARD b ca 1647/49, m (1st) HANNAH OGDEN who d 30 Apr 1691 (dau of RICHARD and MARY (HALL) OGDEN); m (2nd) MRS. HANNAH NICHOLS, widow of JONATHAN NICHOLS; SAMUEL d 8 Jan 1693.

The three key references to the foregoing list of children are: (1) "ANDREW WARDE AND HIS DESCENDANTS; (2) "FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD" by JACOBUS; and (3)STILES' "HISTORY OF ANCIENT WETHERSFIELD" and the three have several variations in this list of children. The JACOBUS' page (number 645) even lists possibly a 10th child,(HESTER born ca 1633) who married (1st) JOSEPH BOOSEY; and married (2nd) ca 1658 JEHU BURR, JR., son of the emigrant although the WARDE GENEALOGY lists Lieut. JEHU BURR (JR.) as being the husband of her sister, MARY WARD.

In JACOBUS' Fairfield History (pp. 116-131) a lengthy summary is presented of the family of the emigrant JEHU BURR, suggesting that the son named for him married (1st) after 1655 ESTHER (HESTER) widow of JOSEPH BOOSEY of Westchester, and "perhaps the dau of ANDREW WARD." This dau is not included in the WARDE GENEALOGY which lists but nine children.

A fourth source, "GENEALOGICAL NOTES(RE) HISTORY OF FIRST SETTLERS OF CONN. AND MASS." by NATHANIEL GOODWIN (1865) also lists but nine children for ANDREW WARD and his wife, HESTER. The order of birth of these nine children also differs greatly in these four published records in this country; reference is made to the following page numbers in the above mentioned four books for lists of these children:

No. 1 - pages 28-30. No. 3 - page 726.
No. 2 - page 645. No. 4 - page 237.

2. ANDREW WARDE (JR.) was born in Connecticut ca 1645 and removed to Killingworth in that state (now Clinton) where he died 1690. He was married 1667/68 to TRYAL MEIGS (b 1646 Guilford, Conn.) dau of JOHN and TAMASIN (THOMAZINE) MEIGS; her mother was the dau of WILLIAM and MARY FRY. (See page 804 herein.) ANDREW was made freeman in 1668 and on 15 March that year he had received several parcels of land by virtue of his father's Will who had died in Fairfield 1659; however, his mother's Will was not probated until 1666 and she had received "one-third part of all my lands and housing in Fairfield" from her husband's estate which would pass in time after her death to their children. ANDREW eventually also purchased from his brother, SAMUEL, the latter's half of the home lot, (Fairfield TR.) and "SAMUEL purchased of his brother, ANDREW, certain lands."

The children of ANDREW WARDE (JR.) and TRYAL (MEIGS) WARDE, probably all born in what was then called Killingworth (later Clinton):

(1) ANDREW WARDE (3rd) b 1669, m 19 Nov 1691 DEBORAH JOY (Barbour Collection; see p. 389 "CONN.NUTMEGGER" Vol.11) born 23 Feb 1672/73 at Killingworth, d 22 Feb 1752, dau of JACOB and ELIZABETH (SPENCER) (WELLMAN) JOY of that town. He was called "captain" and d 7 Aug 1756. They had children:

- i DAMARIS WARDE b 27 Jan 1693,m BENJAMIN WATROUS.
- ii ANDREW WARDE, IV, b 22 Apr 1695, m ELIZABETH FOWLER.
- iii DEBORAH WARDE b 17 Jan 1698.
- iv JOHN WARDE b 11 Aug 1700, m SARAH SMITH.
- v JEHIEL WARDE b 16 Nov 1702; died at sea 15 Feb 1740.
- vi SAMUEL WARDE b 3 June 1704, m LUCY ROGERS.
- vii EDMUND WARDE b 23 Sept 1706, m MEHETABEL ROBINSON.
- viii DORETHEUS (DOROTHEA) WARDE b 4 Jan 1708, m JOSHUA PENDLETON, half brother of LUCY ROGERS.
- ix DIANA WARDE b 11 Feb 1710.

(2) JOHN WARDE b 16 Mar 1671, died 1700; no issue.

(3) ABIGAIL WARDE b 15 Sept 1672, m 25 Jan 1693 SAMUEL NORTON; she d 10 Aug 1733; eight children.

(4) SARAH WARDE b 15 Nov 1674, m 15 Nov 1693 STEPHEN BRADLEY, b 1 Oct 1668, son of Captain STEPHEN and HANNAH (SMITH) BRADLEY; had four sons; she died 8 Dec 1763.

3. (5) PETER WARDE b 14 Oct 1676, m 30 Mar 1698/99 at Killingworth, MARY JOY (b 17 Sept 1680 that town), dau of JACOB and ELIZABETH (SPENCER) JOY; MARY was a younger sister to DEBORAH JOY who had married in 1691 PETER's older brother, ANDREW WARDE (3rd). (See page 765 herein.) They lived out their lives in Killingworth where their six children were born; he died there 18 Dec 1763; their children:

- i PELUTIAH WARDE b 27 Dec 1699/1700; m JERUSHA KELSEY.
- ii IRA WARDE b 1704, m LYDIA PARMELEE; eight children.
- iii ICHABOD WARDE b 2 Apr 1707.
- iv PETER WARDE (JR.) b 11 Oct 1709, m DEBORAH BUELL 13 Apr 1733; (b 16 Feb 1715, d 7 May 1750), dau of BENJAMIN and HANNAH (HUTCHINSON) BUELL; he m (2nd) HANNAH ISBELL; nine children by 1st wife.

4. v MARY WARDE b 10 Apr 1713, m 18 Jan 1729 at Killingworth JOHN PALMER (b 1705 Killingworth, d Dover,

Dutchess County, N.Y.) 2nd son of GERSHOM PALMER, JR. and his wife, SARAH (FENNER) PALMER also of Killingworth. MARY died in 1788 at Dover; they had six children born there:

5.
(a) ANN PALMER b 20 Nov 1730, died young.
(b) FENNER PALMER (Capt.) b 15 Sept 1735.*
(c) JOHN PALMER (JR.) b 25 May 1737/38.
(d) GERSHOM PALMER (2nd), named for the grandfather, GERSHOM PALMER, JR., b 17 Apr 1740 or 17 Aug 1740.
(e) ANN PALMER b 20 Sept 1742.
(f) MARY PALMER b 3 Oct 1743.

vi MATTANIAH WARDE b 1718, m JEREMIAH BUELL.

(6) WILLIAM WARDE b 18 Oct 1678, m LETTICE BEACH (b 24 Dec 1679) dau of JOHN and HANNAH (STAPLES) BEACH; he died 19 Dec 1767; eleven children.

(7) SAMUEL WARDE b 2 May 1684, died young. (WARDE GEN'L.)

(8) ESTHER WARDE b 2 May 1684, died young. (She is not listed as a child in the WARDE GENEALOGY but is listed in the GOODWIN chronology, JACOBUS' Fairfield History and "Fifty Puritan Ancestors". The latter three books list the child SAMUEL as being b 24 Sept 1680, d 30 Apr 1681.)

(9) MARY WARDE b 1687.

(10) ANNA WARDE b 1689, m (1st) 10 Nov 1709 SAMUEL ROSSITER of Guilford, Conn. (b 17 Feb 1686, d 6 Jan 1711), son of JOSIAH and SARAH (SHERMAN) ROSSITER; m (2nd) 26 Apr 1716 DANIEL PARMELEE (b June 28, 1691, d 14 May 1773) son of JOSHUA and ELSIE (EDWARDS) PARMELEE. ANNA had eight children and died 1 June 1746.

The Barbour Collection of Early Connecticut Marriages (p. 389, Vol. 11, No. 3, "CONNECTICUT NUTMEGGER") lists the following for the WARDE family:

19 Nov 1691 - ANDREW WARD and DEBORAH JOY.
__ Oct 1730 - IRA WARD and LYDIA PARMELEE.
28 Dec 1748 - JERUSHA WARD and NOAH ISBEL.
30 Dec 1725 - LEBATIA WARD and JERUSHA KELCEY.
8 Aug 1749 - LIDIA WARD and GIELS WILLCOCKS.
15 Jan 1729/30 - MARY WARD and JOHN PALMER.
13 Jan 1748/49 - MARY WARD and JOHN GRISWOLD, JR.
7 May 1741 - METENIAH and JEREMIAH BUELL.
30 Mar 1698 - PETER WARD and MARY JOY.
13 Apr 1733 - PETER WARD and DEBORAH BUELL. (son of PETER and MARY (JOY) WARD.)

* This ANDREW WARDE GENEALOGY (p. 86) lists CAPTAIN FENNER PALMER, born 16 Sept 1735, married "probably LYDIA HAINES," with the following children: JOHN, FENNER (JR.), NATHANIEL, GERSHOM and JOSEPH; whereas FENNER and LYDIA PALMER had a total of ten children, including two daus: SARAH and ANNA; a son and dau who died young (BENJAMIN and JERUSHA) and still another son, PETER WARD PALMER, who was older than either FENNER (JR.) or JOSEPH PALMER. (See pp. 159, 163 herein.) Killingworth TR has his first name PRINCE PALMER; later it was changed to FENNER PALMER.

In concluding the ANDREW WARDE chapter it seems necessary to point out one outstanding error in the 1910 WARDE GENEALOGY (supra) when writing about the SHERMAN family; both families were first at Watertown and then at Wethersfield. Page 26 refers to the progenitor (thus far known) of the SHERMAN line in this way:

"The first of the name of that line of whom we have any knowledge, and perhaps the one who originally emigrated, was HENRY SHERMAN, the ancestor of HESTER (SHERMAN) WARDE....

"EDMUND SHERMAN, grandson of the above HENRY, was born in England and married JUDITH ANGIER. They came to America about 1632... and died at New Haven. They had as their fifth child, HESTER b 1 Apr 1606 (NEGBR Vol. 24, pp. 62-63)" who married ANDREW WARDE.

On page 28 of the WARDE GENEALOGY in listing FIRST GENERATION of that family, we read:

"ANDREW WARDE, Fairfield, b 1597, d 1659, m HESTER SHERMAN, dau of EDMUND and JUDITH (ANGIER) SHERMAN of Dedham, Essex Co., England."

Their first son was named EDMUND WARDE.

There were two grandsons of HENRY SHERMAN[1] named EDMUND who were first cousins and one did marry JUDITH ANGIER and the other married JOAN MAKIN (dau of TOBIAS MAKIN) and a sister to GRACE MAKIN who married JOHN SHERMAN.

There seems to be no record that either HENRY SHERMAN[1] or his son, HENRY SHERMAN (JR.)[2] ever emigrated to New England, nor the other son of HENRY (SR.) named EDMUND SHERMAN (SR.).[2A] (See SHERMAN FAMILY herein.) Descendants of HENRY (SR.) who did emigrate included the following:

1. Great-grandson, JOHN SHERMAN (Capt.) with his mother, GRACE
2. MAKIN SHERMAN, a widow of JOHN SHERMAN.
3. EDMUND SHERMAN, grandson (being a son of EDMUND SHERMAN, SR.) (although his wife, JOAN MAKIN, may not have accompanied him).
4. EDMUND SHERMAN (3rd) son of EDMUND and JOAN SHERMAN; however, he returned eventually to England.
5. HESTER SHERMAN WARDE with her husband, ANDREW and probably three small children; she was the dau of EDMUND SHERMAN, JR. and his wife, JOAN MAKIN (pp. 105-108 SHERMAN GENEALOGY); her brother:
6. Rev. JOHN SHERMAN b Dedham 1613 graduate of Cambridge Univ.
7. GRACE SHERMAN LIVERMORE and husband JOHN came to New England.
8. SAMUEL SHERMAN was about 14 when he came to N.E. with his father.

The EDMUND SHERMAN who married JUDITH ANGER did not have a brother named BEZALIEL; however, the EDMUND who married JOAN MAKIN did have a brother so named. In his Will dated 7 Oct 1618, BEZALIEL SHERMAN "of Ipswich, grocer, gives 'to JOANE SHERMAN, daughter of my brother, EDMOND SHERMAN forty pounds at the age of four and twenty years.'" HESTER SHERMAN's older sister had been named JOAN SHERMAN after their mother, JOAN MAKIN. The EDMUND who married JUDITH ANGER had no daughter named JOAN; his only two children were daus, named JUDITH (after her mother JUDITH ANGER) and ANN.

Another Will which bears on the distinction between the two first cousins both named EDMUND SHERMAN, is that of ANN (SHERMAN) ANGER, sister of the EDMUND who married JOAN MAKIN. In her Will dated 2 Sept 1625 she gives legacies "to her brother EDMUND SHERMAN and to ANN SHERMAN and JONE SHERMAN 'daughters of my brother EDMUND'." HESTER and JOAN SHERMAN had an older sister named ANN SHERMAN who married JOHN ANGER although the same first name was given by EDMUND and JUDITH SHERMAN to their second daughter; however, both EDMUND SHERMANS had had a sister named ANN SHERMAN too.

The SHERMAN GENEALOGY (pp. 104-105) does not indicate that the EDMUND SHERMAN who married JUDITH ANGER ever emigrated to New England. He is continually referred to in this chapter as "EDMUND SHERMAN of Colchester" indicating that was his residence. As late as the year 1638 he is referred to as "my brother EDMUND SHERMAN of Colchester" in the Will of his sister, ANNE whose Will was dated that year on 15 September.

"THE NEW ENGLAND SHERMANS" by ROY V. SHERMAN, Professor Emeritus, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, (page 169) commences a write-up about SAMUEL SHERMAN with the heading:

"DESCENDANTS OF HON. SAMUEL SHERMAN, SON OF
EDMUND AND JOANE (MAKIN) SHERMAN"

explaining that SAMUEL "came to America with his father when about 14 years of age and remained for several years at Watertown, Massachusetts. ..." This SAMUEL was a younger brother of HESTER (SHERMAN) WARDE.

The SHERMAN genealogist, BERTHA STRATTON in her 1951 volume (supra) (page 53) includes a chart with names of "EMIGRANTS DESCENDING FROM HENRY SHERMAN of Essex" which clearly reveals EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) married JOAN MAKIN and of their eleven children there were four who emigrated to N.E. and remained there, to wit: Rev. JOHN, HESTER, GRACE and Hon. SAMUEL. Their oldest son, EDMUND (3rd) was at Watertown but returned to Dedham, England.

"FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD" by JACOBUS (page 540) does not take a definite stand on the wife of this EDMUND SHERMAN, explaining "He may have married JOAN MAKIN, dau of TOBIAS MAKIN of Fingringhoe, but the evidence seen does not seem conclusive."

However, the third volume published by the author STRATTON which she devotes to the "TRANSATLANTIC SHERMANS" clearly has (page 147) JOAN MAKIN (dau of TOBIAS of Fingringhoe (Reg. 51, p. 313)) as the wife of EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) She has probably devoted more time over a longer period of time to one particular family than all these other authors or compilers and as recently as 1969 she is re-affirming JOAN MAKIN as the wife of EDMUND SHERMAN (JR.) and consequently as the mother of HESTER SHERMAN who married ANDREW WARDE which is the important point for all those descended from the latter couple.

According to the SHERMAN GENEALOGY the EDMUND SHERMAN who married JUDITH ANGER, had no sons at all and only two daus, JUDITH AND ANN; all the SHERMAN volumes studied were much more recent than the 1910 WARDE GENEALOGY which erroneously lists HESTER (SHERMAN) WARDE as the dau of EDMUND and JUDITH (ANGER) SHERMAN, instead of as the dau of JOAN (MAKIN).

THE WARFORD FAMILY

1. About the year 1759 one JAMES PIPER, a silk merchant, came to America from England with his daughter, MARGARET PIPER; they settled in Philadelphia. He died when this daughter was about sixteen years of age and she, with her cousin (a girl named _____ KIRKPATRICK) became wards of one Governor MacKAY of Virginia. Thereafter the cousin married Count de Montijo, a Spanish nobleman (youngest son of the Duke of Alva)and the grandchild of this pair became Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III of France; before her marriage her title was Countess of Teba.

2. MARGARET PIPER married one WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, a Presbyterian minister and by him had three children:

i WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, JR.
ii HANNAH KIRKPATRICK.
iii LETTIE KIRKPATRICK.

Following the death of her husband, WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, MARGARET married second JOHN WARFORD, also a Presbyterian minister. They had six children:

iv JOHN WARFORD who married MARY GRACE.
v SAMUEL WARFORD who married MARGARET DELAPLANE.
vi JOSEPH WARFORD who married MARGARET SPRAGUE.
vii JAMES P. WARFORD, died unmarried.
viii MARGARET WARFORD who married JESSE BILLINGS.

3. ix CHARLES WARFORD who married ELIZABETH HILL (b 17 Aug 1794 in Cambridge, Washington County, New York); he was born 10 Apr 1786 Trenton, New Jersey.

CHARLES and ELIZABETH (HILL) WARFORD were married about 1813 and continued to reside in Washington County, New York, where their eleven children were born at Salem:

i MARGARET WARFORD b 15 Jan 1814.
ii JANE E. WARFORD b 19 May 1815, d 7 Mar 1842, aged 27 yrs.
iii MARTHA WARFORD b 18 Sep 1817, d 16 Oct 1830,aged 12 yrs.
iv JAMES P. WARFORD b 13 Feb 1819.
v WILLIAM WARFORD b 23 Mar 1821, d.y.
vi WILLIAM WARFORD b 1 Jan 1823.
vii JULIA A. WARFORD b 24 Mar 1824.
viii JOSEPH WARFORD b 4 June 1826.
ix CAROLINE WARFORD b 7 Oct 1828.

4. x BENJAMIN HILL WARFORD b 11 Oct 1831, married first ca 1853 La-ROSE MATILDA _____ who died at Watervliet, N.Y. on 23 Mar 1861, aged 28 years. He married (2nd) at Tottenville, Richmond Co., N.Y., WESLEY ANNA RUTAN on 5 Feb 1866 (b 12 Jan 1850, died 12 June 1932. Their four children were:

a. LEAH ANNA WARFORD b 18 Jan 1867.
b. JAMES RUTAN WARFORD b 17 Jan 1871, d 7 July 1871.
c. BENJAMIN HILL WARFORD, JR. b 7 Sept 1872.

5. d. CAROLINE HUBBARD WARFORD b 12 Jan 1876.

xi CHARLES WARFORD b 19 Dec 1834.

In 1787, following the birth of his youngest child, CHARLES, the Rev. JOHN WARFORD went to Salem, N. Y. from Trenton, N. J. as a home missionary. The next year he removed there permanently with his family consisting of his wife, MARGARET, and their six children. In 1789 he was duly installed as a first pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Salem; his call by the Church of Salem was dated 24 Sept 1787.

The early history of the village of Salem, county of Washington, New York is significant and of interest to many Palmer descendants. The following is quoted from the Bi-Centennial History of that county published in 1976:

> "The whole territory of northern New York, including what is now the state of Vermont, was part of the huge county of Albany originally. "

Numerous disputes arose continually about the boundaries of that county some claiming earlier grants to proprietors of Connecticut and Massachusetts were in conflict.

> "Discharged highland soldiers in the area of Hebron were driven off their land by mobs under Ethan Allen. ... Some of the Scots who did remain were driven from their lands by Ethan Allen and his men fled to New Perth (Salem).... On 12 March 1772 a new county was formed from Albany by the Legislature and given the name 'Charlotte,' in honor of Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III..... Charlotte County contained all of the present state of Vermont west of the Green Mountains, and north of the northwest corner of Jackson, the whole of the present counties of Warren, Essex and Clinton in this state and the eastern part of Franklin County, with Canada being its northern boundary."

In 1788 Clinton County was created from that county as was Warren County in 1813. However, by that time, the name of the county had been changed from Charlotte to Washington following the Revolutionary War for obvious reasons. "The Revolution, with its struggles of invasions, house burning and Indian outrages, developed bitter feelings among the people against everything of English name or origin. In April 1784 the Legislature passed an act--the County of Charlotte shall be known as Washington."

As early as 1762 the first log cabin had been erected in what later became called the village of Salem, then called White Creek. The Presbyterians were early settlers to this village as we read from the Bi-Centennial history:

> "The Rev. (Dr.) THOMAS CLARK of Ballibay, Ireland had fled Irish persecution with his followers; arrived in America the summer of 1764, settling first at Stillwater, New York, and in the summer of 1765 settling at White Creek with his Irish immigrants and they named it New Perth.... these Irish and the New England settlers (who arrived) were intermingled. On some points the two groups were united but on others they were divided which caused the formation of two separate Presbyterian Churches in the town.

"They were also divided when it came to the name of the settlement. The Irish called it 'New Perth' and the Massachusetts settlers called it 'White Creek.' This difference was not resolved until 1788 when, as a compromise, it was named 'Salem'."

The arrival of the Rev. JOHN WARFORD in 1787-1788 as one of the (permanent)pastors of the Presbyterian Church of Salem may have contributed toward the settlement of the ethnic disputes in the village and the uniting of the town just as the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) had been a means of uniting the two rival groups of settlers earlier under General JOHN WILLIAMS who had rallied the local militia for the defense of the settlers against BURGOYNE's troops and the Indians. In 1797 there was constructed the "White Church" as a result of the efforts of DR. THOMAS CLARK, first minister and leader of the Scotch Presbyterians in Salem. In 1836 there was built the New England Presbyterian Church; an original wood structure on that site had been made into a fort in 1777 and was eventually burned during the war.

The grandson of the Rev. JOHN WARFORD, BENJAMIN HILL WARFORD was aged thirty years when the Civil War began and earlier the same year had become a widower when his first wife, La ROSE MATILDA had died. The Military-Pension Files in the National Archives (No. 831 375) contain interesting information about him and his widow:

BENJAMIN enrolled in that war at West Troy, N. Y. on 15 June 1861 as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company "A", 34th Regiment of the New York Infantry Volunteers; he was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant 4 July 1861 and as Captain 5 June 1862 and was honorably discharged 30 June 1863, "having served ninety days or more during the war." A personal description of the soldier followed:

Height	about 5'10"	Color of Hair:	Brown
Eyes	blue	scars:	none
Occupation:	Captain of barge		

BENJAMIN's first wife was buried in Albany Rural Cemetery at Albany, N.Y., having died 20 Mar 1861, aged 28 years. After the end of the Civil War, he married (2nd) at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of Tottenville, WESLEY ANA RUTAN. He died 19 Jan 1896 as a result of a "disbetic coma and senile gangrene," and was buried in Bethel Cemetery 23 Jan 1896. His death certificate listed his occupation as "Real Estate" and his parents' names as CHARLES and ELIZABETH, both born in the U. S. His military file also reflects that BENJAMIN, like so many of the soldiers in that war, suffered periodically with various illnesses and at times the "Regimental Returns" for them would indicate he was "Absent, Sick."

Prior to his service in the war, BENJAMIN was a Captain on a tug boat on the Hudson River, a career which began when he was aged nineteen. For many years he had been the manager of WARFORD AND ANDREWS of New City and West Troy, owners of the largest fleet of barges and other light boats in New York City and the Hudson River area.

For over forty years CAROLINE WARFORD's father had lived on Staten Island, New York, and at one time he was Police Commissioner there. When he was married the first time he resided in the city of Watervliet in the County of Albany, N. Y., and thereafter he resided in the village of West Troy, New York.

5. CAROLINE HUBBARD WARFORD married 22 Sept 1903 BYRON WILBUR PALMER of Lakeside, Wayne County, N.Y., son of OLIVER HAZARD and MARY HARRIET (BOYNTON) PALMER of Lakeside. BYRON was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1898 and practised dentistry in Rochester, N. Y. He enlisted in 1898 at the commencement of the Spanish-American War, in the Pennsylvania Volunteers Light Battery "A". During that conflict he went on an expedition to the Island of Puerto Rico and was in the army of occupation following the freeing of the island from Spanish rule at the conclusion of the conflict. They had two children:

6. i JOHN BOYNTON PALMER b 27 Apr 1905, m 18 Aug 1945, MILDRED BRUCKER.
ii MARGARET WARFORD PALMER b 3 June 1910, m ALFRED SCALCIONE 29 Aug 1953.

(See Chapter entitled BYRON WILBUR PALMER, page 489.)

The pension affidavit filed by the widow of BENJAMIN HILL WARFORD, SR. under the Act of April 19, 1908 was given in the County of Monroe, N.Y. on 25 Apr 1908 at which time she declared she was a resident of Rochester, N. Y.; that she had heretofore applied for a pension under the Act of 27 June 1890 and the Act of 14 July 1862 (No. 831,375) and both had been rejected. Her post office address was given as 232 University Avenue in Rochester in 1908.

Her Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension filed 8 Dec 1905 while visiting in the County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, alleged she was then a resident of Tottenville, County of Richmond, N.Y. A few months later she was apparently requested to furnish additional information as another Affidavit was submitted by her on 8 March 1906 while still in the County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania in which she alleged:

"She had sold her interest in the transportation Company of New York which netted her $4500. She had put the same out at interest, netting approx	$270.00
Her real estate in Richmond $2400.which she rents for annually	288.00
She also owned a $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in the barge "Kippe" which plied between New York and Troy, N.Y. from which she had not a cent of income for 2 years	-0-
Total income:	$558.00

Her Expenses were listed as:

Taxes $45.; Insurance $20.; Repairs $80.; board paid to sanitorium for daughter's care and attention

amounted to $240. and daughter's clothing and necessities amounted to $50., making a total expenses of $435.00
The total expenses deducted from her total income of $558.00 left her with a small balance of $123. which was her entire income and she concluded "I am living with my children and have no other income."

The explanation for the widow signing some of the papers while she was in Pennsylvania 1905-1906 was due to her visiting her sister and brother-in-law and they furnished a corroborating affidavit there on 7 Dec 1905 as JOHN C. McALLISTER (age 62 years) and wife, PARTHENIA, "being brother-in-law and sister of MRS. WESLEY ANNA WARFORD."

Finally on 26 March 1906 in the County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, WESLEY ANNA WARFORD furnished the following explanatory affidavit regarding her request for pension:

"My said husband, BENJAMIN H. WARFORD, by his Last Will and Testament, did not make sufficient provision for the support of his daughter, LILLIAN A. WARFORD, in her present invalid condition, and for her proper support, in her present condition, an out lay of money, in addition to the amount provided for her by said Will, is demanded of me of $290. a year, which sum the well being of said child demands, and my maternal affection cannot deny. My said daughter is now at a Sanitarium at Harrison, New York. Said sum of $290. is for board $240. for clothing $50."

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The inscription on tombstone in the Old Cemetery at Salem, Washington County, New York, reads as follows:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF THE REV.JOHN WARFORD
MINISTER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SALEM.
HE WAS AN AFFECTIONATE PASTOR, HUSBAND, PARENT AND
FRIEND, AN EVANGELICAL PREACHER, MEEK IN HIS DISPOSITION AND GRAVE IN HIS ADDRESS. DEPARTED THIS
LIFE
MAY 19, 1802 in the 57th YEAR OF HIS AGE
CELESTIAL TRUTH EMPLOYED HIS BREATH;
PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT IN HIS DEATH;
HE SLEEPS IN JESUS AND SHALL RISE AND
MEET HIS LORD ABOVE THE SKIES.

The WARFORD family lived in Washington County, N.Y. at Salem for many years from 1813 to about 1835; the PALMERS were also in that county at nearby Granville from 1781 when NATHANIEL and SARAH PALMER settled there and where all their children were born. In 1825 NATHANIEL and SARAH removed westward to Wayne County, to join their five sons who had migrated to Walworth, and a daughter, LIONA and her husband, ASA MUNYON, had also settled in the Walworth area.

CAROLINE (WARFORD) PALMER's older brother, BENJAMIN HILL WARFORD JR., was born 7 Sept 1872, married 4 June 1895 ISABELLE GILLELAN and they had three children:

i HELEN RICHARDSON WARFORD born 8 Apr 1896.
ii JANET ROWLETT WARFORD born 18 Nov 1900, m THEODORE HOLTON WALWORTH 12 Oct 1920; they had two children:
(a) BARBARA WALWORTH born 21 Aug 1922.
(b) THEODORE HOLTON WALWORTH, JR. b 19 July 1924.
iii ISABEL WARFORD born 22 Nov 1906.

ISABELLE (ISABEL) WARFORD died in 1928 and was buried in Greenwich, Connecticut. In 1930 BENJAMIN married (2nd) ELIZABETH ("BETTY") DAVENPORT, who survived him when he died 12 July 1963, aged 91 years.

CAROLINE PALMER's oldest child, JOHN BOYNTON PALMER of Webster, New York, recalls his"Uncle BENNIE" as he was usually called and has supplied the following information:

BENJAMIN WARFORD, JR. was employed by a coal company during which years he and his family resided in a beautiful home in Greenwich, Connecticut; "Uncle BENNIE" was 6'6" tall and never learned to drive a car but he always had a chauffeur to drive them. The second wife, BETTY, was always very gracious to the Palmer family when they visited Greenwich.

The coal company was engaged in supplying the Lehigh Valley Railroad with coal until it changed to diesel fuel at which time the coal company failed, resulting in the WARFORD family having to move to New York City, where BETTY WARFORD was in business.

During the last illness of "Uncle BENNIE", his daughters begged to have him buried beside their mother in Greenwich so the funeral service was held in New York City but the next day he was buried in Greenwich; he had planned to be buried in Tottenville in the family plot beside his second wife, on Staten Island. BETTY WARFORD died 23 July 1937 and the tombstone marker on her grave reads:

ELIZABETH C. DAVENPORT
Born Aug 13, 1886
Died July 23, 1937

She was buried in Bethel Cemetery, Tottenville.

Source:
JOHN BOYNTON PALMER of Webster, New York.
National Archives File No. 831,375.
The BOYNTON FAMILY (1897) compiled by JOHN FARNHAM BOYNTON and his wife, CAROLINE (HARRIMAN) BOYNTON.

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OUR SURNAME "PALMER"

Surnames were generally formed from one of the following four:

(1) the given name of the sire (John) adding "son" for Johnson;
(2) bodily or personal characteristics, i.e. Strong, Little, etc.;
(3) locality or place of residence, i.e. Brook, Lane, Bradford (a broad ford), Street, etc.; and
(4) occupations, including religious: Carpenter, Wheeler, Bishop, Abbott, Pryor, Nunn (nun), Clark (clerk), Chaplin (chaplain), Cooke, Baker, Butler, etc. The surname PALMER however comes from a slightly different category than any of the above four inasmuch as it came about as the result of the custom adopted by those returning home from the Crusades who carried branches of the palm trees as evidence of their religious rambles and even as a sacred badge and token that they had fulfilled their vows of fighting against the infidel. Thus they came to be called "palmers" or bearers of the palm. The word "palmer" found its way into the literature of both Chaucer and Shakespeare, similar to the word "pilgrim." However, there is a distinction between these two according to Clark's "Introduction to Heraldry":

> "A Pilgrim had some dwelling-place; a Palmer none.
> "A pilgrim travelled to some certain place, the Palmer to all.
> The Pilgrim must go at his own charge, the Palmer must profess poverty, whether real or willful.
> The Pilgrim might give over his profession, but the Palmer might not."

Sir Walter Scott gives this distinction: "the Pilgrim was one who visited a shrine and then returned home; while the Palmer visited shrine after shrine, going from place to place and living on alms. As these palmers settled down, their surname was assumed from what they had been" or what they had done (carrying the palms).

Burke's "Dictionary of Heraldry" refers to one of the earliest noble families in England who participated in the Crusades:

> "The founder of the ancient and noble family of PALMER, for centuries of the first consideration in the Southern counties of England, was a Norman soldier who, having repeatedly distinguished himself in single combat against the Saracens, received Knighthood from the King on the field of battle by that surname, which has ever since been retained by his descendants. This Norman soldier was Sir RALPH PALMER,Knt. of Sussex in 1307."

Following are some of the instances where the word "palmer" has been found in literature:

Shakespeare - "All's Well that Ends Well", Act 3, scene V:

> "ENTER Helena, as a pilgrim.
> 'Look here comes a pilgrim; I know she will lie at my house....
> God save you pilgrim, whither are you bound?'

" HELENA.
'To Saint Jaques le Grand.
Where do the palmers lodge, I do beseech you?' "

"King Richard The Second", Act 3, Scene III:

"RICHARD.
'What must the King do now? Must he submit?
The King shall do it; must he be deposed?
The King shall be contented; must he lose
The name of King? A God's name, let it go.
I'll give my jewels for a set of beads;
My gorgeous palace for a hermitage;
My gay apparel for an almsman's gown;
My figured goblets for a dish of wood;
My sceptre for a palmer's walking staff;
My subjects for a pair of carved saints,
And my large kingdom for a little grave.'"

"Romeo and Juliet", Act 1, Scene V:

"JULIET.
'Good pilgrim, you do wrong your hand too much,
Which mannerly devotion shows in this:
For saints have hands that pilgrims' hands do touch,
And palm to palm is holy palmers' kiss.'
"ROMEO.
'Have not saints lips, and holy palmers too?'
"JULIET.
'Ay pilgrim, lips that they must use in prayer.'"

The Glossary in "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" contains this: "palmer, pilgrim."

Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales:

"Than longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,
And palmers for to seken straunge strondes, ..."

Spencer's "Fairie Queene" (Book 2, Canto 1):

"Him als acompany'd upon the way
A comely palmer clad in black attire;
Of ripest years and hairs all hoarie gray
That with a staff his feeble limbs did stire
Lest his long way his aged limbs should tire,
And if by looks one may the mind aread,
He seemed to be a sage and sober sire."

LIFE IN DORSETSHIRE (Chetnole, Leigh and Yetminster)

1580 - 1630

The emigrant ancestor, WALTER PALMER, was aged 43 to 45 years when he reached Salem, Massachusetts; he had spent more than half of his life in England in a village which even today (1985) is still a village. What had his life been like? Information which has surfaced about him and his sons indicates they were, similar to most other Englishmen, farmers and that those in Dorsetshire often were also dairy farmers. Even today that county is a leading area for dairy farmers in England.

In 1974 R. MACHIN, M.A., resident tutor in West Dorset, associated with the University of Bristol, undertook to have his extra-mural class make a study, resulting in the preparation of a published survey, of life in an English village in the 16th and 17th Centuries. How fortunate that they selected Yetminster, Leigh and Chetnole in Dorsetshire and chose to search first the probate inventories and the manorial excepts of that area during the period WALTER PALMER was born and the years he grew to manhood, married and raised his first family of five children. The compiler in 1978 had contact with the editor (R. MACHIN) and obtained a copy of the publication; and inasmuch as it presents such a clear and accurate picture of some phases of life in Yetminster during the years WALTER PALMER resided there, some portions are quoted hereinafter in order that his descendants will have a better understanding of what life was like for WALTER and his children.

> "PROBATE INVENTORIES & MANORIAL EXCEPTS of Chetnole, Leigh and Yetminster, Dorsetshire," edited by R. MACHIN, M.A., published by the Department of Extra-mural Studies, University of Bristol, England 1976 (with permission given for certain reproductions by The Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Controller of H.M.Stationery Office).

"Yetminster lies at the western end of the pastoral Vale of Blackmore. The area had been enclosed before these documents were written and very little of the land was under the plough by the early 17th century (c.21% according to the earliest manorial survey of 1614: Dorset Co.Record Office KG 1456). The 17th century was a prosperous period overall for dairy and fatstock farmers and the inhabitants of Chetnole, Leigh and Yetminster had the extra advantage of virtual freehold tenure. (page 3).

(Page 4) "The inventories show us (that) household goods constituted 31% of total personal wealth in the 1590's; 21% in the 1660's; and 25% in the 1690's."

Following is quoted verbatim from this survey which described the contents of the houses during the period 1590-1640: (pp.5-17)

1) they usually had but one table;
2) the only piece of furniture in the hall was a cupboard and a "syd bench".
3) from 1 to 5 bedsteads; and bedroom storage was limited mainly to chests and coffers. (but no trunks or boxes)
4) some had a coffer; a chest; a hutch; and a "shylfe" (shelf).

5) Tableware - only 1/3rd of householders had a table-cloth, usually with napkins in multiples of 12. Presumably these were necessary in the absence of cutlery for only spoons are mentioned and then infrequently. These were probably wooden and so cheap that they were not worth listing (in the probate inventories). The medieval tradition of using fingers and a personal knife apparently continued here into the 18th century. ... The commonest item of tableware was the dish. Until 1596 they were made of tin but thereafter they are normally of pewter. Indeed, pewter tableware was so common that it became a generic term in the same way as we use the term crockery today.

6) Condiments were kept in saucers and salts.... Perhaps they were replaced by salts for the last reference (in an inventory) to these is to three salt cellars and two salts which implies a distinction...

7) Bedding - each standing bedstead carried a 'bed' (mattress) of feathers, flock or dust; several bolsters and pillows; and only rarely more than four coverings, vis. sheets, blankets, coverlids and rugs....

8) Apparel - average a total value of only one pound. Earlier inventories (before 1637) failed to record clothing in detail; in 1637 and later it was described as "petticotes, waistcoats, a gown or coat and apron but no mention of stockings, shoes, caps or bodices which were made locally. Male attire described in three early inventories of the 1590's consisted of a shirt, breeches, stockings and shoes, each man usually having two complete sets; a coat or other outer garments, i.e. doublet or jerkin (both close fitting jackets) and cloak.

9) Heating - the hearth was an essential part of the house both for heating and cooking. The fire was made directly on the floor with the logs resting on fire-dogs or the larger brand-irons, or merely laid on a larger log at the back. The wall at the rear of the hearth was often protected from the heat by an iron fire-back. It was not easy to make a good fire so it was not usually allowed to go out, especially in the winter months; logs burned during the day, and the embers were kept smouldering by night; then it was a simple matter to get a quick fire in the morning. The chief fuel was wood; 'coal' was charcoal which gave about three times the heat of wood but was rare.

10) Lighting - during the period 1590-1640 was provided by candles, rush-lights*and oil lamps. Most working families were very sparing in their use of candles, only using them in the winter months when working in the dairy or kitchen in the early morning or late afternoon. When work was done in the evening, the family sat around the fire which gave enough light for such employment as needlework; reading could be carried on by the light of a single candle.

11) Candles - Wax candles were made by pouring wax down a yarn wick until the required thickness was achieved. The candles were then rolled on a flat surface whilst still warm to make them as smooth and even as possible. Tallow candles were made by dipping yarn wicks in clean, melted tallow until enough fat had adhered to the wick, or they were cast in moulds.

12) Ruthlights* - Rushes were gathered in high summer, soaked for a time in water to facilitate the removal of most of the peel. They were then dried in the sun before being dipped in tallow.

Candles had to be snuffed frequently to obtain the maximum light. Snuffing involved removing the end of the charred wick without, if possible, extinguishing the light. "Rushlights" gave as much light as candles and did not require snuffing as the pith wick burned out completely; however, being thinner, they burned much faster than candles and had to be replaced frequently. Oil lamps were relatively easy to manage and gave out a similar amount of light but were liable to give off an unpleasant smell unless the oil were of high quality. Candles, etc. were rarely listed in the probate inventories, and candlesticks were listed in less than half of the inventories studied. These were made from brass, pewter, tin or latten and tended to occur only in inventories of higher than average value.

In some of the houses the candles may have been impaled on 'pickets' which were spikes driven into the wall. Sconces or wall brackets were rarely found in the poorer houses... A lantern appears as early as 1592 in one inventory but no more until an inventory of 1670. Earlier lanterns were probably made from tin or brass and the light shone out through a series of punched holes or through panels of horn.

13) Kitchens - these were used for cooking (boiling, roasting and baking) and also for brewing and washing. The cooking tools were metal vessels cauldrons, pots, kettles, pans, skillets and furnaces. The cauldron was a large, lidded, 3-legged pot which stood in the embers and was used both for boiling and baking; the 'furnace" was a similar vessel. Frying pans occurred much less frequently, and only few chafing dishes.

Of the 141 probate inventories studied and listed, "gold appears in only three and books occur in only two before 1650," and these are mentioned in the first 30 inventories studied before 1650; thereafter they are mentioned in 18 inventories.

14) Weapons - Weapons such as bows and arrows, swords, daggers, pikes, etc. appear in only 8 of the inventories up to 1603; no other type of weapon is mentioned until 1671 when the first gun is listed, pocket pistol and rapiers. Firstly, it is apparent, in conclusion, that few people invested more than a few shillings in non-essential household goods.

15) Luxury Items - appear first in mid-1600's: gold in 1670, guns in 1671; clocks in 1677; the looking glasses in 1687. This indicates a growing prosperity of pastoral cattle farmers in the last three decades of the 17th century..."

16) Farm Equipment - carts, dung-puts or pots, wains and waggons; wheels bound with iron tyres were an innovation in late 16th century in Leicestershire and may have been the case in Yetminster. All carts, wains or waggons had but two wheels; dung-puts were for spreading manure on arable or hay grounds; there were also harrows, which had wooden frames with teeth and might be square or triangular. Tools mentioned in inventories included the spade, pickaxe, hatchet, hooks and wedges for felling and splitting trees; a few pikes (pitchforks) and rakes appeared in only two inventories and only once did a scythe and a hayknife appear in the probate inventory. Few farmers invested more than five pounds in farm equipment; with such low investment and replacement costs for equipment the major part of their capital and profits was available for investment elsewhere.

17) Crops - consisted mainly of grains, peas, beans, hemp and hay, wheat, most for home consumption.

18) Cattle - There was a steady increase in average size of herds between 1590 and 1690 of dairy cattle (cows, kine, calves and yearling heifers) and fatstock (beasts, bullocks, steers and wendling calves). The average herd size was about eight and by 1680 was about twelve. Only the wealthiest farmers owned bulls and rented them out to the smaller cattle farmers. The clay land of the area was not well suited to sheep rearing; yet there were 44 flocks through the period: 19 in Leigh, 14 in Chetnole and 10 in Yetminster. Almost every farmer had one or two pigs, kept for personal consumption; farmyard poultry was rarely listed in the probate inventories; a few only of geese and even fewer had stocks of bees, which might have been classed as 'not tame' and exempted by probate law; the rarity of poultry in the inventories is difficult to explain.

Inasmuch as the first bank was not established in the area until in the 1770's (in Sherborne), prosperous farmers would "enter the banking business in a small way by making loans to relatives or neighbors ... 72 out of 141 probate inventories (approximately one-half) contained entries relating to loans (due the estate) which sometimes amounted to considerable sums. One in four villagers had invested fifty per cent or more of their wealth in loans."

The status and occupations are often indicated in the list prepared when probate inventories are drawn up. The inventories surveyed included 46 with a "status" such as "gentleman" or yeoman (or husbandman); Yetminster had a total of eleven "gentlemen"; yet that designation did not occur prior to 1677. The occupational titles included the following during the period 1590-1630: blacksmith, carter, carpenter, shoemaker, potmaker, parchment maker, wool worker, weaver, tailor, wool spinner and candle maker.

The life of WALTER PALMER and his contemporaries is outlined in the Machin book by quoting EXCEPTS (Numbers 1 to 45) from the Yetminster Upbury Manorial Court Rolls 1568-1627 (Bodleian Library, Oxford) entitled "Gough Manuscript Dorset 15". Number 20 of these dated 14 Oct 1594 is headed "JOHN WARREN of Chetnole to WALTER PALMER" and is more fully explained in this book in the INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER ONE which treats the controversial subject of WALTER PALMER's place of origin in England. In July 1978 while at the Wiltshire County Record Office at Trowbridge on the 27th, Editor MACHIN volunteered some research for our Yetminster PALMER family; he wrote in a letter "I scanned the indices of the Yetminster Peculiar Court and the Dean's Court. We already knew that there wasn't an inventory for PALMER -- but as far as I could see, there isn't a Will either: which is odd because that family seems to have been around in Yetminster throughout the 17th Century."

The MACHIN book is recommended reading for anyone interested in more details about village life during the period 1580-1630, including the work on dairy farms and preparation and production of milk, cream and cheese; and much information about the structure of their houses. (Note: Gough Mss. Dorset 15 was also the reference listed by CHARLES EDWARD BANKS on his notes (National Archives) when he placed our WALTER PALMER at Yetminster Parish.)

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WALTER PALMER

WALTER PALMER.--Will.--Vnto my sonne JOHN, a yoake of three yeare old steares, and a horse; to my dau. GRACE, 20^{s}.; to all my Grand Children, 20^{s}. a peece. To my sonne JONAS, halfe the planting Lott at ye new meadow River, by Seaconcke, & ye Lott betweene JOHN BUTTERWOTHS, according to the fower score pound Estate, & the vse of halfe ye housing, & halfe of the whole Farme for fower yeares. To my sonne WILLIAM, the other halfe of ye same farme at Seaconck foreuer, and to take ROBERT MARTINE or some oth^{r} skill full man & to devide the houseing & the whole farme in two equall p^{r}ts & to take his owne & dispose of it as he pleaseth. I giue him, also, a Mare with her foale, two redd oxen, a paire of Steares of three yeare old a piece, fower Cowes & a Muskett, with all such things as are his owne allready. The other halfe of the farme at Seaconcke I giue to my sonne, GERSHAM, for ever, after the ende tearme of fower yeares. All the rest of my Land, goods, and chattell vndesposed I Leave vnto my wife, whome with my sonne, ELIHU, I make my full executor, to pay my debts, bring vp my Children & pay them theire portions as my Lands and Estate will beare; but, in case my wife marry againe, before my Children are brought vp, & their portions payd, then, my three sonnes, ELIHU, NEHEMIAH & MOSES to enter vpon the farme & Estate, and pay vnto their mother 10£ . p^{r} annum dureing hir life, & ye Land & Estate duely valued to be equally distributed among my Children, ELIHU, NEHEMIA, MOSES, BENJAMIN, GERSHAM, HANNAH & REBECCA with Consideration of the tenn pound yearely to be payd to theire mother out of ye Land. But if my wife pay theire portions, according to her discretion, & my three sonnes, ELIHU, NEHEMIAH & MOSES Possesse the Land, they shall give £20 a piece out of the Land to my sonne, BENJAMINE, besides his mothers portion, in 3 yeares after they are possesst of the Farme.

In the p^{r}nce of WALTER PALMER
WILLIAM CHEESBROUGH, SAM^{ll} CHEESBROUGH,
NATHANIELL CHEESBROUGH.

MEMORANDUM.--If ELIHU, NEHEMIAH or MOSES decease before they have any years, BENJAMINE is to succede in theire p^{t} of ye Farme & give to my dau. ELIZABETH, two Cowes. I give my Executo^{rs} a yeares time for payment of these Legacies.

Testified to, by the three witnesses, on oath, before GEORGE DENISON, Commiss^{r}.

Approved by the Court on Petition of Leiut. RICHARD COOKE, in behalfe of ye WIDOW PALMER, relict of WALTER, & ELIHU, their sonne, on the oathes of W^{m}., SAMUELL & NATHAN^{ll} CHEESBROUGH 11 May 1662. Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of WALTER PALMER, now decease^{d}, at Sothertowne, in the Countie of Suffolke, as it was taken the Last of M^{r}ch. 1662 by WILLIAM CHESBROOKE, & THOMAS STANTON of the same towne. Am^{t}. £ 1644.05^{s}.

One horse, valued at £12, added, by ELIHU PALMER, as executor, who deposed, 13 May 1662.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WALTER PALMER is set forth on the following page and was copied verbatim from the January 1857 (Vol. 11) New England Historical and Genealogical Register, page 39. This document has been included in numerous other published books in this country including "History of the Town of Stonington" by Richard Anson Wheeler (1900) pp.723-724 and "Palmer Groups" by Emily Wilder Leavitt (1901) pp.13-15 and the latter one was copied into the PALMER MSS. (typescript), by Messrs. Byron Smith Palmer and Horace Wilbur Palmer (mid-1900's),p.7.

The compiler has chosen the one from NEHGR believing it is probably closer to the original handwritten Will although it is, therefore, not as quickly read as the more clarified copy appearing in the above mentioned books. However, it is interesting to note that the Wheeler copy follows the one in NEHGR in that the closing sentence "WITNESS HEREOF I HAV SETT TO MY HAND THE DAY & YEARE ABOVE WRITTEN" is not included.

For those who have studied early American handwriting it will prove to be fascinating to read WALTER's Will and note how it followed the pattern of those times, to wit:

"Our alphabet comes from the Roman period; then they carved into stone; they found a letter with a rounded bottom U was more difficult to make in carving stone than the other kind of letter; so the Romans decided to make the letter U with straight angles: V instead of the U and thus they made them interchangeable!"

In the Will it is usually vnto - not unto; vndesposed for undisposed; vp for up

"The term 'y.e' in the Bible means 'the' -- not 'you'"

Will you have ye Lott for the lot and ye new meadow for the new meadow, etc.

"The early American (and European) words which were abbreviated would indicate this by writing the latter part of the word higher-"

p^rts - for parts; p^rnce - for presence; W^m - for William, Am^t. - for amount; M^rch - for March, etc.

DID WALTER PALMER HAVE A COAT OF ARMS?

Following the first Palmer Family Re-Union in Stonington in 1881 and the second one in 1882, a huge monument was erected in Wequetequock Burial Ground, the town's oldest cemetery, honoring the four Stonington founders, William Chesebrough, Thomas Minor (Miner), Thomas Stanton and Walter Palmer; their coats of arms were displayed at the top of each of their respective memorials. But today, over one hundred years later, the questions still persist: Who were the parents of Walter Palmer? Who were his grandparents? When and where was he born? Who were his first wife's parents and what was her name? Where were their five children born and where were they baptized? Or had Walter Palmer become a non-conformist as early as 1608 (year his first child was born) and thus his five children were never baptized in the Church of England? Without the answers to some of these questions, how was it possible to affix a particular Palmer coat of arms to our Walter?

"Crests of the Leading Families in Great Britain and Ireland," by James Fairbairn (1963) and Burke's editions of "Peerage" have listed numerous Palmer families in England with descriptions of their many and varied coats of arms. Whatever prompted the Walter Palmer descendants to select for him that of the "Palmers of Kent and Sussex" remains a mystery. It appears to have been "taken for granted" that Walter had a coat of arms and yet the names of his parents and grandparents are still unknown. This article will deal mainly with the subject of the coat of arms attributed to Walter Palmer for over one hundred years. "The Minor Mirror" has recently enlightened us about the Thomas Minor supposed coat of arms which did not stand up to scrutiny by the College of Arms in London.

For over a century it has been assumed that Walter was a member of the "Palmers of Kent and Sussex" and thus entitled to their coat of arms on his monument notwithstanding that most early published records in this country gave his homeland as Nottinghamshire in the <u>north</u> of England whereas Kent and Sussex are in the southeast area.

Some fifty years ago, however, published records in this country placed our Walter Palmer at Yetminster Parish, Dorsetshire in southwest England, from which county a vast number of non-conformists fled to America during the period 1628-1640 ("Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650" by Charles Edward Banks (1937) page 37).

A resume of the research on this topic arranged chronologically follows and we commence with the first "Palmer genealogist" believed to have been Noyes Fink Palmer (1845-1912) who was Secretary of the Palmer Re-Union Association of 1881-1882. It was from his collection of thousands of Palmer descendants that about four thousand invitations were sent out to the two reunions (see "Palmer Records," volume No. 1 pub 1881 and volume No. 2 pub 1882). A careful perusal of volume one has failed to provide us with the answers to any of the aforementioned pertinent questions; nor does it provide any clue as to Walter's coat of arms. The Palmer Record of 1881 continues the assumption that Walter Palmer emigrated from Nottinghamshire. A poem by the Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D. of Stonington clearly reveals the lack of

information in 1881 about Walter or his homeland (volume No. 1, page 79):

"And so, in sixteen hundred twenty-nine,
Begins the Anglo-Yankee Palmer line;
Back of that date we have no means to go--
And if we had, we should not care to know
His English ancestry, or small or great,
Of lordly wealth, or poor and mean estate,
High born, low born, or of middle birth,
Merchant, mechanic, tiller of the earth--
It matters not to us--enough that we
Are branches of this old ancestral tree..."

Many letters have been sent out in an effort to ascertain what disposition was made of the vast collection of Palmer records compiled by Noyes Palmer following his death in 1912 intestate. Considering he had researched this family from about 1860 to 1912, the question arises 'What had he learned about Walter's English ancestry?" A present-day descendant of Noyes' first cousin (Albert E. Palmer), residing in Sun City, Arizona, has endeavored likewise to ascertain what became of Noyes' records,without success; a review of the probate records of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, State of New York, reveals Clara M. Palmer, Noyes' widow, was appointed co-administrator with Albert W. Palmer of the estate and a perusal of the proceedings therein failed to reveal any mention of his genealogical collection.

The subject of Walter Palmer's place of origin and the research carried out to learn the answer are fully explained in this book in the introduction to chapter one.

The 1900 publication by Richard Anson Wheeler "History of the Town of Stonington" has afforded us much information about those early pioneers who settled there but offers little enlightenment about their lives before they reached Salem. Judge Wheeler (page 504) reiterates the assumption that Walter and Abraham Palmer were brothers, proof of which in 1985 has still not been found.

Between 1901-1905 "Palmer Groups" by Miss Emily Wilder Leavitt was published, the combination of her own extensive research and recourse to the "scientific index of vital statistics" of Noyes Fink Palmer to verify the arrangement and dates. This seems to indicate that Noyes' collection may have amounted mainly to a compilation of names and vital statistics without research into the history of his subjects. Here again the Leavitt book has no clue as to a coat of arms but continues the claim that Abraham and Walter were brothers and that the latter was from Nottinghamshire. Early records indicate Abraham was "a merchant from London" and there is never given an explanation of one brother being "from London" and the other "from Nottinghamshire."

About 1900 the next Palmer researcher (who left behind him extensive records) was Dr. Byron Smith Palmer, a retired dentist of Chicago who was living in Palmyra, Wayne County, N.Y. His studies of the Palmers continued until his death in 1927. Noyes Palmer died in 1912 so the research of these two genealogists over-lapped some twelve years. Noyes' descent from Walter Palmer was as follows:

Walter[1], Nehemiah[2], Lieut. Joseph[3], Dea. Joseph[4], Joseph[5] (who m. Catherine Coats) and through the latter's two sons: Capt. Joseph[6] (b 1742) and ELIJAH[6] (b 1750) then through Capt. Joseph's son, Stephen[7] and grandson, Stephen W.[8] who married Huldah[7] daughter of ELIJAH.

Dr. Byron Smith Palmer's descent from the emigrant was: Walter[1], Dea. Gershom[2], Gershom (Jr.)[3], John[4], Capt. Fenner[5], Nathaniel[6], Nathan[7] (wife Dolly Lamb), Van Rensselaer[8], George Lamb[9], and Byron Palmer[10]. (The descent of this compiler parallels that of Byron down through Nathaniel in the sixth generation; in the seventh generation her ancestor, John C., was a younger brother to the above Nathan.)

Sometime before 1920 Dr. Palmer became associated in his Palmer research project with a New York City attorney, Horace Wilbur Palmer, who was not a Walter Palmer descendant but a descendant of the William Palmer of Yarmouth, Mass., first recorded in this country in 1638. (See Volume one "Palmer Families in America" (1966).) Following the untimely, and unexpected death in 1927 of Byron, Horace continued the project until his sudden passing in 1954. From the legacy of 2,000 pages of Walter Palmer records, the work of those two men and numerous assistants they had, we note they accepted Charles Banks' placement of Walter at Yetminster Parish in Dorsetshire before he emigrated in 1628/1629 although not a word about a possible coat of arms for him. However, it would appear Dr. Byron accepted the coat of arms attributed to Walter as being authentic as he had it engraved on his letterheads which he continued using in the 1920's.

In 1912 volume III of "Colonial Families of the USA" by George Norbury Mackenzie, LL.B., came out tracing the lineage of one Charles Newell Palmer, M.D. down from Walter's son, Nehemiah, then through the "three Josephs" and alleging that "Walter, the immigrant died 1662, came from Nottinghamshire to Charlestown in 1624... removed to Pawtucket, now Stonington, in 1629, married Esther ..." and described the family's coat of arms: (pp. 377-378)

ARMS--Or, two bars gules, each charged with three trevoils slipped vert, in chief a greyhound courant sable.
CREST--A demi-panther rampant guardant, flames issuing from ears and mouth proper, supporting a palm branch.
MOTTO--Palma virtuti.

(The underlined portions above do not agree with other published records.)

In 1915 volume V of the same series by George Mackenzie (pp.408-412) traced the lineage of one William Lincoln Palmer of Boston back to the emigrant William Palmer of Great Ormsby, Norfolk County, England; he settled first (1636-1637) at Watertown, Massachusetts. His coat of arms was described and a photograph included with the write-up was identical to that of the Palmer in volume III of the 1912 book. There was just a slight difference in the motto: Palma Virtute. (This Latin motto is translated "A palm for virtue.")

James Fairbairn's "Crests of Leading Families in Great Britain" (1963) includes descriptions of the coats of arms for the Palmers of Kent and of Sussex which are almost identical to the ones set out by Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie was a member of prominent genealogical-historical organizations.

In 1907 the first edition of John Matthews' "American Armoury and Blue Book" (reprinted 1962 by Crest Publishing Co.,Inc.,New York City)

appeared which included the Thomas Minor coat of arms but did not include that of Walter Palmer; his was part of the 1962 reprint, however (page 59) with this identification: "Deputy to the General Court, Plymouth,Mass., 1645." The same coat of arms is displayed for our Walter as was set out in the two Mackenzie volumes and the Fairbairn's book for the Palmers of Kent and Sussex (with slight variations). No source or authority is included in the Matthews book for any of the numerous (some 300 pages) coats of arms set out. Efforts to trace this latest edition and ascertain the publisher's authority for including our Walter has been unsuccessful.

In 1918 Greville Horsley Palmer had his research into the Palmer coat of arms published in a small book entitled "History of the Palmer Family" (which has been found only at the Library of Congress). He made a careful study of the heraldry of this family of Palmers in Kent and Sussex tracing the pedigrees of those living in Angmering, Wingham, Parham and eventually in Somersetshire, back to the Ralph Palmer in 1307, and beyond. His research is similar to that set out in William Berry's "Genealogies and History of the County of Sussex" (and Kent). Greville includes the following on page 9:

> "I append a copy of the pedigree drawn out by Sir Thomas Palmer, which I copied from his manuscript record."

That pedigree was only the second instance noted where a Kent-Sussex Palmer family had had a male member with the first name of Walter, to wit:

> Walter le Paulmere who married Lady Eufame de Harcourt
> 46 Henry 3 (1216-1272) (which would be 1262, the 46th year
> of the reign of King Henry III) had two sons:
> Sir William and Robert Palmer.
> Robert le Palmere married Christiana and were the parents
> of Raulph le Palmere, the latter appearing at the top of
> several Palmer pedigrees commencing with the date of 1307.

It appears that as early as 1918 Family Record Sheets were being submitted by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, in Salt Lake City, who were descendants of our Walter Palmer and this continued through many decades. The contributors of these pedigrees, as required, furnished sources from which they obtained their information which they alleged placed their (and our) Walter in the family of the Palmers of Kent and Sussex. However, the past fifteen years' research in this country and in England by several of Walter's descendants earnestly striving to prove or disprove Walter's coat of arms, has resulted in the concensus that such Family Record Sheets must be considered unreliable as their sources have failed to substantiate their claims. Some of their sources were:

1. "Pedigree of the Ancient Family (of) 'The Palmers of Sussex'."
2. "Berry's Sussex 7, p. 207".
3. "Americana" 34.163.
4. "Collins Bar. vol. 1, p.435; vol. 2, p.87.
5. "Palmers of Stonington" by Lucy Palmer Frane p.83, p.2,"

The ancestors for Walter Palmer included in the pedigrees submitted to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City resided in Kent, Sussex or Somersetshire, all in the south of England; yet Walter Palmer has been alleged to be "from Nottinghamshire" in the north of England.

The ancestral lines for our Walter Palmer have been set out usually to suggest the following ancestors in these Family Record Sheets:

His great--great-grandfather: John Palmer and wife Isabell Bilton.
His great-grandfather: Robert Palmer and wife Beatrix Wesse
His grandfather: Sir Thomas Palmer (whose first wife was Grisilda (Griselda) Caryl or Carroll) and grandmother: the second wife, Catherine Stradling dau of Sir Edward Stradling and wife, Elizabeth Arundel.
His father: Sir John Palmer of Parham and his mother: Elizabeth Verney (Vernay), dau of Sir Henry Verney of Fairfield,Somersetshire.

As a result through the Stradling line, Walter's ancestry has been traced all the way back to royal lines, which is refuted by the College of Arms.

In 1937 Arthur Mee's book on "Sussex" and the coats of arms of Sussex families included an article by J. F. Huxford on the name Palmer with a photo of the usual coat of arms; it commences with Sir Edward Palmer whose ancestors held lands in Sussex as early as the reign of Henry III (1261-1272); Sir Edward and his wife, Alice (dau of Clement of Wales) had "three sons who were said to have been born on three successive Sundays, the first (John) on Whit Sunday, the second (Henry) and the third (Thomas)." All were knighted and eventually one (Thomas) was beheaded. Most Walter Palmer researchers are familiar with the extensive history of this noble Palmer family and it is mentioned here only to show that it was their coat of arms which was "adopted" by some Walter Palmer descendants. This reference also explains that at the dissolution of the monasteries, the manor "Ecclesden" in Angmering was granted to Sir Edward Palmer, by Henry VIII who eventually knighted his three sons. The next king, Edward VI granted to Sir Thomas Palmer the "lands heretofore belonging to Milton Abbey in Dorsetshire, afterwards attainted." This is the only reference we have found indicating any of those named Sir Thomas Palmer had property in Dorsetshire; this gift would have been during the years 1547-1553, many years prior to the birth of a child named Walter in the families of the Palmers of Kent and Sussex, ("Hist. and Antiquities of Dorset" by John Hutchins, M.A.(1873), page 449).

The only other noble family to have named a child WALTER is that of Sir JOHN PALMER OF ANGMERING (oldest of the triplet sons above) who served as Sheriff of Sussex County under Henry VIII and also at one time Sheriff of the county of Surrey. He and his wife, MARY SANDS, had a grandson named WALTER, one of many sons born to Sir THOMAS of Angmering, according to some published records in England, including one of The Visitations.

The children of Sir THOMAS PALMER OF ANGMERING and his wife, MARY, daughter and co-heir of Sir THOMAS PALMER OF PARHAM by his first wife, GRISELDA (dau of JOHN CARREL (also CARYL)) also called BRIDGET) have been set out in several different history books in England, with variations in the number of children this couple had, their birthdates, and whether or not they survived to adulthood; but almost all lists included a child named WALTER. The children were:

All born and baptized at Angmering:

i HENRY bapt 13 May 1565, bur there 17 July 1566.
ii CATHERINE bapt 13 May 1568, bur 20 June 1568.
iii Sir THOMAS bapt 11 Feb 1569, m MARGARET, dau of Sir JOHN PARKER.
iv HENRY bapt 7 May 1570, m 8 Sept 1602.
v WILLIAM bapt 9 Nov 1572.
vi RICHARD bapt 19 Oct 1574.
vii WALTER PALMER.
viii JOHN PALMER.
ix DOROTHY m ANTHONY BUSTARDE of Oxfordshire.

(Dallaway's "Rape of Arundel, County of Sussex" (1832) pp.17-18, 26, 66-67, 71-72.)

Several discrepancies were found in the "sources" set forth in the Family Record Sheets filed with the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, including:

(1) "The Pedigree of the Ancient Family of the Palmers of Sussex 1672"(privately printed 1867) "copied from the original MS. in the possession of Charles James Palmer, Esquire, of Dorney Court" - (pp. 5-6):

The pedigree of Sir Edward Palmer (previously referred to) and his wife, ALICE, of Angmering, who had triplet sons is set forth: JOHN, HENRY and THOMAS. (This small volume (34 pages) was entirely photocopied for the writer at the Library of Congress in 1975.) It continues the various lines down the ANGMERING Line, the WINGHAM Line, the PARHAM Line, and the most recent being the DORNEY Line. However, note that page 11 continuing the Angmering Line clearly shows the following:

Sir THOMAS PALMER married MARY, dau to Sir THOMAS PALMER of Parham, whose children were:

1. WILLIAM married ELIZABETH MINOT.
2. JOHN)
3. HENRY) died issueless.
4. RICHARD)
5. WALTER)
6. DOROTHY
7. Sir THOMAS PALMER, twice married; died issueless 1626.

(2) William Berry's "County Genealogies. Pedigrees of the Families in the County of Sussex" (1830). His career included 15 years registering clerk in the College of Arms, London; his compilation was "collected from the Heraldic Visitations and other authentic manuscripts in the British Museum and in the possession of private individuals. (pp. 204-207) His description of the Arms and Crest of the Palmers of Sussex follows which is almost identical to that previously set out herein:

ARMS.--Or, two bars gu. each charged with three trefoils, slipped, of the field, in chief a greyhound, currant, sa.
SABLE.--A demi panther, rampant, gardant, ar. sembo of hurts,

fire issuant from the mouth and ears ppr.
supporting a palm branch vert.

The four-page (204-207) pedigree of this Palmer family commences with one RALPH PALMER of Sussex 1307, and contains the one child named WALTER, without a birthdate, and his ancestry is:

Parents: Father - Sir THOMAS PALMER of Angmering (in Sussex)
Mother - MARY, dau of Sir THOMAS PALMER of Parham;
Paternal grandfather - Sir JOHN PALMER of Angmering (Sheriff of Sussex and Surrey 25 & 35 Henry VIII),oldest triplet son.
Paternal grandmother - MARY, dau of WILLIAM Lord SANDS.
Paternal great-grandfather - Sir EDWARD,ANGMERING, Sussex (who had the
Paternal great-grandmother - ALICE, dau of JOHN CLEMENT (triplets)

Maternal grandfather - Sir THOMAS PALMER of Parham and first wife,
Maternal grandmother - Griselda, dau of JOHN CARREL
Maternal great-grandfather - ROBERT PALMER of Parham
Maternal great-grandmother - Bridget,alias Beatrix,dau and co-heir of JOHN WEST.

For many years material has been circulating listing our WALTER PALMER's parents as set out in the Family Record Sheets filed with the LDS Church which erroneously gives his descent from Sir THOMAS PALMER OF PARHAM and his second wife, CATHERINE, dau of SIR EDWARD STRADLING. The one child named WALTER descends through that Sir THOMAS PALMER OF PARHAM and his first wife, GRISELDA. Then the question arises, even though there was found a child named WALTER born perhaps during the period 1575-1585 (when our WALTER is believed to have been born), where is the link to tie him in with the emigrant who reached Salem, Massachusetts 1628/29? (See further corroboration of this mis-reading of the Berry pedigree chart in data received by the compiler in 1942 from Research Media, Washington, D.C. as well as all other books examined.)

(3) "The Baronetage of England" by Collins, Vol. One (1720) contained a chapter on the STRADLING family but none on any PALMER family.

(4) "The Baronetage of England" by the Rev. William Betham, Vol. One (1801) contains a chapter on the "Palmers of Wingham, Kent" (pp.211-216) on which latter page is a pedigree of the Palmer family down from RALPH PALMER 1307, and follows the family down through Sir HENRY, the second of the triplet sons, to the 1760's but there is no child named WALTER. The item concludes with the usual description of the Arms, Crest and Motto.

(5) "Palmers of Stonington and Allied Families" by LUCY PALMER FRANE (born 1898) has no background information at all about our WALTER PALMER's English ancestry and his place of origin. The compiler was able to obtain a photocopy of this family history in 1985 from a present-day descendent of this family.

During the summer of 1978 while on a seven-week visit to England, searching only the PALMER family, the compiler made photocopies at the Society of Genealogists in London of numerous books in their collection, including:

"The Visitations of the County of Sussex, Made and Taken In the Years 1530 and 1633-34, edited by W. Bruce Bannerman,F.S.A.,

published London 1905 in which is set forth (pp. 23-25) the pedigree of the "PALMERS" with the identical Arms and Crest as previously set out. This also commences with "RALFFE (RALPH) PALMER living during the reign of King Edward I (1272-1307) and sets forth the following children of

Sr THOMAS PALMER of Augmering, Sussex, Knight
and wife, MARY, dau of Sr THOMAS PALMER of Parham,Knight:

1. JOHN PALMER of Augmering
2. Sr THOMAS
3. RICHARD
4. HENERY
5. WILLIAM
6. WALTER
7. DORATHEY

The grandparents were:
"JOHN PALMER who m. MARY, dau of Wi'm.Lord SANDES (this JOHN had bro, Sr THOMAS and Sr HENRY(the triplets)).
The Great-Grandparents were:
Sr EDWARD PALMER of Augmering, in Sussex and ALLIC d & heire of JOHN CLEMENT of the Mote"

Here again no birthdate is shown for the WALTER PALMER. This record of The Visitations is further corroboration that the child named WALTER was not a descendant of the CATHERINE STRADLING, ELIZABETH VERNEY lines as is alleged on numerous Pedigree Charts or Family Record Sheets filed with the LDS Library.

The Sussex Record Society's publication of many volumes of Sussex vital records were checked by the compiler at the Society of Genealogists in London, and Volume 18, Angmering Parish Register for 1562-1687 (published 1913), edited by Edward W. D. Penfold, M.A., recorded entries for the family of Sir THOMAS PALMER OF ANGMERING; the first four births were listed as children of Mr. THOMAS and the last three were those of Sir THOMAS. Inasmuch as it was not possible to view the parish records at the church in Angmering during the 1978 visit, these published volumes were the next best proof of a possible WALTER PALMER having been born 1575-1585. However, there were several pages missing from the records beginning with the year 1575, with this explanation: "All this Yeare (1575)was torne out of Ye ould Booke." Also, there was the notation: "There is nothing found registered in ye ould booke for years 1582-83, 1585-1588, 1590-91" which missing pages are pertinent to our search for our emigrant ancestor!
The children listed in the Angmering records for Sir THOMAS were:

1. HENRY ba 1565/65, buryed 17 July 1566.
2. JOHN PALMERE, son to Mr.THOMAS PALMER, Esq.,ba 15 Aug 1566.
3. KATHARINE PALMERE bapt 13 May 1568.
   the same KATHARINE was buryed 20 June 1568.
4. THOMAS bapt 11 Feb 1569/70.
5. WILLIAM bapt 9 Nov 1572.
6. RICHARD bapt 4 Oct 1574.
7. HENRY bapt 22 Aug 1576.
8. DOROTHEY bapt 8 Mar 1577. (married 11 Feb 1593/94 to ANTHONY BUSTARD)

These Angmering Parish Records (as published in the volume of the Sussex Record Society) follows most lists of the children of Sir THOMAS PALMER, except this record having pages missing does not include a WALTER PALMER. It would appear his birthdate could have been any year from 1575 onwards, except in 1576 and 1577 when HENRY and DOROTHY were born.

In a final effort to learn something about the child named WALTER (born 1575-1585) son of THOMAS PALMER, the grandfather's Will was checked out in London; it was "proved 15 May 1582 to Katharine his relict and his son WILLIAM." The Will was signed 24 Feb 1579. These early Wills may be viewed in London but are in Old English and/or Latin and a photocopy was obtained so it could be read by someone familiar with such penmanship. There was no mention of a WALTER in the Will although the second wife, "Dame Katherine"(Catharine) was the widow and she and the son, WILLIAM, were the executors with the son being "the heir apparent."

In the early 1930's the compiler's Uncle CLAUDE PALMER of Detroit, Michigan, visited Stonington with his own first cousin (Mrs. MYRTLE PALMER LEACH) who had resided in Salem, Massachusetts since her marriage in 1917 to Major FRANK LEACH. In the 1920's she had had visits with the Palmer genealogist, Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER and they had visited Stonington and he had furnished her the same Palmer coat of arms which she too had engraved on her stationery. None of us ever doubted that the coat of arms was authentic; that WALTER had had a right to that coat of arms; and that we were all descended from him although at that time the writer's pedigree still had two missing generations to prove out (which was subsequently done by DR. PALMER) which the writer did not receive until 1970.

In 1942 the compiler's family received from the Media Research Bureau in Washington, D.C. a 12-page resume on "The Name and Family of Palmer" which included the 13th and 14th century English Palmers and the Palmers of Sussex whose first representative before 1300 was one RALPH PALMER; carrying that line down several generations, the pedigree chart arrived at Sir THOMAS PALMER and wife, MARY, dau of Sir THOMAS PALMER of PARHAM, with five children including a son named WALTER. The source for the information was Berry's "Histories and Genealogies of the County of Sussex;" also Jenyns' "Pedigree of the Palmers of Sussex" 1867; and Leavitt's "Palmer and Melvin Descendants," ("Palmer Groups"), published 1901-1905.

Several years later (1954-1958) while living and working in London, the writer decided to pursue the matter of obtaining authentication from the College of Arms for WALTER PALMER's coat of arms even though at that time she still had not found her two missing generations. Contact with the College was made in 1957 and two separate visits were had with Sir JOHN HEATON-ARMSTRONG, then Clarenceux King of Arms. The suggestion was made by him that before he had the research commenced in London, it would be wiser to first locate the two missing generations in my Palmer line; however, he quoted a fee for beginning research of five guineas $15.00) and promised to proceed upon payment of that amount and word that the two missing links had been found. However, on my return to Southern California the summer of 1958, new employment and pressing family problems as well as numerous personal matters interrupted the project and it was not until 1970 that resumption of the research was continued. (See pp. 564-567 herein.)

Several Walter Palmer descendants have researched in England since 1967 seeking to identify his place of origin, his parents and in-laws, first wife and information about his five children. Their travels have included research in Nottinghamshire, London, Sussex, Kent and Dorsetshire. Since 1970 they have been coordinating the results of their research and exchanging copies of resumes prepared. Their names and the

scope of their research is more fully set out in the Introduction to chapter one.

In 1975 during a visit of several days to Stonington the subject of WALTER's English ancestry, place of origin and coat of arms was discussed with the late MRS. JOSEPHINE M. PECK. She was an experienced, capable genealogist who had been in the Stonington areas many decades and was assisting in the preparation of the Supplement to "The Denison Genealogy" at the time of the interview with her. She explained she had been researching in that area, including the Stonington Library and the Historical Society, for over thirty years and had never seen an authority for Walter's homeland in England or for anything about his English ancestry. (Mrs. Peck co-authored "The Denison Genealogy" published 1963 with Donald L. Jacobus and E. Glenn Denison.)

During the summer of 1978 the compiler spent seven weeks in England, again searching for information about WALTER PALMER; this included four days at Canterbury (Kent) searching at the Institute for Heraldic and Genealogical Studies; five days in Dorsetshire, including two days on trips to Yetminster, Chetnole and Leigh, accompanied by a professional genealogist who resides in that county at Wimborne; and numerous days in London at the Society of Genealogists and the Guildhall Library; a visit to Parham in Sussex (originally the ancestral home of one of the Sir THOMAS PALMERS) was especially interesting. Parham was constructed in 1577 and in 1601 sold by the then Sir THOMAS to Sir THOMAS BYSSHOPP. There was nothing learned during this visit to definitely place our WALTER PALMER as a member of the Palmers of Kent or Sussex which might have entitled him to that family's coat of arms. Contacts with individuals and information obtained regarding the possibility of Dorsetshire being WALTER's place of origin have been set out in the Introduction to Chapter One.

In 1979 second contact was had with the College of Arms in London in an effort to verify the "Banks' MSS." which placed our WALTER in Yetminster Parish, Dorsetshire--not in London, Sussex or Nottinghamshire. Charles Banks' English collaborator had been A. T. BUTLER, Windsor Herald, College of Arms. This episode in our search is also explained in the Introduction to Chapter One; fifty pounds ($100. at that time) was sent as requested but the search produced nothing new.

On 8 Feb 1980 the College of Arms was again contacted and another fifty pounds sent them with the request they have a search conducted to ascertain if the emigrant WALTER PALMER could have been the child named WALTER who had been born to Sir THOMAS PALMER of Angmering and his wife, MARY sometime during the years 1575-1585. They were furnished a volume of copies of pertinent documents to familiarize them with the problem and assist them in making a determination. It was pointed out that for some unknown reason the Angmering Parish Records for that period were missing; also called to their attention were the numerous English published books which had listed a child with the name WALTER born during that decade, including The Visitations. Their answer to that particular reference and to the entire problem presented to them was dated 27 May 1980 in a report which is reproduced on the following pages for the benefit of all WALTER PALMER descendants. (Note: Copies of the enclosures are not being included (see pp.911-912); they were handwritten, copied from the original of The Visitations and none included a PALMER named WALTER.)

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Clarenceux
ARW/ODM

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27th May 1980

Mrs D. Palmer Buys,
4254 Dawn Lane,
Oceanside,
California 92054,
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs Buys,

A search has now been completed in the official records of the College of Arms and other related material to try to discover what happened to Walter Palmer who is shown in the printed version of the 1633/4 Visitation of Sussex as the son of Sir Thomas Palmer of Angmering, with the intention of eliminating (or confirming) the possibility that he was your immigrant ancestor who settled in America in 1628/9.

In the first instance it might be as well to ponder the evidence put forward to show that Sir Thomas did in fact have a son named Walter, for I find this far from convincing. Knowledge of his existence would appear to have been based on two printed pedigrees (the 1634 Sussex Visitation and Berry's Sussex Genealogies) which, though conscientiously compiled, can only be considered as secondary sources. Against these was set the information provided by the Angmering Parish Registers (which must be regarded as primary evidence) which included baptisms and burials for Thomas Palmer's children Henry, John, Katharine, Thomas, William, Richard, Henry and Dorothy but NOT Walter. This, however, must be qualified by an acknowledgement of the defective state of the Register and in particular the fact that the entries for the year 1575 were "torne out of ye ould books".

Before attempting to dispose of this Walter Palmer, therefore, our initial searches were directed towards finding evidence to establish his existence, the first step being thoroughly to examine the original Visitation Books for Sussex of which there are four:- 1531, 1570, 1634 and 1662. It was soon clear that the printed Visitation pedigree was an amalgamation, with very considerable additions from other sources, of three separate original Visitation pedigrees - one of which was entered in 1570 and two in 1634. Copies of these, together with the only Palmer pedigree in the 1662 Visitation, have been drawn up on the enclosed chart which should now be referred to.

You will see from 'C' (the pedigree which shows Sir Thomas Palmer [of Angmering], his children and grandchildren) that Walter Palmer does not appear in the original Visitation; but then neither do Henry (baptised 1564/5, Katharine (baptised 1568), Richard (baptised 1574) and Dorothy (baptised 1577) whom we know from the Parish Register to have been children of Sir Thomas. In the cases of Henry and Katherine this is understandable for burials of both are recorded soon after their respective baptisms; the omission of Dorothy too can be excused simply because of her sex, it being fairly common to find daughters in the earlier generations omitted from a Visitation pedigree. This still leaves Richard, baptised 1574, who poses something of a problem. He may have been buried in the 'missing' year of 1575 and if so, well and good, as this would tidy the matter up; if not, then it badly weakens the force of the argument I am about to propound.

Leaving aside the problem of Richard, for which no immediate solution is apparent, the argument runs as follows:

(1) In the 1634 Visitation of Sussex Sir Thomas Palmer is shown to have had four sons:- John, who had by then died without issue; Sir Thomas Palmer who had also died without issue; Henry who married Elizabeth Parker and had a daughter Alice, married to Thomas Laming; William who married Elizabeth Mynott and had issue.

(2) If Sir Thomas Palmer had also had a son Walter, why was he not shown on this pedigree?

(3) If this question (2) is answered with the suggestion that Walter was either dead or in America by 1634, why should this cause his omission from the pedigree when both John and Sir Thomas (the younger) were included, both of whom were shown as dead ?

Clearly, some positive proof was needed now more than ever to show that Sir Thomas did have a son Walter, and our searches were extended beyond the College's Official Records to try to acquire it. The most likely source seemed to be the will of Sir Thomas Palmer for which a search was made in the probate records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and of the Consistory Court of Chichester, in either of which one might expect to find it. As you will see from the following lists, it was not, unfortunately, brought to light although some other wills were found which may turn out to be helpful.

Palmer Wills and Administrations proved in the Consistory Court of Chichester, 1500-1700

Wills

1545	Palmer,	Peter of Chichester
1552	"	Raffe of Boxgrave
1557	"	Nicholas of Singleton
1557	"	Rychard, vicar, of West Angmering
1575	"	alias Streater, Walter, of Patching
1585	"	John of Ferring
1607	"	Walter of Westbourn
1608	"	Dorothy, widow, of Westbourn
1629	"	Nicholas of Westbourn
1638	"	John of Westbourn
1639	"	alias Streater, George
1650	"	Roger of Westbourn
1662	"	William, keeper, of Petworth
1668	"	George of West Chiltington
1669	"	Edward of West Chiltington
1688	"	John, gentleman, of Parham.

Administrations

1557	Palmer,	Richard of Chichester
1565	"	Richard of Stretington (in Boxgrove)
1575	"	Robert of Hampnett
1605	"	John of Combes
1607	"	" senior of Stoughton
1620	"	Dorothy of Westbourn
1625	"	Robert of West Wittering
1627	"	Roger of Westbourn
1670	"	Thomas of Racton

Palmer Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1500-1700 (SUSSEX ONLY)

1544	Palmer,	Robert of St. Christopher, London and Parham
1562	"	John, Esq., of West Angmering
1582	"	Sir Thomas, Knight, of Parham
1586	"	William, Esq., of Parham
1601	"	" of Stoughton
1628	"	John, jurat, of Rye
1633	"	Thomas, the elder, of Hastings
1647	"	" " "
1653	"	John, butcher, of East Grinstead
1656	"	Samuell, of the Cliffe, Lewes
1684	"	Robert, Esq., of Petworth.

The 1607 will of Walter Palmer of Westbourn is worth noting for future reference, although it is clear that there was an independently established Palmer family in Westbourn. It is therefore unlikely that this Walter had any connection with the Parham/Angmering family.

Another group of records which might have shed some light on the problem was that of the Inquisitions Post Mortem. Abstracts of these have been printed for the County of Sussex (in volume XIV of the Sussex Record Society) and I enclose photocopies of the relevant pages. All the Palmer Inquisitions except the last (number 809) relate to some member of the Parham/Angmering family, though only one of these has any direct relevance to the particular portion of the pedigree in which we are interested. This was the Inquisition (number 805) of John Palmer Esq. (father of Sir Thomas of Angmering) taken on 25th February 1563. His heir was stated to be his son Thomas Palmer, then aged 20 years, 2 months and 17 days, for whom however no later Inquisition was found. (The Sir Thomas Palmer in number 806 was the father-in-law of Sir Thomas Palmer of Angmering.)

A search in the registers of Oxford and Cambridge Universities revealed an entry of Thomas Palmere [sic] who matriculated as of Queen's College, Oxford on 24 March 1586/7 aged 17. In 1589 he was entered as a student of the Middle Temple, being recorded as the second son of Thomas Palmer of Angmering, Sussex, Knight. But neither the University Records nor those of the Inns of Court listed any other member of the Angmering family.

So where did William Berry and the compiler of the printed Visitation pedigree get the information which led them to show Walter Palmer as a son of Sir Thomas? The answer to this was supplied by an examination of some of the (unofficial) genealogical manuscript collections in the College's libraries, for in a volume of Sussex pedigrees which forms part of the large collection made by Augustine Vincent, Windsor Herald, there appears a Palmer descent of nine generations. It is headed by Radulphus (i.e. Ralph) Palmer, as are Berry's and the printed Visitation pedigrees, and continues down the two main - that is, Angmering and Parham - branches to the early seventeenth century. Sir Thomas Palmer of Angmering was shown with six sons: John, Thomas, Richard, Henry, William and Walter, and a daughter Dorothy, numbered in that order.

Now Augustine Vincent died in 1626; he was, therefore, contemporary with Sir Thomas Palmer's children, which must strengthen the case for Walter's existence. We know from the Parish Register, however, that Vincent got the order of the children wrong. Might he not also have made other mistakes?

A later collection made by William Courthope, Somerset Herald, in the nineteenth century is particularly strong on Sussex material (it contains many pedigrees, will abstracts, monumental inscriptions etc.) and so was carefully examined for any helpful clue. Unfortunately, Courthope's interest lay chiefly in East Sussex rather than West Sussex and nothing useful was found.

Thus the current position may be summarised as follows:

(1) The claim that Walter Palmer was a son of Sir Thomas Palmer of Angmering rests solely on a piece of secondary evidence, albeit contemporary and normally reliable.

(2) If one accepts, on the strength of the Vincent pedigree, that Sir Thomas had a son Walter, the lengthy searches which have now been carried out in the College's Records and other sources have not produced a scrap of evidence (with the possible but unlikely exception of the 1607 will of Walter of Westbourn) which would credit Walter with any kind of adult existence.

(3) Assuming that Walter (a) was Sir Thomas's son, (b) grew to manhood, (c) married and had issue in this country, without our finding any trace of these events, it still seems improbable that he was one and the same man as the Walter Palmer who emigrated to America in 1628/9. But it must be said that this particular problem is still unresolved and I should not like to make a definite pronouncement one way or the other.

It is possible, though I think unlikely, that further research in original records outside London would provide a solution, and if you would like me to undertake this I should be pleased to do so. As I am sure you are aware, however, this would necessarily be an expensive business and I should have to ask you for a sum of at least £500 on account of the work generally.

Yours sincerely,

A.R. Wagner

Clarenceux King of Arms

The report from the College of Arms included handwritten copies from the original 1570 and 1634 Visitations of Sussex which are referred to in their report which they feel refutes published English records that Sir THOMAS PALMER of Angmering and his wife, MARY (dau of Sir THOMAS PALMER of Parham), had a child named WALTER. The same chart (1570) reveals but one son (WILLIAM who married ELIZABETH, dau of HUGH VERNEY), for the same Sir THOMAS PALMER of Parham by his second wife, KATHERINE, dau of Sir EDWARD STRADLING which conflicts with so many researchers in this country who have listed KATHERINE STRADLING and Sir THOMAS PALMER as the parents of the child named WALTER. That WILLIAM would have been a half-brother to the MARY PALMER who became the wife of the Sir THOMAS PALMER of Angmering.

Sir ANTHONY did admit "..... it must be said that this particular problem is still unresolved and I should not like to make a definite pronouncement one way or the other." So it must be left to some other Walter Palmer descendants who have the time and finances to carry on the search if this phase of the WALTER PALMER ancestry is ever to be continued.

Sir ANTHONY was not employed to continue the search "in original records outside London" costing another five hundred pounds ($1,000. at that time) inasmuch as another professional genealogist residing in Wimborne, Dorsetshire, was employed to undertake this task, i.e. Miss DAPHNE HILLS,B.A., a Genealogical Record Agent.

However, inasmuch as many parish records for Dorsetshire no longer exist, including those for the parish of Yetminster, no records of marriages, baptisms or burials have been found to identify the emigrant, WALTER PALMER, his parents, first wife or five children. The Bishop's Transcripts (a second copy of Parish Records) were also investigated for Yetminster Parish unsuccessfully.

Likewise, the lack of record keeping by the non-conformists during the period 1610-1640 (for fear of persecution) presents a similar problem in identifying WALTER and his family.

Thus far all known sources to learn something about our WALTER have proved unfruitful as far as definite identification is concerned. However, the results of the research done by so many these many years do seem to indicate that our PALMER emigrant ancestor was indeed a rural dairy farmer from Dorsetshire as announced in the 1930's by Col. CHARLES EDWARD BANKS.

FOUR UNIDENTIFIED PALMER WIVES

(1) In several references in this country the only mention of the first wife of WALTER PALMER has been that "she was called ELIZABETH to distinguish her from her mother" although she was named ANN -- without any source for this assertion ever being found. It has been assumed he had been married only once before emigrating to New England and that the first wife was the mother of his first five children who accompanied him to this country. Perhaps the only clue may be the naming of their first child GRACE, one of the so-called "Christian virtue" names used by the non-conformists and continued in this country; other such names were CHARITY, CONTENT, DESIRE, FAITH, PATIENCE, etc. These names were not used in England in the royal or working-class families; they consistently named their daughters ANN (ANNE, ANNA), ALICE, BRIDGET, AGNES, DOROTHY, ELIZABETH, JOAN(E), HESTER (ESTHER, ESTER), KATHERINE (CATHERINE), MARY (MARIE, MERCY) MARGARET, MARTHA, SARAH and SUSAN. A study of the Royal Families of England reveals those underlined were the names most frequently given to their daughters, as well as ELEANOR, ISABEL(LA), JANE, and MATILDA.

The naming of their first daughter GRACE PALMER may be a good indication that WALTER and his first wife were members of the non-conformist groups which became so popular in the southwest area of England. However, this would also explain the absence of any parish records for them: their marriage, the baptisms of their five children, the death of the mother. During the terrible persecutions of these non-conformists in the first thirty to forty years (1600-1640) the members did not maintain records of these events; inquiry at the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City and at the Guildhall Library in London produced about the same response -- the great absence of vital records (or parish entries) for that period of the non-conformists was due to the fear of persecutions. After 1650 and especially during the CROMWELL period, the non-conformists were not as fearful of persecution as previously.

(2) In published records in this country there is very little about REBECCA SHORT who married WALTER PALMER on 1 June 1633. (See page 20 herein.) The compiler has never found her name on any passenger list; however, that surname was noted for a few male passengers but later than 1632, the year Rev. JOHN ELLIOT (of the Roxbury First Church) records the arrival in that area of "REBECKAH SHORT, a maide servant." One HENRY SHORT sailed from Southampton 24 March 1633/34 for Ipswich,Mass., ANTHONY SHORT arrived 1634 on the "Mary and John" and WILLIAM SHORT reached Virginia in 1635.

In his "Palmer MSS." (handwritten volumes) Dr. BYRON SMITH PALMER (research during 1900-1927) has written the name of THOMAS SHORT as the father of this REBECCA (SHORT) PALMER without giving any source for his information. It would appear significant that REBECCA SHORT was readily admitted by the Rev. JOHN ELLIOT to his First Church in Roxbury which he organized there on his arrival in 1631, as though she may have been a member of his congregation in England; many of them had accompanied him departing London 23 Aug 1631, arriving 2 Nov and settling at Roxbury.

An article "Pilgrim Fathers of Nazing," explains the following of Rev. JOHN ELIOT (Vol. 28 NEHGR, Apr 1874), written by W. WINTERS of Waltham Abbey, county of Essex, England, explaining he also at times was vicar in the adjoining county of Hertford. The compiler thereupon employed a researcher in Essex to check some parish records in the area of Nazing for a possible family surnamed SHORT who baptized a daughter named REBECCA during the years 1605-1615, most likely birth date for her; and also in the county of Hertford. The surname SHORT would appear to be uncommon in this country but in the 16th century there were apparently many in these two counties. The researcher devoted two or three months to this project but it will take a much longer period to pursue all the parish records of those two counties for REBECCA SHORT if and when some other PALMER genealogist is inclined to continue the search. We are here assuming that she journeyed to this country unmarried and that SHORT was her maiden name; had she been married and her husband died en route, of course this search would be in vain. (The compiler will provide a copy of the 6-page report of PETER C. NUTT of Essex to anyone desiring this information for the cost of photocopying and postage.)

All the females listed in his six-page report had the usual first names and none had the name of REBECCA or REBEKAH. There were a few of the males with the first name of THOMAS dating as far back as 1567 in BOYDS MARRIAGE INDEX for Essex County, including one THOMAS SHORT who married 1606 ELIZABETH FRENCH. (It is noted here that WALTER and REBECCA named their first dau HANNAH and their only other dau was named REBECCA; however, WALTER's youngest child by his first wife had already been named ELIZABETH.) One record of interest was the following baptism:

GREAT BURSTEAD Register ERO T/R141:

1604/05 24 Mar ELIZ (ELIZABETH), dau of THOMAS SHORT bapt

and the question arises: Considering REBECCA was such an uncommon first name, is it possible WALTER's wife had been given originally some other first name, such as ELIZABETH, which she later changed? In conclusion the researcher explained "I have searched 9 of the 106 Hertfordshire parishes that still have registers surviving for the period of REBECCA's birth, i.e. 1605-1615; and I searched a mere 18 of the possible 274 parishes that still have such registers surviving in the county of Essex."

Doubtless much of this research could be done through the files and records of the Mormon Church in this country; however, their filming of all these parish records in all the counties of England is very far from being complete at this time.

(3) The third unidentified wife" of a PALMER is the LYDIA who married about 1754 FENNER PALMER (See pp. 163-172). Much of this has been included by the compiler in Captain FENNER PALMER's chapter herein. Was she a member of the BUCK, BUELL, HAINES or WALTER PALMER family? The first name of LYDIA was very popular with numerous families in the area of Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut. Both the BUELL and HAINES were early pioneers of that area as well as the GRISWOLD family. Were they married in Killingworth or in Dover, Dutchess County, New York, where FENNER's parents had settled in the early 1750's? If the latter, it may explain why the answer has eluded all of us for so many decades--the Dutchess County records present numerous problems for the genealogist.

The pre-1850 Barbour Index does not include any LYDIA HAYNES (HAINES) of the correct age to have been Captain FENNER's wife; the only LYDIA BUCK found there had m SAMUEL RICHARDS. Mrs. DOROTHY STEWART of North Stonington searched at the Hartford State Library in the Barbour Index for LYDIA; found only possibility to be dau b 21 July 1736 to ABIJAH and DOROTHY PALMER, Stonington TR (Vol.3,p.23): she then searched at Stonington but any marriage data for that LYDIA not found; one LIDEA PALMER m JOSEPH PALMER 2 Dec 1762, Voluntown; ABIJAH's dau would have been aged 26 years in 1762.

Under three different early dates this century the "Boston Transcript" has had an inquiry in its "Genealogical Column" about the identity of LYDIA PALMER:

> 22 June 1910 No. 1349: "What was the maiden name of LYDIA and the date of her marriage to Captain FENNER PALMER?
> 24 April 1911 No.1692 "Also (need) the maiden name of LYDIA the wife of Captain FENNER PALMER of Killingworth, Conn., Dover and Pauling Precinct, Dutchess County, N.Y. and Rensselaer County,N.Y."
> 3 Jan 1912 No. 1322 "Whom did LYDIA PALMER, daughter of ABIJAH PALMER of Stonington, Conn., and Westerly, R.I. marry? She was born July 1736. Maiden names of (wives of Captain FENNER PALMER), LYDIA _____, and OLIVE _____ desired. 'Palmer Groups'."

For over ten years the compiler has been in correspondence with several PALMER descendants trying to learn the identity of Captain FENNER's wife, not being satisfied to accept the BUELL family as is shown in the D.A.R. Patriots Index without proof. One such correspondent, a longtime member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society in Boston, sought their assistance and received a report from them dated 22 March 1985 which is being included in this resume at the end of this write-up. They include a copy of Miss Emily Leavitt's discussion of the above mentioned ABIJAH PALMER which unfortunately ended there and her volume did not continue with any of his children.

(4) The fourth "Unidentified wife" is that of SARAH who married 1781 NATHANIEL PALMER (See page 195 herein); she was b 22 May 1764 and died 26 Aug 1826 Walworth, Wayne County, N.Y. Where she was born and the name of her parents remain a mystery. The marriage took place during the last years of the Revolutionary War; her husband, NATHANIEL, was the third son (and fifth child) of Captain FENNER and LYDIA PALMER, and was born 22 June 1763 while the family still lived in Dover, Dutchess County. No record of her burial has been found but it seems certain hers is the grave next to NATHANIEL in the West Walworth Cemetery as the marker on the other side of NATHANIEL reveals it is the grave of his second wife, ANNA LEAVITT (b 1780, d 1868); and the grave on the other side of SARAH's unmarked grave is that of MARGARET DENISE PALMER, first wife of NATHANIEL and ANNA's only son, NATHANIEL L. PALMER who died 1879.

SARAH and NATHANIEL PALMER named their daughters, SARAH, ANNA, BETSEY and LIONA, any of which may have been the first name of SARAH's own mother; they named their sons, NATHAN, ENOS, JOHN C., BENJAMIN, FENNER and OLIVER; SARAH's father may have been named ENOS, BENJAMIN or OLIVER which were not common names in the PALMER family, although NATHANIEL had a brother BENJAMIN, and sisters named ANNA and SARAH.

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Maiden name research can be the most difficult and frustrating work in Colonial American genealogy, so we fully understand the problems you've faced in trying to identify the maiden name of Fenner Palmer's wife Lydia. After a thorough check of the indexed resources available here at the NEHGS library we are sorry to report we can neither confirm nor deny her identification as either Lydia (Palmer) or Lydia (Buell) Palmer.

We do not have available here in the NEHGS Library any of the proof submitted to document claimed ancestry of D.A.R. members, and many of the early applications were notorious for weak evidence. Thus, we cannot evaluate the accuracy of the Lydia Buell identification. Nor do we have a full listing of Fenner Palmer's children, so we cannot compare the names with others in the family of Abijah Palmer, any likely Buell family, or Fenner Palmer's own ancestry. Access to these facts could assist us in attempting to learn Lydia's maiden name.

One immediate recommmendation would be to discover whether any probate file exists for the estate of Abijah Palmer. He died in 1793 and his estate papers should refer to his daughter Lydia's Palmer children if she did in fact marry Fenner Palmer. Early probate files are available for consultation at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford and this could easily prove or disprove your proposed identification of Lydia. Enclosed is a list of researchers who might perform this work for you, if the staff at the Library cannot answer your question.

In the absence of such probate information, we find it difficult to believe the line based on Virkus' lineage alone. His work is not highly regarded today because many erroneous descents appear. This does not mean your line is wrong, but further proof is desirable. However, no immediate connection between Abijah Palmer in Stonington, and his distant cousins in Dutchess County, N.Y. is obvious. How did Fenner Palmer find Lydia Palmer and where might they have married?

Our evaluation of the evidence available here does establish a strong connection between Fenner Palmer and the Buell families in Killingworth. Through our indexes we quickly located the enclosed item in the Jan. 3 1912 Boston Evening Transcript genealogy column. In the "Comments on Note *1322" you will find some interesting information about Fenner Palmer's own ancestry together with details about when and where he lived. Dover's Furnace is in the town of Dover, Dutchess Co., N.Y. and it was set off from Pawling

Precinct in 1807. Any clues that may have existed in the early Pawling town records were lost in an 1859 fire, according to Frank Hasbrouck's 1909 History of Dutchess Co., N.Y. page 389.

Fenner Palmer is found in Palmer Groups, by Miss Emily Leavitt, a surprisingly well documented work when compared to other turn-of-the-century genealogies. She was unable to give any information about what became of John Palmer's five children, including #440 Fenner, as listed on page 85, but the facts she gives in earlier generations is noteworthy. Of special significance is the connection between #49 Gershom Palmer (Fenner's grandfather) to Samuel Buel and David Buell shown on pages 52 and 53. This may actually be the source of the family tradition of ties to the Buell family, which have later blossomed into identification of Fenner Palmer's wife as Lydia Buell. As shown, Gershom Palmer and David Buell married Fenner sisters.

In later years, descendants of these Buells frequently are found in the same locations where Fenner Palmer himself is found. We assume you have ready access to the Buell Genealogy by Albert Welles, so we have not sent photocopies of these pertinent pages, but we can provide copies if you desire. The discussion of Samuel[3] Buell begins on page 31 and David's on p.35. Nathaniel[4] Buell, a son of Samuel found on p.47, removed to the Oblong in Dutchess County and his descendants Grover and Grover Jr. were in Armenia at the time of the Revolution. They both signed the "Articles of Association" in 1775, according to page 96 in Hasbrouck. Armenia was the town just north of present day Dover, putting Nathaniel in proximity to Fenner Palmer.

Later, Fenner Palmer was in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., and there we find the following information from page 83 of A.J. Weise's 1880 History of the Seventeen Towns of Rensselaer County: among the early pew holders of The Warren Society (a Baptist Church) in Hoosick Falls were John Palmer, Elam Buel, and Josiah Buell. These Buells appear to be the descendants of Samuel found on pages 170 and 171. Their brother Elias Buell was living in Saratoga, N.Y. according to page 172, and that is where Fenner Palmer himself lived at the time of his death, according to the Transcript note. Elias Buell's death is listed in a typescript of Friends (Quaker) Records of Saratoga, N.Y. available here in the NEHGS Library, which says his mother was Rebecca instead of Rhoda, but the age and date of death agree.

These frequent correlations between Fenner Palmer and members of the Buell family do tend to support the suggestion his wife was Lydia Buell, but as we pointed out above, the kinship through the earlier Fenner sisters may be a better explanation. Of course, this leaves open the identification of Fenner Palmer's wife. If the D.A.R. applications do have valid evidence to support the assertion Lydia was a Buell, we cannot challenge it on the basis of the facts we have here. On the other hand, if family tradition is the only "source", the Fenner kinship seems to cover that.

Considering the possibility that Lydia was actually a Buell, we find it interesting that Samuel[3] did name a daughter Lydia, who died young, and that his son Samuel also named a daughter Lydia. (see Welles, pages 45 and 70). Welles offers no further information about the Lydia who married Ebenezer Huff in 1746, and she certainly looks too old to be Fenner Palmer's wife. Could Welles have missed any other Lydias Buells who followed this established path from Killingworth to Dutchess County, N.Y.

Without contradicting the identification of Fenner Palmer's wife as Lydia Buell, we have to suggest the possibility that she may be some other

Lydia not mentioned by anyone previously. Before pursuing that possibility though, you should check the Abijah Palmer probate and the evidence supporting the D.A.R. applications that claim Lydia was a Buell.

If we can be of any further assistance on this problem, or if you find more information, do not hesitate to inquire again. We hope this evaluation of the evidence available here has been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

NEHGS Research Service

P.S. In the Weise book we also found mention of Fenner Palmer as Captain of the Fifth Company of Col. John Knickerbacker's 14th Regiment, New York Militia. According to Weise, the companies of this regiment were organized in Hoosick and Schaghticoke, N.Y. on Oct. 20 1775 (Photocopy enclosed).

Miss Leavitt's discussion of Abijah Palmer is also enclosed (p.80-81) from the same Palmer Groups book. She was unable to follow any of Abijah's children.

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"Palmer Groups" pp. 80-81:

"ABIJAH[4] PALMER, son of NEHEMIAH[3] (NEHEMIAH,[2] WALTER[1]) and JERUSHA (SAXTON) PALMER, was born in Stonington 29 Sept 1712... married in Stonington 2 Dec 1733 DOROTHY,[4] dau of MOSES[3] and ABIGAIL (ALLEN) PALMER, who was born in Stonington 20 Nov 1711, died there 10 March 1740; he married (2) in Westerly, Rhode Island, 10 Apr 1742, BRIDGET STANTON, dau of WILLIAM and ANNE STANTON; he died in Stonington 7 March 1793.

"Children by DOROTHY:

i JERUSHA born 16 May 1734.
ii LYDIA born 24 July 1736.
iii SAXTON born 22 Jan 1737/38.
iv DOROTHY born 2 March 1740.

Children by his second wife:

v ROBERT born 7 Jan 1743; died Dec 1750.
vi SIMEON born 4 Oct 1744.
vii ROBERT born 10 Feb 1751; died 6 Aug 1754.
viii PELEG born 24 Jan 1755.
ix ROBERT born 6 Aug 1756."

MOSES PALMER[3] (above) was the son of MOSES[2] PALMER and DOROTHY GILBERT (dau of Captain JOHN and AMY (LORD) GILBERT of Hartford); MOSES[2] was the fourth child of WALTER PALMER and his second wife, REBECCA (SHORT), and he was also a brother to the above NEHEMIAH[2] who was third child of WALTER and REBECCA PALMER.

A P P E N D I X

1. OLD STYLE and NEW STYLE CALENDARS (Julian and Gregorian Calendars).

2. THE FREEMAN's OATH.

For the benefit of those unfamiliar with ancient records and the methods of notation of time, it is to be observed that the time of many events is recorded by reference to regnal years. These begin with the first day of the reign of the sovereign. It is convenient to here note that the reigns to which most frequent reference will be made begin as follows:

Edward II	July 8, 1307
Edward III	Jan. 25, 1326
Richard II	June 22, 1377
Henry IV	Sept. 30, 1399
Henry V	Mar. 21, 1413
Henry VI	Sept. 1, 1422
Edward IV	Mar. 4, 1461
Edward V	Apr. 9, 1483
Richard III	June 26, 1483
Henry VII	Aug. 22, 1485
Henry VIII	Apr. 22, 1509
Edward VI	Jan. 28, 1547
Mary	July 6, 1553
Elizabeth	Nov. 17, 1558
James I	Mar. 24, 1603
Charles I	Mar. 27, 1625
Charles II	Jan. 30, 1649

(FROM "THE SHERMAN GENEALOGY" (1920) by Thomas Townsend Sherman) p.6

THE OLD STYLE CALENDAR (Julian Calendar) AND

THE NEW STYLE CALENDAR (Gregorian Calendar).

The Julian Calendar was used throughout the Middle Ages in Europe. Under that system the year began on "Lady Day" which was the 25th of MARCH, the last day of the year being the 24th of MARCH. In using numbers to denote the particular month of the year, therefore, the following must be followed:

1st month	March	7th month	September
2nd month	April	8th month	October
3rd month	May	9th month	November
4th month	June	10th month	December
5th month	July	11th month	January
6th month	August	12th month	February

WALTER PALMER's descendants will appreciate this information when they study the Diary of THOMAS MINOR, WALTER's son-in-law, who married WALTER's oldest child, GRACE. The Diary covers the period 1653-1684; this was followed by the Diary of MANASSEH MINOR 1696-1720, a son of THOMAS and GRACE. A few pertinent extracts from these Diaries are of interest and are excellent examples of recording dates during the period the Julian Calendar was used:

"(The) Eleventh month Januarie .31
The twelvth month februarie .28 days
The first month is march .1654 and hath .31 days
The second month is Aprile and hath .30 days
The third month is may .31 days monday the first sabath day being the .7. my Brothers came with the Cattell and monday the .8. and wensday the .10. I received .2. oxen and one cow of my father-in(law)
The fourth month is June .30. days
The fiffe month is July .31 days
The sixt month is agust .31. days
The seventh month is september .30. days friday the first and friday the .8. I had lost the cattell at Mistucksset..
The eight month is october .31 days sabath day the first and sabath day the .8....
The ninth month is november .30. days
The tenth month is december .31. ... and monday .25. it was Christmas day...
The eleventh month is Januarie .31. days monday the first

In 1667 THOMAS wrote of his wife's youngest half-brother, GERSHOM PALMER: (p.82)

"The tenth month is december and hath .31. days... the 7th gerson & his wife was heare (they had been married only a few days previously on 28 Nov 1667) sabath day the 8. and 9 day we Killed the swine. The 10 day we mended the Chimbly the 11 day it was wet sabath day the 15. ..."

In 1670 THOMAS again included reference to GERSHOM PALMER in his entries:

"The seventh moneth is september and hath .30. days the ffirst is Thursday: our Brother ELISHA CHEESBROUGH departed this life in the fforenoone monday the .5. I was at mr stantons about the Cou(n)try business our brother garshoms wife was delivered of a young daughter Thursday the .8. I gathered the hops Thursday the 15 and thursday the 22 I was at Court monday the .25. manaseth was maried." (This latter entry pertains to the sixth son of the diarist, MANASSAH b 1647 who married LYDIA MOORE that day, her name being obtained from other sources as the father-in-law did not even enter her name in his Diary!)

THOMAS MINOR made other interesting references to certain dates in his Diary:

"The yeare 1667. is the yeare 19. of the Reinge of our sovereinge lord king Charles the second....

"The first moneth is march and hath .31. days monday the first: and is the yeare .1675. and Leap yeare: and from the Creation .5624...

"An Allmenack for the yeare of our Lord: 1672 from the Creation 5621. and the first yeare after the Leap yeare and the .24. of the reigne of our Lord King Charles the second..."

In 1582 the Gregorian Calendar (named after Pope Gregory XIII) was adopted in the Roman Catholic countries but was not in use in Great Briatin until the passage of an Act of Parliament as recently as 1751 which Act also established January 1st as New Year's Day for 1752 and subsequent years. The delay in Britain's acceptance of the Gregorian Calendar was due to its being sponsored by a Pope and Britain's extreme conservatism. Thus the American colonies from the beginning continued to follow the Old Style Calendar until 1752. Other countries which did not approve nor accept the calendar revision were Greece, Bulgaria and Russia and they were on the Old Style calendar until the first World War. The American Colonists at first considered 25 March New Year's Day and commencing with 1752 they adopted 1 January as New Year's Day.

In early records the <u>number</u> of the month was often used instead of the <u>name</u>. The Quakers followed this practice in recording dates. In that way March would be numbered as the first month and the numeral for the day would be recorded first, followed by the numeral for the month, then the year, i.e. "JOHN BEAN died between 1-24-1718 and 2-8-1718" and his son, JAMES was born 12-17-1672 or on the 17th day of February 1672 (not on the 17th day of December 1672). Early Quaker records were very exact and usually recorded that an event occurred "on the 17th of the 12th month which is called February." Whenever the <u>number</u> of the month is stated in any record <u>prior to 1752</u>, the reader should consider <u>MARCH as the first</u> month and FEBRUARY as the twelfth month.

Source: "Dates and The Calendar" by DONALD LINES JACOBUS (1963) in the "Connecticut Ancestry" Quarterly of the Stamford, Conn. Gen.Soc., reprinted from "The American Genealogist"

THE FREEMAN'S OATH

I, _____, being by the Almighty's most wise disposition become a member of this body, consisting of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Commonalty of the Massachusetts in New England, do freely and sincerely acknowledge that I am justly and lawfully subject to the Governor of the same, and do accordingly submit my person and estate to be protected, ordered and governed by the laws and constitution thereof, and do faithfully promise to be from time to time obedient and comformable thereunto, and to the authority of the said Governor, Assistants, and their successors, to all such laws, orders, sentences, decrees as shall be lawfully made and published by them or their successors. And I will always endeavor (as in duty I am bound) to advance the peace and welfare of this body or Commonwealth, to my utmost skill and ability. And I will, to my best power and means, seek to divert and prevent whatsoever may tend to the ruin or damage thereof, or of any the said Governor, Deputy Governor, or Assistants, or any of them, or their successors, but will give speedy notice to them, or some of them, of any sedition, violence or treachery, or other hurt or evil, which I shall know, hear, or vehemently suspect, to be plotted or intended against the said Commonwealth, or said government established. And I will not, at any time suffer or give consent to any council or attempt that shall be offered, given, or attempted for the impeachment of the said Government, or making any change or alteration of the same, contrary to the laws, and ordinances thereof; but shall do my utmost endeavor to discover, oppose and hinder all and every such council or attempt. So help me God. (Colonial Records, Volume 1, page 1)."

The foregoing is taken from the BRIDGE GENEALOGY (supra), pp.xvi and xvii. Inasmuch as the subject of this Freeman's Oath is referred to throughout the early history of all our male ancestors, it is being set forth above for the benefit of their descendants; contrary to what some readers may have previously thought, becoming a freeman had nothing to do with "being freed from serving as an indentured servant."

"Genealogies of Charlestown, Mass." by WYMAN (supra) explains:

"In the early days of New England a 'freeman' was a man who held the right of franchise. (In 1776 only one-sixth of the population of Boston were voters; therefore, five-sixths of the people had no participation in local government.) Admittance as an inhabitant in the early century was a privilege not lightly acquired, only those being admitted who could contribute something of value to the community. To become a 'Freeman' a man had to be not only a proprietor but must also be a member of the church in good standing."

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